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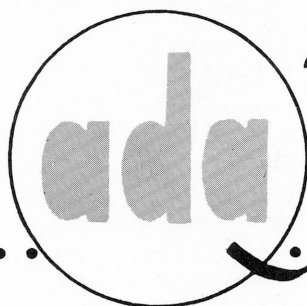


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVES \$3,700,000 BUDGET ITEM FOR DENTAL BUILDING; INCREASE FOR RESEARCH ALSO VOTED

Construction of a building to house the National Institute of Dental Research was nearer realization when the House of Representatives approved by voice vote March 27 an appropriations bill that included \$3,700,000 for construction of the building. The measure also included an increase of \$250,000 for a total of \$6,543,000 for dental health and research activities of the U.S. Public Health Service. The bill now goes to the Senate to a subcommittee headed by Sen. Hill (D., Ala.). The measure was steered through the House by Rep. Fogarty (D., R.I.), chairman of the subcommittee on labor, and health, education and welfare, and related agencies of the House Appropriations Committee. Insertion of the two dental items was championed by Rep. Fogarty at the subcommittee sessions and was approved by the Appropriations Committee. The bill covers a proposed budget for eight government agencies for the 1959 fiscal year, starting July 1.

'STRONG SUPPORT OF DENTAL PROFESSION' NOTED IN REPORT

\$3,700,000 for construction of this building which was authorized by the Dental Research Act of the 80th Congress," the report said. "Plans for the building are practically completed and construction can be started in the fiscal year 1959. In view of the great need for these facilities and the obvious strong support of the dental profession, the committee is quite surprised that this was not included in the budget." While the building was authorized by Congress 10 years ago, there has never been an actual appropriation for its construction. The A.D.A. and local and state dental societies are urging Congress to act on the measure.

'MAGNIFICENT RESEARCH ON FLUORIDES' LAUDED

has urged that \$1 million be added for the research program carried out at dental schools and research centers under the auspices of the National Institute for Dental Research. "After the magnificent and classic research on protection of teeth against decay by fluorides in water, the dental research program is moving into new areas," the report said. "Given the increased funds appropriated by Congress, the scope and variety of dental research have grown rapidly. The committee has been particularly impressed by studies showing that many dental defects are hereditary, studies using the electron microscope indicating the precise way in which tooth decay attacks tooth enamel, and studies of the chemical composition of saliva in persons with and without dental caries. The committee is confident that, with proper financial support, the fine progress over recent years will continue."

In a report submitted by Rep. Fogarty, which accompanied the bill, the need for the research building was stressed. "The bill includes

The report also paid tribute to research developments in dentistry and emphasized the importance of expanding the program. The A.D.A.

INFORMATION BULLETIN URGES LETTERS TO CONGRESS ON RESEARCH BUILDING

An A.D.A. Information Bulletin requesting that members of the dental profession inform their congressmen of the urgent need for construction of a building to house the National Institute of Dental Research was being mailed this week to all Association members. It is suggested particularly that members write or telegraph the two senators from their respective states as well as Sen. Lister Hill, chairman of the subcommittee on labor and health, education and welfare of the Committee on Appropriations, U.S. Senate, Washington 25, D.C.

HOUSE VOTES MILITARY BASIC PAY INCREASES

A bill (H. R. 11470) to raise military pay scales for all members of the armed forces was in the Senate this week after its approval by the House March 25. The increases apply to servicemen with at least two years of active duty and are graduated, according to rank and length of service. A four-star general would receive an increase of 32 per cent while a first lieutenant with two years of service would receive an increase of six per cent. The House Armed Services Committee, in acting on the bill, followed the recommendations of the A.D.A. and other health organizations in keeping intact the existing provisions for special pay for professional health personnel as part of a career incentive program for retaining dental and medical officers in service. In its report on the new bill, the committee called attention to the reduction in the resignation rate of dental and medical officers and said: "This present special pay for physicians and dentists serving on active duty in the armed forces has been in effect for a relatively short period of time, and it has produced the beneficial results that were anticipated."

REP. LONG, ONLY DENTIST MEMBER OF CONGRESS, DIES AT 74

Funeral services were held March 27 in Pineville, La., for Rep. George S. Long, only dentist member of Congress, who died March 22 at Bethesda Naval Hospital two days after suffering a heart attack at his Washington home. He was 74 years old. Congressman Long was a strong supporter of Association proposals in the House of Representatives. Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., A.D.A. president, wired condolences to Mrs. Long. "On behalf of the American Dental Association," Dr. Alstadt said, "I wish to express our deepest sympathy to you on the death of Congressman Long. His absence will be keenly felt, not only by his colleagues in dentistry but by all citizens. Congressman Long's significant contributions toward the improved health of the American people will stand as a lasting tribute to his memory."

