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CONGRESS IGNORES PARTY HEADS; PASSES RESTRICTED HEALTH BILL

In its post-conventions meeting, the Congress turned thumbs down on bills backed by the two presidential candidates, and passed legislation in the health aid-to-the-aged field which fell far short of the wishes of either Vice-President Richard M. Nixon or Senator John F. Kennedy. The bill that finally passed provides federal participation in state grants to two classes of persons, those already receiving old age assistance and those "medically needy" persons who cannot afford the cost of proper health care. Both classes will have to submit to a "means test" and the individual states have wide latitude in deciding who shall be eligible. The estimated cost of the bill to the federal government would be about \$200 million in its first year of operation if all states participate. About 1.5 million persons will be affected. There are an estimated 16 million Americans in the over-65 age bracket.

In accepting the bill it did, the Senate first voted down a bill offered by Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) and backed by Vice-President Nixon and then, by a margin of 51-44, rejected a bill offered by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) and vigorously urged by Sen. Kennedy. The Anderson Bill, which utilized the Social Security approach, would impose a one-quarter of one per cent tax upon employers and employees. From funds thus provided, medical care would have been made to those over 68 who are eligible for Old Age and Survivors Insurance benefits. About 12 million would have been covered. The Javits program, on the other hand, did not adopt the Social Security framework. Rather, it was along the lines of the Eisenhower Administration "medicare" voluntary insurance bill, though much more liberal in

Galagan Heads New Dental Division

Dr. Donald J. Galagan, a consultant to the ADA Council on Dental Health, has been selected to head the new Division of Dental Public Health and Resources of the Public Health Service. The new Division is in the process of being formally established under the Public Health Service reorganization program. Dr. Galagan's appointment is effective on Sept. 1. A native of Iowa, Dr. Galagan received his dental degree in 1937 and the degree of Master of Public Health in 1950. A career officer in the Public Health Service, he had been Assistant Chief, Division of Dental Public Health since 1953. Dr. Galagan has done extensive original research in the topical fluoride and water fluoridation fields and has been a long-time leader in the area of provision of dental services to the chronically ill.

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benefits. It would have covered all persons over the age of 65 except individuals with incomes over \$3,000 and couples with incomes over \$4,500. With an estimated coverage of 11 million, the costs would have been shared by the federal and state governments. A number of adherents of the defeated bills, including Senators Javits and Kennedy, were vocal in their dissatisfaction and said that when the new Congress convened in January, another effort would be made in this area. The entire issue remains politically "hot" and is expected to be a prime campaign item.

Two Councils to Hold Meetings

Two ADA Councils will hold meetings in Chicago during the first half of September. The Council on Dental Education will co-sponsor with the American Association of Dental Schools a Conference on the Utilization and Training of Dental Assistants. The meeting will be held Sept. 13-15. The Council on Insurance will sponsor a Conference on Professional Association Group Insurance Programs and Problems on Sept. 9-10. The latter conference will be addressed by a number of insurance executives as well as by officers and staff members of ADA.

Health Meet Features Dentistry

The American Public Health Association's 88th annual meeting, held this year, in San Francisco, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, will feature a variety of topics within its Dental Health section. Among the subjects to be discussed are: topical fluoride evaluation; progress in dentistry; new developments in basic, clinical and public health dental research and dental programs for children. The speaker at the Dental Health Section luncheon, taking place at noon on Nov. 2, will be Dr. Byron S. Hollinshead, director of the Commission on the Survey of Dentistry. Dr. Hollinshead will discuss the Commission's progress to date.

Dental Chief Gets New Title

The ADA has learned that the Chief Dental Officer of the Air Force has been given the new title of Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services. The titular upgrading puts the Air Force Chief on a level more closely parallel to his counterparts in the Army and Navy. The action follows closely upon a letter written to the Air Force by Dr. Thomas F. Powers, chairman of the ADA Council on Federal Dental Services, to the Secretary of the Air Force, which pointed out the relatively unfavorable position of career dental officers in the Air Force and requested action in various areas.

Council Secretary Honored

Dr. Sholom Pearlman, secretary of the ADA Council on Dental Research, has been named to membership on the National Research Council to represent the ADA in the Division of Medical Sciences. The appointment, of three years' duration, was announced by Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, president of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Pearlman joined the ADA staff in 1951 and has held his present position since July, 1959.

Heart Group to Have Dental Program

A program for dentists will be a feature of the American Heart Association's Scientific Session, to be held this year in St. Louis. Co-sponsored by ADA, the program will be presented on Friday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. It will take the form of a symposium on Management of Medical-Dental Problems in Patients with Cardiovascular Diseases. Among the dentists participating will be Drs. J. Paul Guidry, a co-chairman of the symposium, Roy W. Osterkamp, I. B. Bender and Bruno Kwapis. Advance registration may be secured by writing Mrs. Constance Livingston, Membership Dept., American Heart Association, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N.Y. Application for attendance can also be made on Oct. 21 from 8:30 a.m. until the symposium begins.

OPENING MEETING TO SIGNAL START OF 101ST ANNUAL SESSION AT LOS ANGELES

An ADA annual session will get under way for the second straight year with an opening meeting. The meeting at the 101st annual session, being held Oct. 17-20 in Los Angeles, will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the Pacific Ballroom of the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Principal speaker at the meeting will be Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, president of California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, who will present a non-technical talk titled "An Introduction to the Space Age." Another highlight will be the introduction of guests representing major health and allied organizations in the U.S. Pres. Paul H. Jeserich will call the meeting to order and officially open the session. After the playing of the National Anthem, the invocation will be given by Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Roman Catholic archbishop of Los Angeles. Session participants will be welcomed to Los Angeles by John S. Gibson, Jr., president of the city council. Greetings on behalf of California dentists will be offered by Dr. John B. Wilson, San Marino, chairman of the general committee on local arrangements for the session. No admission tickets are required for the meeting.

