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FEDERAL AID FOR DENTAL STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS URGED BY PRESIDENT

President John F. Kennedy unveiled his comprehensive program for federal health action Feb. 10 in a message to Congress. The total cost would be approximately \$1.2 billion. Among its other provisions, the plan calls for substantial aid to dental schools and dental students. In his request, Mr. Kennedy allied himself with the long-held ADA position that many more dentists and expansion of dental school facilities are needed to keep pace with population growth and increased demand.

As expected the message also included provisions for old age medical care under the social security system. Cost of the care would be met by an increase of one-half of one per cent in social security deductions, split between employer and employee, effective Jan. 1, 1963. Until that time, the program will be financed by raising the amount of taxable income from \$4,800 to \$5,000, amounting to \$6 a year for all earning more than \$5,000. In offering the plan, the Chief Executive stated that it was "not socialized medicine. It is a program of prepayment of health costs with absolute freedom of choice guaranteed. Every person will choose his own doctor and hospital."

In the dental aid aspects of the program, Mr. Kennedy recommends allocating \$75 million a year for constructing, improving and expanding dental and medical schools. He also urges granting scholarships of \$1,500 for one-fourth of all new dental and medical students, plus \$1,000 direct to the schools for each scholarship awarded. The schools can use the money to pay four-year scholarships, based on

Book Praises ADA Consumer Protection

A recently published book, Health Hucksters has a chapter praising ADA's efforts in combatting misleading and inaccurate dentifrice advertising. The book, authored by Ralph Lee Smith and published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, also discusses the Association's recognition of Crest dentifrice.

Eight Dental Officers Honored

Eight officers of the Army Dental Corps have been awarded an "A" prefix to their military specialty numbers, the Army Times recently reported. The award of an "A" prefix is a special honor reserved for those officers who are outstandingly qualified and have demonstrated exceptional professional ability. The Times reported that such officers "are considered far superior to normal expectations and deserving of special recognition." The officers so honored, all colonels, are: Roy L. Bodine, Jr., Horace A. Brayshaw, James E. Chipps, William B. Irby, Lowell E. McKelvey, Paul A. Miller, Edwin H. Smith, Jr., and Alfred E. Toye.

CANADIAN DENTISTS RECOMMEND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR NEW AUXILIARIES

Saskatchewan dentists have recommended that a new type of dental auxiliary be trained to take over some of the "technical operations and technical parts of operations" now performed by the dentist. The recommendation was one of eight made by the College of Dental Surgeons to a governmental committee investigating health care programs in the Canadian province. The College is the official dental licensing body of the province and supervises the ethical and professional conduct of all dentists registered in the province. Specific duties were not mentioned in the report. "In the interest of public safety, experimental studies are essential before the duties of auxiliaries can be satisfactorily delineated," the report said, noting "that the universities of Alberta and Manitoba are now engaged in pilot programs of this type." Saskatchewan has 5,000 persons for each practicing dentist, and in the past decade the population has increased nine per cent while the number of dentists has dropped seven per cent. Other recommendations made in the report included dental recruitment programs and scholarships, building of a new dental school, more dental services in hospitals, and fluoridation of water supplies.

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need, of up to \$2,000 a year per student. Cost of the program for the first year is estimated to be \$5.1 million, mounting to \$21 million by 1966.

The President's medical care for the aged plan would provide: 1) hospital care for 90 days for one illness. The patient would pay the first \$10 a day for nine days, then receive care without cost for 81 days; 2) up to 180 days of nursing care at home after hospital discharge plus limited nursing service at other times, and 3) payment of outpatient diagnostic fees over \$20. The cost would be about \$1.1 billion.

Other proposals in the President's Congressional message include creation of a national institute of child health and human development and a starting grant of \$10 million to improve nursing homes and home-nursing services.

Australian Congress Slated

The 16th Australian Dental Congress will be held in Sydney, New South Wales, on Aug. 14-18 of this year. A full scientific session as well as a social program are planned. Further details can be secured by writing Dr. W. A. Grainger, 185 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Four Fellowships Available

Four teaching fellowships, paying stipends of \$3,600 to \$5,000, will be available from the Fund for Dental Education during 1961 to persons wishing to prepare themselves for careers in dental education. Application may be made until the end of March on forms secured through dental school deans or direct from the Fund office, 840 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago 11, Ill. Applicants must be graduates of dental schools in the United States or Canada and must be prepared to submit academic records showing qualifications for enrollment in graduate dental education programs. They will be asked to sign a statement indicating the intention of becoming dental teachers upon completion of the fellowship training.

Fluoridation TV Debate Slated

Fluoridation will be the subject of NBC-TV's "The Nation's Future" debate Feb. 18 at 9:30-10:00 p.m., E.S.T. Participants will be Mayor S. J. Davis of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mayor W. B. Hartsfield of Atlanta, Ga. Mayor Davis will take the affirmative side of the question, "Is Fluoridation of Public Drinking Water Desirable?" and Mayor Hartsfield will oppose. Local stations will have the option of continuing the discussion for a half-hour following the network presentation.