I.A.D.R. NAMES DR. HILLENBRAND AS FIRST HONORARY MEMBER

Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, of Chicago, A.D.A. secretary, was chosen an honorary member of the International Association for Dental Research at its 36th general meeting March 20-23 in Detroit. The first person to be awarded the distinction in the history of the organization, Dr. Hillenbrand was cited for "displaying great vision in strengthening the resources for the present growth of research basic to a health service and its relation to the prevention and treatment of oral disease." Dr. Edgar J. Coolidge, of Evanston, Ill., professor emeritus of dental therapeutics at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Loyola University, was named honorary vice-president in recognition of more than 50 years of service as a dental scientist and teacher. The Wilmer Souder award, conferred annually on the individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of dental restorative materials, was conferred on Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of Washington, D.C., chief of the A.D.A. research staff at the National Bureau of Standards. At the meeting, announcement was made of a grant of \$ 3,900 to the Journal of Dental Research by the William J. Gies Foundation. Dr. Ned B. Williams, of the School of Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania, was installed as president, succeeding Dr. Reidar F. Sognnaes, of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Chosen as president-elect was Dr. Hamilton B. G. Robinson, of the College of Dentistry, Ohio State University; as vice-president, Dr. Holmes T. Knighton, of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, and as editor, Dr. Frank J. Orland, director of the Walter B. Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic, University of Chicago. Dr. Dan Y. Burrill, of the School of Dentistry, University of Louisville, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

NEW DENTAL HEALTH LEAFLET FOR SMALL CHILDREN AVAILABLE

An attractive new leaflet about dental health care of the pre-school child has been prepared by the A.D.A. Bureau of Dental Health Education in cooperation with the American Society of Dentistry for Children. The pink and gray leaflet is intended for dentists to give to parents of small children, for distribution at pre-school roundups and other similar uses. Single copies can be obtained on request from the Bureau of Dental Health Education.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL TO ORGANIZE AND DIRECT 1959 ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM OF A.D.A.

Establishment of a Special Committee on the 1959 Centennial of the Association was approved by the A.D.A. Board of Trustees, meeting March 10-12 in Chicago. Dr. William R. Alstadt, of Little Rock, Ark., A.D.A. president, named Dr. John R. Abel, of Los Angeles, as chairman. Other members are Dr. Fritz A. Pierson, of Lincoln, Neb., and Dr. Percy T. Phillips, of New York, president-elect of the A.D.A. The committee is authorized to develop, organize and direct an extensive program that will mark the 100th anniversary in 1959 of the founding of the Association. The program will be designed in part "to interest American leaders and the American public in recognizing the needs and resources of the American dental profession and in the profession's contribution to health and the national way of life." The Board also approved the membership of the general committee on local arrangements for the 1959 centennial session which is headed by Dr. William A. Fennelly, of New York. The 100th anniversary meeting will be held Sept. 14-18 in New York City.

REAFFIRM OPPOSITION TO 'FAMILY DENTAL CLINICS'

In other action, the Board reaffirmed the opposition of the A.D.A. to the establishment of "family dental clinics," which have been set up at some Air Force bases. The clinics employ civilian dentists on a salary basis to provide dental care for military dependents at a low fee. The Board noted that the establishment of the clinics conflicts with provisions of the Medicare program, the government plan providing for health care for dependents of military personnel. The Board directed that the A.D.A. statement regarding the clinics be sent to the assistant secretary of defense for health and medical affairs, to the secretary of the Air Force and to the chairman of the Armed Services committees of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Air Force Secretary James Douglas, in subsequent action last week, announced a prohibition on the establishment of additional family dental clinics.

FORAND PLAN OPPOSED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board also went on record opposing a bill which would provide hospitalization and surgical benefits, including oral surgical benefits, to recipients of Old Age and Survivors' Insurance benefits under the Social Security Act. The bill (H.R. 9467), introduced by Rep. Forand (D., R.I.), is one of several similar measures pending in Congress. The Board noted that the Forand plan has been described as the first serious effort since 1950 to establish a federal health care plan under the O.A.S.I. program. Its resolution said that "the plan for providing personal health care benefits to O.A.S.I. beneficiaries within the Forand proposal and similar bills is in conflict with the Association's principles governing federal support of personal health care programs."

