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## DENTISTS, PHYSICIANS FORM UNION

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### CONGRESS RECEIVES REVISED VERSIONS OF PERENNIAL BILL FOR SELF-EMPLOYED

A revised version of a perennially introduced bill, which would permit self-employed persons to defer taxes on self-contributory retirement funds until the funds are actually in use, has been introduced into Congress. Called the Keogh-Jenkins bill in the 86th Congress, it passed the House of Representatives and was approved by the Senate Finance Committee but then died because of a threatened filibuster on the Senate Floor. In the present 87th Congress, the bill has been introduced in the House by Rep. Eugene J. Keogh (D-N.Y.), co-sponsored by 18 others, and in the upper chamber by Senators Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) and Wallace Bennett (R-Utah). A slightly different version is also before the Senate under sponsorship of Senators Richard Russell (D-Ga.) and Russell Long (D-La.).

Under present law, tax deductions are allowed for contributions made by corporations for employees' retirement plans, but none is allowed self-employed persons. Under the proposed legislation, the self-employed individual would be permitted to defer taxes on money placed in a pension fund up to \$2,500 a year, or 10 per cent of his annual income, whichever is less. Self-employed persons with fewer than three employees would not be required to establish a pension fund for employees, which is a change from previous bills.

The self-employed individual's contribution is based on the amount of his self-employment earnings rather than on total income. No benefits can be taken under the plan before the age of 59½, except in cases of disability, and benefits must begin before the age of 70.

The retirement funds can be invested in qualified pension trusts, annuity programs or profit-sharing plans. In addition, a new type of non-transferable government bond would be offered. It would be redeemable

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### Military Medical School Proposed

At least three bills providing for establishment of an armed services medical academy patterned after the three existing service schools have been introduced in the House of Representatives. A "medical West Point" would serve the armed services and increase the nation's supply of dentists and physicians. Separate bills have been filed by three Democratic representatives, Charles E. Bennett (Fla.); F. Edward Hebert (La.), and Francis E. Walter (Pa.). ADA has opposed similar bills in the past since such institutions would have been empowered to establish their own standards without necessary reference to present or future standards of the dental and medical professions at large.

### Board of Trustees to Hold Session

The Board of Trustees will meet in the Central Office Mar. 16-19. It is the Board's first meeting since the 101st annual session in Los Angeles.

## EDUCATION COUNCIL TAKES ACTION ON AUXILIARY TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION

At meetings held in late February, the Council on Dental Education took a series of actions concerning training and/or accreditation of dental assistants, dental hygienists and dental laboratory technicians. The Council approved plans to accredit, in 1962-63, sixteen two-year programs and 13 one-year programs in dental assisting. The Council also approved the first list of provisionally accredited dental assistant programs to be published by ADA. Prior to the 1960 House of Delegates' approval of educational standards for dental assistants, such accreditation was conducted by a committee of the American Dental Assistants Association.

In reference to dental hygiene programs, the Council approved plans to conduct 11 accreditation surveys in schools of dental hygiene this year. It agreed to establishment of two special advisory committees to conduct studies leading to the revision of its current educational standards for dental hygiene schools and for the preparation of drafts of new classification standards to be submitted to the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

The Council also took action on dental laboratory technician programs, approving schools conducted by the New York Community College of Applied Arts and Sciences and the University of California Extension Division. The Council chairman, Dr. Leslie W. Fitzgerald, also announced that one or two additional schools are expected to be in advanced stages of planning this year and one new program, at the Industrial Education Center, Durham, N.C., will be

operating by this fall. He also announced that the Council expects to evaluate a new dental laboratory technicians' course offered at the city college of San Francisco.

In other actions, Dr. R. E. V. Miller, chairman of the Council's committee on Special Studies, reported that the dental Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Schools space planning and utilization expects to approve this spring a brochure which has been prepared by a joint study group of the Council, the American Association of Dental Schools and the Division of Dental Public Health and Resources of USPHS. The purpose of the brochure is to assist local dental school planning committees in projecting costs and construction plans. The Council also announced approval of eight additional dental internship and residency programs. The Council has now approved 196 internships and 131 residencies conducted in 218 hospitals.

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### Red Cross Month Observed in March

As in previous years, March is Red Cross Month in 1961. During the month, the majority of local chapters will engage in their annual campaign for funds. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, president of the American National Red Cross, has sent an appeal to the nation's dentists to "assist in conveying to the public the need for participation in the work of the Red Cross through membership and financial support." Endorsing the appeal, Pres. Charles H. Patton urged all Association members to support the campaign in every way possible, both through personal contributions and through community-wide assistance.

### Magazine Features Dental Topics

The March 1961 issue of Family Circle magazine carries a lengthy article on orthodontics titled "Tooth-straightening Today." The ADA Bureau of Public Information assisted the author, Lillian Pompian, in developing the article for Family Circle, which has a circulation of nearly six million. The May, 1961 issue of the same magazine will also carry a dental feature. In this case, it will be a children's feature, "Letter from Ellsworth Elephant," and will tell of Ellsworth's pleasant experience when he goes to the dentist for a check up and is instructed on proper oral hygiene procedures.

