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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR FDI MEETING (See Page 3)

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### DETROIT COUNCIL APPROVES FLUORIDATION; SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS MEASURE

Fluoridation achieved two major victories when the Detroit City Council on Nov. 27 voted 7 to 1 to fluoridate its water supply and when the U.S. Supreme Court on Nov. 13 refused to review a lower court ruling in the St. Louis fluoridation battle.

The Detroit victory climaxes approximately 14 years of bitter fighting. It is expected that the actual addition of fluorides to the municipal water will not begin until 1964. The last major U.S. city to fluoridate its water was Kansas City with a population of three quarters of a million in September 1961. Dr. William Travis, chairman of the Fluoridation Committee of the Detroit District Dental Society since 1954, hailed the Council action and pointed out "after fluoridation has been installed approximately three and one half million people will be drinking fluoridated water, since 52 suburbs are buying their water supplies from the city's central water plant." The significance of the victory is reflected in the fact that in 1964 about 86 per cent of Michigan's residents who drink public water (144 communities), will be receiving the benefits of fluoridation, he said.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review a ruling by the Missouri Supreme Court that a St. Louis County ordinance directing a local water company to fluoridate its water was constitutional. This is the fifth time that the nation's highest court has upheld fluoridation by refusing to review pro-fluoridation decisions of lower courts. Previous actions were on decisions of the supreme

### \$113 Million Paid Under Kerr-Mills Act

About \$113,370,000 was spent in 1961 through the Medical Assistance for the Aged program (MAA) authorized in 1960 under the Kerr-Mills Act. This measure benefits senior citizens who are medically indigent, with participating states fixing eligibility rules. Of the total, \$58,274,000 went to nursing and convalescent homes, and \$41,798,000 went to hospitals. "Practitioners' services" accounted for \$2,736,000. No breakdown of payments for dental services was available.

MAA presently is in effect in 25 states, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Twenty-one states still lack statutory authority to participate and four others, while possessing such authority, have taken no steps toward implementation of the legislation.

### New Component Society Forms

A new component society, the Eleventh District Dental Society of New York, was organized recently following approval by the state legislature of the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of New York, which comprises Queens County. Formerly all of Long Island was covered by the Tenth District Dental Society, which now embraces Nassau and Suffolk. Initial membership of the new society is about 600.

## Ask JFK To Help Cuban Dentists

The House of Delegates at the 103rd annual session unanimously approved a Florida resolution calling on President Kennedy to allow Cuban dentists in exile to treat Cuban refugee patients under the supervision of the U.S. Public Health Service and the Florida Board of Dental Examiners. The resolution pointed out that more than 200,000 Cuban refugees, including 160 dentists, now live in the Miami area and that local dental resources and public health agencies are hard pressed to serve them. The resolution also called on the president "to make available such funds as may be necessary to house and equip a dental clinic where such treatment may be performed...."

The Council on International Relations at its November meeting recommended that the size of the proposed clinic should depend on the dental health needs of the refugee patients and the number of Cuban dentists seeking professional employment. The Council noted that the policy of the U.S. State Department is based on the premise that the Cubans in exile will return to their native country when the existing political problems have been resolved. Implementation of the ADA resolution has been discussed by officials of the Association and the U.S.P.H.S., and a meeting is being planned with the Commissioner of Social Security who has been delegated responsibility by President Kennedy over the Cuban Refugee problem.

The Council also praised the Board of Trustees for the appropriation of \$10,000 which has been placed in the Council's budget to assist in solving the educational and other professional problems of the Cuban dentists in exile. The Board action came as a result of a request from the District of Columbia Dental Society.

## New Dental Hygiene Examinations Booklet

Copies of a new booklet "National Board Dental Hygiene Examinations" may be obtained from the ADA Council of National Board of Dental Examiners.

## Board Approves Two Grants

The Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association has approved a grant of \$50,000 to be made in 1963 to the Fund for Dental Education to enlarge the program of the Fund for Dental Education-American Dental Association Student Loan Fund.

In addition the Board has renewed its grant of \$50,000 for the year 1963 to the Fund for Dental Education, one-half of which is to be used for support of the program of the Fund and one half to aid the program of the American Association of Dental Schools. The dental student loan fund program was initiated by the ADA in 1961 with a grant of \$150,000.

Under the ADA Fund for Dental Education Loan Fund program many students who face severe financial problems received assistance. The Fund for Dental Education and the AADS are now engaged in a comprehensive survey of the loan and scholarship funds presently available to dental students.

## NCDHW Television Slides Offered

TV slides promoting 1963 National Children's Dental Health Week will be available upon request to dental societies and television stations, according to Perry J. Sandell, director of the Bureau of Dental Health Education. He urged dental societies to send in their requests early. Mr. Sandell emphasized that the slides, accompanied by a suggested spot announcement, will be sent only to dental societies and television stations upon request.

## Insurance Firm Head Backs Fluoridation

J. Doyle DeWitt, president of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., has joined a growing list of prominent Americans in endorsing fluoridation. In his statement Mr. DeWitt pointed out that according to the scientific evidence "no harmful effects come from a reasonable concentration (of fluoride) whereas there appear to be considerable benefits."

## FDI Plans Large Scientific Session

Biological aspects of prosthetic dentistry, oral health of the aged and microbiology of periodontal disease will be discussed during the scientific program of the 51st annual session of the Federation Dentaire Internationale scheduled June 29 to July 6, 1963, in Stockholm, Sweden. American dentists, particularly those of Swedish descent, have been invited to attend the session. According to Dr. Helge Berggren, chairman of the Swedish organizing committee, other topics will be "The European Common Market and the Dental Profession." Lectures and table clinics, which will be televised, are also planned. Simultaneous translations in English, French and German will be available.