PHS REPORT BOOSTS FLUORIDATION; SAYS DELAY COSTING \$452 MILLION ANNUALLY

The control of dental caries through fluoridation of central water supplies was listed as one of ten major public health problems that could be solved with present knowledge and techniques in a Public Health Service report made to the health, education and welfare subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. The recently published report was made during the life of the 86th Congress at the request of Rep. John E. Fogarty (D.-R.I.), chairman of the HEW subcommittee.

The report stated that "the dollar and cents value of fluoridation may be estimated on the basis of the potential costs of treating cavities now prevented by this measure. On this basis, the delay in adopting fluoridation is costing more than \$452 million a year...the potential return on a national annual investment in fluoridation (would amount to) \$56 for every dollar invested." The report went on to point out that "it is practical to fluoridate the water supply of at least 90 per cent of the nation's urban population. Failure of the public to understand and support this measure is the only deterrent. Adequate resources to support an effective public information and educational program and personnel to provide technical assistance to local communities would lead to adoption of this preventive measure. More than 39 million children under 16 years of age would then receive substantial protection from dental caries."

Japan Invites ADA Researcher

Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, director of ADA's research division at the National Bureau of Standards, has accepted an invitation to be a visiting professor at Nihon University School of Dentistry, Tokyo, Japan. Dr. Paffenbarger's visit will begin April 1 and continue for two months. During his residency, he will lecture to faculty, students and alumni on various aspects of dental materials and on dental research in the United States. While in Japan, Dr. Paffenbarger has also been asked to speak to the armed forces' dentists stationed in Japan, at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University and at Tokyo Dental College.

Nation Carries Fluoridation Article

The Feb. 4 issue of Nation Magazine carries an article titled "The Polemics of Fluoridation" which discusses the common kinds of opposition proponents of fluoridation face. The article isolates and analyzes three problems: 1) the difficulties inherent in asking the public to make an informed judgment concerning matters which require scientific expertise; 2) "the latent power of an organized, militant minority" to blur the issues with irrelevancies, misinterpretations and distortion of fact, and 3) the extent to which "professional men should concern themselves in combatting the forces arrayed against a measure approved by practically every national scientific, engineering and educational organization in the country." The article was written by Donald R. McNeil, who also authored The Fight For Fluoridation, published in 1957 by Oxford University Press.

Five New Films Available

Five new dental films are available for purchase from the Central Office. The films may also be secured on rental-loan from the Bureau of Audiovisual Service. Detailed descriptions and prices of the films can be secured by writing Herbert B. Jackman, director, Bureau of Audiovisual Service.

The Five films are: Matter of Choice, tells young adults about importance of oral health; Laurie Learns a Secret, teenager learns about healthy teeth and gums; Today Alice Is Three, the first visit to the dentist; Pattern of a Profession, dramatizes mouth as vital organ of the body and shows inter-relation of health professions; Case of the Missing Tooth; shows need to replace missing tooth.

ADA-NADL Work-Parties Receive Bylaws

Work-parties representing ADA and the National Association of Dental Laboratories met Feb. 6-7 at the Central Office to further discussion of the program for accreditation of commercial dental laboratories. They received reports on the conferences between Justice Department officials and ADA and NADL attorneys concerning the proposed dental laboratory accreditation program and examined draft bylaws of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Dental Laboratories. The draft bylaws were approved in principle. The conferees appointed study groups to examine questions related to financing the operation of the Joint Commission, the standards for dental laboratory accreditation and inspection procedures. The study groups are to file their reports by March 15. The next work-parties meeting will be in May when they will act upon the study group findings and prepare the Joint Commission bylaws for submission to the policy-making bodies of both associations. Co-chairmen for the meeting were Mr. Homer Dickson, chairman of the NADL Professional and Trade Relations Committee, and Dr. J. Eugene Ziegler, chairman of ADA's Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations.

Aid to Aged Triples in Decade

The Federal Council on Aging announced recently that federally administered funds being spent on programs and services for older people have increased more than three-fold in the past decade. In 1950, less than \$5 million was spent while in 1960 expenditures exceeded the \$15 million mark. The Council estimated that 95 per cent of federal funds for these purposes is spent for income maintenance programs such as old-age, survivors and disability insurance and veteran's compensation and retirement systems. The report also said that today more than half of the people 65 and over have less than \$1,000 cash income per year while, at the same time, they spend nearly twice as much for health care as the total population.