Office Staff Changes Announced

Sec. Harold Hillenbrand has announced several changes in the staff of the Central Office. John P. Noone, an attorney, will join the staff on Oct. 3 as secretary of the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations. He will also serve as House Counsel, a newly created position. Noone, a native of Chicago, received his law degree from Loyola University, in that city. Prior to undertaking legal studies, he served in the US Army during World War II. In joining the ADA, Noone relinquishes the post of General Attorney of Beatrice Foods Co. Sec. Hillenbrand also said that Peter C. Goulding, director of the Bureau of Public Information, has begun an extended leave of absence from his position. Heinz R. Kuehn, an assistant director, will serve as Acting Director until Goulding's return. Mel Garbar, formerly associated with the Bureau of Public Information, has re-joined it as an Assistant Director.

Dental Grant is Largest Ever

The largest grant ever made for dental public health activities, \$15,500,000, has been made for fiscal 1961 by the Federal government. The grant is \$5 million more than had been obtained in the previous year. The bulk of the funds is earmarked for the research, training and fellowship programs administered by the National Institute of Dental Research.

Keogh Bill to be Held Over

As the Newsletter went to press, indications were that disposition of the Keogh bill, which permits self-employed persons to deduct up to \$2,500 a year for contributions to personal pension plans, will probably not take place until Jan. 1961, when a new Congress convenes. The bill has already been passed by the House and favorably reported to the Senate, with minor modifications, by that body's Finance Committee.

ADA Researcher Given Gies Post

Dr. George C. Paffenbarger has been elected to the Board of Directors of the William J. Gies Foundation for the Advancement of Dentistry. Dr. Paffenbarger is director of the ADA Research Division of the National Bureau of Standards. His term of office with the Gies Foundation extends until Jan. 31, 1967.

Civil Defense Film Available

A film entitled "That They May Live" has been purchased for members' use by the ADA Bureau of Audiovisual Service. The 18-minute color film is expected to have particular value for civil defense committees of constituent societies. Requests for use of the film should be addressed to Mr. Herbert B. Jackman, director of the Bureau of Audiovisual Service at the Central Office. The rental fee is \$4.50.

Conference on Care of Aged Slated

A two-day postgraduate seminar on the dental care of the chronically ill and aging is to be held Sept. 14-15 in New Haven, Conn. Sponsored by the Connecticut State Dental Association, other participating agencies will be state health organizations and the US Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. Dr. Jay H. Eshleman of Philadelphia, chairman of the Council on Dental Health, will attend as the ADA representative. The Council's vice-chairman, Dr. Howard F. Lyboldt of Rochester, N.Y., is also expected to participate. The conference is being held as part of a program in this area of dental care that has been developed by the Connecticut State Dental Association.

Society Distributes ADA History

The New Jersey State Dental Society has recently purchased seven copies of A History of the American Dental Association, 1859-1959 by R. W. McCluggage for distribution within that state. Copies went to Gov. Robert B. Meyner, the state library, the state Dept. of Education, the state Dept. of Health, Rutgers University library, Fairleigh Dickinson School of Dentistry library and Seton Hall College of Dentistry library. The book is available from the ADA order department. The standard edition is \$8, the deluxe edition, \$12.50.

Civil Defense Allocation Increased

The ADA has been advised that the number of spaces allocated to the Association for attendance by civilian members at the Casualty Training Courses presented by the Navy Dental Corps has been increased from one to two. Courses slated for 1961 thus far are at the US Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Md., Apr. 10-14, and at the US Naval Dental Clinic, Norfolk, Va., Feb. 6-10, May 8-12, July 24-28 and Nov. 13-17. Members wishing to attend any of these courses should contact Herbert C. Lassiter, Secretary, Council on Federal Dental Services, Central Office.

Dentistry Article Offered to Editors

An article on the many phases of the dental profession is being offered by the Bureau of Public Information to news media through Feature, a service that supplies feature articles to newspapers, magazines and trade publications throughout the United States and Canada. The 800-word article, titled "Surgeon? Educator? Missionary? Researcher? -- Dentist!" has accompanying illustrations. The Bureau would be happy to send the article to the editor of any dental publication who would care to write the Bureau at the Central Office.

Dental Care Bill Nears \$2 Billion

The US Dept. of Commerce estimates consumer expenditures for dental care in 1959 at \$1.96 billion, according to the July issue of its publication, Survey of Current Business. At the same time, revised estimates were given for expenditures in 1958 (\$1.85 billion) and 1957 (\$1.74 billion). By way of relative measurement, other estimated consumer expenditures for 1959 are in billions: tobacco products, \$7; alcoholic beverages, \$9.6; recreation, \$18.3; personal care, \$4.7; jewelry and watches, \$2.1; all health care, \$18.2, and total personal consumption expenditures, \$313.8.

Panel to Highlight Dental Asst's. Session

The thirty-sixth annual session of the American Dental Assistants Association will feature a panel discussion, "What Can the Dental Assistant Do to Assist the Dentist in Dental Health Instruction?" Dentists attending the ADA annual session are invited to attend this discussion which is scheduled for Oct. 18 in Hollywood, Calif. Panel members and their topics will be: Dr. Edwin W. Halverson, moderator; Dr. Lyall O. Bishop, the dentist's point of view; Dr. Esther M. Wilkins, the dental hygienist's point of view, and Mrs. Mary Rowley, representing the dental assistant.