Many social events have been scheduled including a full-day excursion to the famous Stockholm archipelago, performances in the Drottningholm Theater, and a visit to the world famous Wasa Museum. Dr. Th. Brandrup-Wognsen, FDI president 1957-59, will be president of honor for the session. American dentists wishing to participate in the scientific sessions should write to Dr. Claes Lundquist, chairman of the scientific committee, Krafts Torg 6, Lund, Sweden. Application forms for enrollment and hotel reservations can be obtained from Dr. Obed H. Moen, U.S. Treasurer of FDI, 6 Main St., Watertown, Wis., or directly from the Organizing Committee, Nybrogatan 53, Stockholm, Sweden.

## Dr. Bunting Dies, Michigan Dean

Dr. Russell W. Bunting dean emeritus of the University of Michigan's School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor, died Nov. 22 at the age of 81. He was internationally known for his studies on tooth decay. He was past president of the International Association for Dental Research and the Michigan State Dental Association. He served for a number of years as the dental consultant to the Federal Civil Defense Administration and the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization and was a consultant to the Council on Federal Dental Services.



A team of dentists is shown identifying the remains of a victim of a simulated aircraft crash during a recent postgraduate course in forensic dentistry conducted at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. From left are Dr. Charles P. White, dental director division of hospitals, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Col. Hal D. Oakley, staff dental surgeon, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews A.F. Base, and Capt. Victor J. Niiranen, staff dental officer, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

## 2 States Set Fluoridation Survey

Some 2,000 school children in Phillipsburg, N.J., and neighboring Easton, Pa. will participate in a fluoridation survey sponsored jointly by the state health departments of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Easton's water has been fluoridated for the past 10 years while the water in Phillipsburg is not fluoridated. Each state has earmarked \$2,000 for the survey which is scheduled to begin late this year. The study will be coordinated by Dr. Lou Sagaro, Phillipsburg.

## Education Fund \$20,000 Beneficiary

The Fund for Dental Education will receive approximately \$20,000 as a beneficiary of the estate of Jacob L. Stern. Mr. Stern, former president of the Hanau Engineering Co. of Palm Beach County, Fla., and an early contributor to the Fund, named the Fund as a beneficiary in his will.

## Career Pamphlets Available

Three career pamphlets, "How to Decide on Dentistry," "New Dimensions in Dentistry," and "Dentistry" are available in quantity and free upon request from the Bureau of Public Information, at the Central Office.

## Fund To Aid Cuban Dentists

The East Coast District Dental Society has started a Dental Education Trust designed to provide financial aid for the education of exiled Cuban dentists now in the United States. According to Dr. Norman R. A. Alley, Coral Gables, Fla., chairman of the Cuban Exile Dentists Affairs Committee, there are now 160 Cuban dentists in the Miami area. Dental schooling and maintenance for these dentists will cost \$3,500 per year on a two-year basis, he said. They plan to become U.S. citizens and in most cases it will require two years in dental school to complete their preparation for state board examinations. Dr. Alley said that in future years the fund will become a continuous education trust for foreign and domestic dental students.

Other members of the Trust's Board of Trustees in addition to Dr. Alley are: Dr. Sterling V. Mead, Washington, D.C., a former ADA president; Dr. Fred Hasty, Dr. Anthony R. Joffe and Dr. H. Willett Stubbs, all of Miami.

## Funds for Oral Cytology Products

Oral cytology projects are now eligible for financial support as community control demonstration projects, according to the U.S. Public Health Service. Oral cancer educational courses for dentists are also eligible for financial support. The educational projects may be independent of oral cytology projects. The courses should be at the post-graduate level and be designed to improve the capability of practicing dentists to recognize early oral cancer and precancerous conditions. Further information may be obtained from the Cancer Control Program, Division of Chronic Diseases, Bureau of State Services, U.S. Public Health Service, Washington 25, D.C. A \$17,215 grant has already been made for an oral cytology project to the Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. The grant will be used to support the first year of a demonstration on the use of oral cytology. Project director is Robert V. Walker, chief of the department of oral surgery.

## Bias Ban in New York

Under an amendment to the rules of the New York State Board of Regents, professional men and women in New York State are prohibited from discriminating against patients or clients on the basis of race, creed or color.

## NIDR Gives Grant, Awards

One new research grant in the amount of \$40,250 and 12 new fellowship awards in the amount of \$85,455 were announced during October by the National Institute of Dental Research.

## Oral Surgeons Name Thompson

Edward C. Thompson, chief of the department of oral surgery, Carle Clinic, Champaign, Ill., has been elected president of the American Society of Oral Surgeons.

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courts of California, Louisiana, Ohio and Oklahoma.

...Another fluoridation victory was achieved when the Circuit Court in St. Lucie County, Fla., in accordance with a higher court decision dismissed a suit which charged that the City of Fort Pierce lacked authority to fluoridate its water supply. Previously, the Circuit Court had ruled that the city lacked authority for instituting the public health measure but this decision was overturned by the Second District Court of Appeals.

...Illinois communities which recently installed fluoridation include Cole (pop. 491), St. John's (pop. 206), Franklin Grove (pop. 773), and Tamaroa (pop. 696). Plans to institute the health measure have been approved in Vancouver and Anacortes, Wash., West Warwick, R.I., and Molalla, Ore.

...Tampa, Fla., voters defeated a fluoridation proposal at the November polls, voting 23,317 to 14,470 against it. Fluoridation was also defeated in Bothell, Wash., in the New Jersey communities of Freehold Township and Lower Penns Neck and in the Oregon cities of Portland, Stayton, La Grande, Ashland and Medford.