EXPANSION OF QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON APPROVED

The Board approved the expansion of facilities of the Washington office of the A.D.A. and authorized a move from the present quarters. The action was based on a recommendation of a Special Committee on the Washington Office which was appointed, in accordance with a directive of the House of Delegates, to study the advisability of expansion. The committee is headed by Dr. Arthur Easton, of Norway, Me. In recommending the new move, the Board directed that "continuing attention be given to the needs of the Washington office so that it may properly carry forward its important work in assisting in the legislative and other programs of the Association which are centered in the national capital." The Washington office, established in 1947, is under the direction of Dr. C. Willard Camalier, assistant A.D.A. secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF FUND REACH 117 PER CENT OF QUOTA

As of March 21, a total of \$117,077.86 representing 117.1 per cent of quota has been contributed to the A.D.A. Relief Fund. Of the 54 constituent societies, 45 have now reached or exceeded the 100 per cent mark. Tennessee continues to lead all constituent societies and federal dental services with contributions equaling 317 per cent of its quota. Southern California is second with 204.7 per cent of its quota. Contributions to the Relief Fund totaled \$124,756.57 at this same date a year ago.

DR. WILLIAM CRAWFORD TAKES OFFICE AT DENTAL SCHOOLS' MEETING

Dr. William H. Crawford, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota, took office as president of the American Association of Dental Schools at its 36th annual meeting March 23-26 in Detroit. Dr. Crawford succeeded Dr. Roy G. Ellis, dean of the faculty of dentistry at the University of Toronto. Others named to office were Dr. Robert W. McNulty, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Southern California, president-elect; Dr. Raymond J. Nagle of the College of Dentistry, New York University, vice-president, and Dr. Marion McCrae, of the University of Minnesota, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Dr. Harry Lyons, dean of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, was named to the executive committee. Next year's meeting of the organization will be in San Francisco.

ARTICLE ON X-RAYS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PATIENTS

Reprints are now available of a popular article, "The Truth About the X-Ray Scare," which was published in the Feb. 22 issue of This Week Magazine. A copy of the reprint is enclosed with this issue of the A.D.A. News Letter. The A.D.A. received permission to make the reprints from the United Newspapers Magazine Corporation and the author, Mr. A. E. Hotchner. The article is recommended by the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research for distribution to patients. Sample copies of the reprint may be obtained without charge upon request to the A.D.A. Bureau of Public Information, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Ill. There will be a charge of \$5 per thousand for quantity orders.

INCOME FOR 1957 WAS \$2,426,818.52

During 1957, the A.D.A. had a total income of \$2,426,818.52 and spent \$2,238,641.94, leaving an excess of income over expense of \$188,176.58, according to the annual audit. The margin of the surplus was the lowest in several years. The major portion of income came from membership dues, \$1,503,644. Other major sources of income were: advertising, \$309,438.72; subscriptions, \$109,734.65; interest and dividends, \$112,621.01; capital gain, \$17,138.96; sale of exhibit space, \$83,650.00; sale of materials, \$47,407.36; fees, \$233,572.02; rentals, \$6,548.05, and miscellaneous, \$3,063.75. Expenditures in 1957 by major groupings were: administration, \$787,902.75; annual session, \$67,684.72; bureaus, \$248,757.30; councils and divisions, \$523,025.33, and publications, \$611,271.84. At the close of business on Dec. 31, 1957, the Association had a net worth of \$4,362,739.18, including \$2,272,497.37 in cash and securities and \$1,780,654.86 in building and other fixed assets.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS

Dr. John E. Folk, member of the A.D.A. research staff at the National Institute of Dental Research, has been selected for a travel award by the American Society of Biological Chemists and Division of Biological Chemistry of the American Chemical Society. The award is for attendance next September at the International Biochemical Congress in Vienna....Dr. Herbert D. Coy, member of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research and professor of operative dentistry at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, is leaving for Japan May 4 to conduct a course for the dental faculty at Nihon University in Tokyo and to give lectures in various parts of the country to the dental school's alumni....A five-page article, entitled "What Everybody Should Know about Orthodontia," appears in the April issue of Coronet magazine.... The Canadian Dental Association has made available to its members for display in their offices a gold-lettered black enamel plaque which bears the message: "You are invited to discuss frankly my services or my fees. The best dental service is based on mutual understanding.".... Dr. Thomas J. Hill, of Brecksville, Ohio, and Dr. H. Trendley Dean, of Chicago, chairman and secretary, respectively of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research, have been appointed dental representatives on the project committee of the National Social Welfare Assembly's National Committee on the Aging. They will participate in a two-year study of the utilization of older scientific and professional workers....Dr. Theodore C. Agins was re-elected March 18 to his second term as mayor of Kensington Village in Long Island. He is a member of the 1st District Dental Society of the State of New York.