## **NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC HEALTH DEP'T. PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS FORM UNION**

The first collective bargaining organization of doctors in the nation has been formed by physicians and dentists in the New York City Department of Health. Known as the Doctors' Association of the Department of Health, it is certified by the City Labor Department and backed by the Health Department. The group claims a membership of more than 700. Salary increase, tenure and pension rights are among the first objectives to be sought, said Dr. Robert M. Robbins, a physician and president of the new group. At present, he went on, dentists and physicians are paid \$5 an hour for sessions of three hours. Although wage proposals have not been formulated, he said, studies show that \$30 for a three-hour session, with \$35 for supervisory personnel, would be more realistic. "We are losing a lot of staff," Dr. Robbins said. "There is not enough incentive to stay in the department...Prestige as well as salary is concerned." According to Dr. Robbins, the new unit has the support of Dr. Leona Baumgartner, New York City Health Commissioner.

### **NIDR Reveals January Grants**

The National Institute of Dental Research has announced that grants and fellowship awards amounting to \$552,887 were distributed in January. Nineteen research grants were made, totaling \$331,271; while 342 new, part-time fellowship awards were made, amounting to \$221,616.

### **ADTA Plans New Education Fund Drive**

Success of American Dental Trade Association's 1960 campaign to raise funds for dental education has prompted the organization to hold another drive this year. The 1960 campaign goal of \$100,000 was oversubscribed by \$25,971. The following have been praised by the Fund for Dental Education as persons "who contributed substantially in time and money" to assure the success of last year's drive: Theodore R. Jeffers, Smith-Holden, Inc., who was ADTA president when the campaign was undertaken; Ben B. White, Jr., White-Rafert Company, who was chairman of the ADTA-Fund for Dental Education liaison committee; L. M. Anderson, Jr., L. M. Anderson Dental Supply Company, who served as national campaign chairman. Also, Henry M. Thornton, Dentists' Supply Company, chairman of the advanced gifts division; Leslie I. March, L. D. Caulk Company, chairman of the manufacturers' division; George A. Davidson, Davidson Dental Supply Company, chairman of the dealers' division, and Wilmoth C. Mack, ADTA secretary.

### **Bills Would Aid State Dental Health**

Bills which would provide federal matching funds for state dental public health activities are being sponsored in the current session of Congress by the Association. The legislation has been introduced by Senator Lister Hill (D.-Ala.) and Representative Oren Harris (D.-Ark.), both chairmen of committees with jurisdiction over such legislation. The bills are known in the two houses of Congress as S. 917 and H.R. 4742. In substance, the bills would permit state dental health divisions to initiate new public health programs and expand existing ones. A principal objective would be better dental care for mentally retarded and other handicapped children as well as institutionalized patients, particularly the aging.

### **Research on Aging Grants Revealed**

Dr. Luther L. Terry, PHS Surgeon General, announced last week that the National Institutes of Health has made 64 grants totaling \$1,427,883, to private institutions for research in various aspects of aging. Among the grants were the following: The University of Alabama Medical Center receives \$14,030 for research on the oral health of Icelandic people; Northwestern University Dental School, Chicago, receives \$12,797 for study on the state of collagen in calcified tissues, and Washington University School of Dentistry, St. Louis, is granted \$12,627 for research concerning age changes in oral tissues.

## CONNECTICUT DENTAL-MEDICAL CONFERENCES SLATED ON CHRONICALLY ILL, AGED

A series of dental-medical conferences on care of the chronically ill and aged will take place during April under the joint sponsorship of the Connecticut State Dental Association and the Connecticut State Medical Society. There will be a total of six conferences, all of which will be held in New Haven county and will serve as pilot program for any similar projects that might be held later in Connecticut or elsewhere.

Dr. Gerald L. St. Marie, chairman of the state dental group's committee on gerontology, said that development of the program has been encouraged by the success of post-graduate seminars and workshops on dental care for the chronically ill and aged which have been held in Connecticut in the past. As presently planned, the April conferences will emphasize how professional groups may combine some of their post-graduate activities to help their members to apply new techniques and meet changing needs in patient care. "There is general agreement," Dr. St. Marie said, "that the principal hope of overcoming the problems we face lies in continuing conferences, collaboration and sharing of purpose by professional people who work together."

### PHS Steps Up X-Ray Monitoring

As part of its program to intensify monitoring of x-ray exposure in office practice, the Public Health Service is sending a sheet of blank film that, when exposed, can be used to determine extent of the exposure and any defects in the x-ray equipment. The dentist is asked to expose the film on his machine, fill out certain data about the machine and the exposure and mail the film and information to the state health department, which will forward it to USPHS. Information thus can be obtained on the size of the beam, any filtration or leakage in the equipment and collimation. Recommendations will then be made to the dentist in line with standards set by the American College of Oral Roentgenology. The program, which will be carried out over a two-year period, is designed to cover nearly all the estimated 95,000 dental x-ray machines now in use. If the program is successful, it may be extended to monitoring of x-rays in physicians' offices.