Council Discusses Survey Report

A meeting of the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations, Feb. 7-8 in the Central Office, was devoted in part to consideration of the recent Summary Report of the Commission on the Survey of Dentistry. The Council considered the preparation of a study setting forth its views and making suggestions for implementation of those recommendations concerning commercial dental laboratories. Other matters considered during the meeting included plans for a dental laboratory technician seminar during the coming Annual Session, agreement upon suggesting that constituent society annual meetings include a two-part program wherein a lecturer would first address dentists and then laboratory technicians on the same subject and plans to intensify the program of encouraging adoption of written work authorization laws and regulations in those states which presently lack them as well as stricter enforcement in those states where they now exist. The Council also heard reports on state dental law litigation, expected legislative activities of the so-called "denturists" and problems relating to the use by the public of "do-it-yourself" denture materials.

Dental Congress Discusses Auxiliaries

The role of the auxiliary personnel and their relationship to the profession was one focal point of discussions at the Seventeenth Congress on Dental Education and Licensure, held Feb. 4. Participants in morning and afternoon panel discussions reached general agreement on the urgent need for all dental students to have more experience in working with auxiliary personnel. Panelists also raised the possibility of the profession conducting well-controlled studies to determine the advisability and possibility of expanding supervised duties of auxiliary personnel. The Congress, sponsored by the Council on Dental Education, met in Chicago. Approximately 250 people attended the two sessions.

This supplement lists contributions to the 1960-61 ADA Relief Fund from constituent societies and federal dental services through Jan. 31. Societies which have reached or exceeded their quotas are listed in capital letters. In addition, an asterisk preceding the name of a society or service indicates that every member of that society has made a contribution in the Relief Fund Campaign.

	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Pct.</u>		<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,100.50	99.1	Penn.	\$ 8,140.00	\$ 5,678.50	69.8
ALASKA	70.00	146.00	208.6	Puerto Rico	300.00	143.00	47.7
*ARIZONA	530.00	673.00	127.0	Rhode Is.	640.00	629.00	98.3
Arkansas	710.00	597.00	84.1	S. Car.	580.00	400.50	69.1
California	5,120.00	4,159.00	81.2	S. DAK.	360.00	526.00	146.1
Calif. So.	6,340.00	4,168.00	65.7	TENNESSEE	1,690.00	4,754.00	281.3
COLORADO	1,320.00	1,915.50	114.8	Texas	4,300.00	2,858.25	66.5
Conn.	2,410.00	1,976.00	82.0	Utah	680.00	406.00	59.7
DELAWARE	210.00	249.00	118.6	Vermont	220.00	103.00	46.8
DIST. OF C.	850.00	1,309.00	154.0	Virginia	1,680.00	1,311.50	78.1
Florida	2,160.00	1,851.00	85.7	Washington	2,420.00	1,946.50	80.4
Georgia	1,370.00	952.00	69.5	W. Va.	840.00	641.00	76.3
HAWAII	530.00	731.00	137.9	Wisconsin	3,340.00	2,112.75	63.3
Idaho	380.00	48.00	12.6	WYOMING	210.00	233.00	111.0
Illinois	8,030.00	7,179.50	89.4				
				TOTAL	\$119,800.00	\$ 97,171.38	81.1
Indiana	2,670.00	2,116.00	79.3				
Iowa	2,060.00	1,649.00	80.0				
Kansas	1,200.00	965.65	80.5				
Kentucky	1,470.00	667.00	45.4	Fed. Dental			
Louisiana	1,290.00	865.00	67.1	Services			
MAINE	510.00	553.00	108.4	Air Force	1,270.00	563.00	44.3
Maryland	1,490.00	1,450.00	97.3	Army	1,150.00	589.50	51.3
Mass.	4,370.00	3,924.00	89.8	Navy	1,550.00	801.50	51.7
Michigan	5,370.00	4,854.50	90.4	P.H. Serv.	400.00	373.75	93.4
Minnesota	3,230.00	2,683.00	83.1	Vet. Admin.	830.00	319.50	38.5
Mississippi	700.00	344.00	49.1				
Missouri	2,810.00	2,182.00	77.7	TOTAL	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 2,647.25	50.9
Montana	440.00	404.00	91.8				
Nebraska	1,130.00	1,057.00	93.5				
Nevada	170.00	131.50	77.4				
New Hamp.	370.00	187.00	50.5	Summary			
New Jersey	5,000.00	4,944.65	98.9	Constit.	\$119,800.00	\$ 97,171.38	81.1
New Mexico	340.00	309.50	91.0	Societies			
New York	17,720.00	11,242.54	63.4	Fed. Dntl.	5,200.00	2,647.25	50.9
N. Car.	1,640.00	1,332.00	81.2	Services			
N. DAK.	360.00	475.00	131.9	Students		512.53	
Ohio	6,130.00	4,008.14	65.4	Memorials			
OKLAHOMA	1,120.00	1,217.40	108.7	Miscellaneous		69.00	
Oregon	1,630.00	1,212.00	74.4				
Panama	40.00	0	0	TOTAL	\$125,000.00	\$100,400.16	80.3