### Science Fair Judges Appointed

Pres. Charles H. Patton has announced appointment of the four judges of the dental science exhibits at the 12th National Science Fair. The judges are Drs. Hamilton B. G. Robinson, John S. Eilar, James H. O'Banion and Jarvis M. Williams. The Science Fair will be held this year on May 10-11 in Kansas City, Mo. This will be the third year in which the ADA has actively participated in the event. Top winners in the dental science category will be guests of ADA at the 102d annual session in Philadelphia.

### Unusual Features For Dental Plan

Several unusual features of the new group dental care program in Southern California were reported recently by Dr. Carlton H. Williams, chairman of the dental care committee of the Southern California State Dental Association. Dr. Williams said that the agreement of SCDA to join the California Dental Association Service is based upon the idea that the program be operated in Southern California on a table of allowances basis instead of a fixed-fee schedule. He also pointed out that the new program started in the tri-county area, "is new in concept but retains all of the normal dentist-patient relations." It is based on the 'usual or customary' fee, he said.

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only when individuals reach qualifying age.

When there are three or more employees, the same basis of contributions to income used by the employer for himself must be used for employees. However, if an employer sets aside 15 per cent of his employee's income for this purpose, he may then set aside the same percentage for himself.

This supplement lists contributions to the 1960-61 ADA Relief Fund from constituent societies and federal dental services through Feb. 28. 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	\$ 1,105.50	99.6	Penn.	\$ 8,140.00	\$ 6,432.50	79.0
ALASKA	70.00	146.00	208.6	Puerto Rico	300.00	173.00	57.7
*ARIZONA	530.00	673.00	127.0	RHODE IS.	640.00	748.00	116.9
ARKANSAS	710.00	746.00	105.1	S. Car.	580.00	498.50	85.9
CALIFORNIA	5,120.00	5,225.00	102.1	S. DAK.	360.00	536.00	148.9
Calif. So.	6,340.00	5,421.00	85.5	TENNESSEE	1,690.00	4,809.00	284.6
COLORADO	1,320.00	1,561.50	118.3	Texas	4,300.00	3,521.25	81.9
Conn.	2,410.00	2,280.00	94.6	Utah	680.00	532.00	78.2
DELAWARE	210.00	259.00	123.3	Vermont	220.00	200.00	90.9
DIST. of C.	850.00	1,401.00	164.8	Virginia	1,680.00	1,543.50	91.9
FLORIDA	2,160.00	2,352.00	108.9	Washington	2,420.00	2,303.50	95.2
GEORGIA	1,370.00	1,534.00	112.0	W. Va.	840.00	767.00	91.3
HAWAII	530.00	736.00	138.9	Wisconsin	3,340.00	2,415.75	72.3
IDAHO	380.00	382.00	100.5	WYOMING	<u>210.00</u>	<u>238.00</u>	<u>113.3</u>
ILLINOIS	8,030.00	8,775.45	109.3	TOTAL	\$119,800.00	\$114,861.27	95.9
Indiana	2,670.00	2,477.00	92.8				
Iowa	2,060.00	1,844.00	89.5				
Kansas	1,200.00	1,171.65	97.6				
Kentucky	1,470.00	1,129.87	76.9	<u>Fed. Dental</u>			
Louisiana	1,290.00	1,209.00	93.7	<u>Services</u>			
MAINE	510.00	585.00	114.7	Air Force	1,270.00	568.00	44.7
Maryland	1,490.00	1,474.00	98.9	Army	1,150.00	589.50	51.3
MASS.	4,370.00	4,659.00	106.6	Navy	1,550.00	843.50	54.4
MICHIGAN	5,370.00	5,644.50	105.1	P.H.SERV.	400.00	434.25	108.6
Minnesota	3,230.00	3,160.00	97.8	Vet. Admin.	<u>830.00</u>	<u>331.50</u>	<u>39.9</u>
Mississippi	700.00	566.00	80.9	TOTAL	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 2,766.75	53.2
Missouri	2,810.00	2,586.00	92.0				
Montana	440.00	413.00	93.9				
Nebraska	1,130.00	1,037.00	93.5				
Nevada	170.00	136.50	80.3				
New Hamp.	370.00	234.00	63.2	<u>Summary</u>			
NEW JERSEY	5,000.00	4,999.65	100.0	Constit.	\$119,800.00	\$114,861.27	95.9
New Mexico	340.00	334.50	98.4	Societies			
New York	17,720.00	14,254.61	80.4	Fed. Dntl.	5,200.00	2,766.75	53.2
N. Car.	1,640.00	1,544.00	94.1	Services			
NORTH DAKOTA	360.00	480.00	133.3	Students		514.03	
Ohio	6,130.00	4,856.14	79.2	Memorials		10.00	
OKLAHOMA	1,120.00	1,217.40	108.7	Miscellaneous		<u>69.00</u>	
Oregon	1,630.00	1,473.00	90.4				
PANAMA	40.00	40.00	100.0	TOTAL	\$125,000.00	\$118,221.05	94.6