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— BULLETIN —
MEMBERSHIP IN THE
AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION
REACHED 100,054 ON JUNE 30,
THE HIGHEST IN THE
ASSOCIATION'S 104 YEARS.

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DR. MUELLER OF GERMANY INSTALLED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF FDI

Dr. Erich Mueller of Germany was installed as president of the Federation Dentaire Internationale at the 51st annual session in Stockholm, Sweden, June 29 to July 6. Dr. Knut Gard of Norway was chosen president-elect. Officers re-elected include Dr. Gerald H. Leatherman of England, secretary-general for three years; Dr. Jack Stork of the Netherlands, treasurer for three years; and Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis of Philadelphia, vice-president. Dr. Obed Moen, Watertown, Wis., U.S. treasurer of FDI, was made a member of the List of Honour.

Prince Bertil of Sweden, who presided at the opening ceremony, praised FDI efforts to curb oral diseases. He said that the "collaboration of the Federation with the World Health Organization has been a major factor in the improvement of dental health throughout the world." This was the first FDI meeting in Stockholm in 26 years. Next year, the FDI will hold its 52nd annual session in San Francisco, Nov. 7-14, in conjunction with the ADA's 105th annual session.

ICD To Honor Sen. Fulbright

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D.-Ark.) will receive an honorary fellowship in the U.S.A. Section of the International College of Dentists at its annual session Oct. 12-13 in Atlantic City. Honorary fellowships will also be conferred on Lt. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, Army surgeon general, and Dr. Charles Mayo, head of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., at a banquet scheduled at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in the Traymore Hotel. Speaker at this event will be Walter Kiernan, Washington columnist and TV commentator.

Aged Health Care Conference July 28

More than 200 representatives of dental societies in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the District of Columbia are expected to attend a Regional Legislative Conference on Health Care and the Aged Sunday, July 28 at the Cherry Hill Inn in Cherry Hill, N.J., just outside Philadelphia. The conference will be sponsored by the ADA Council on Legislation. Assisting with arrangements are the Pennsylvania Dental Association and the Philadelphia County Dental Society. Keynote speaker will be Rep. Thomas B. Curtis (R.-Mo.). Kits containing background material on health care and the aged will be distributed to conference participants and will be available later to state and local societies.

Aptitude Testing Shows Sharp Rise

A sharp increase in the number of prospective dental students taking dental aptitude tests was reported by Thomas Ginley, director of the division of educational measurements of the ADA Council on Dental Education. At the close of the April testing period, 6,780 persons had taken the tests as compared to 5,992 tested in 1962, an increase of 11 per cent. The current number represents a 1,600 increase over the number of applications in 1960.

Iowa University To Study Cleft Palates

A National Institute of Dental Research grant has been given the State University of Iowa for an inter-departmental basic research project on deformities of the mouth as well as clinical research in oral function, speech problems, and corrective surgery. The NIDR has provided \$116,000 for the first year of the proposed three-year project. Speech patterns in persons having surgically corrected cleft palates will be studied to evaluate different surgical procedures.

Special equipment and techniques will be used to study the anatomy and physiology of normal speech and oral function. Techniques like cine-radiography, the process of motion picture photography of soft tissues of the body, will be used in comparing normal and surgically corrected functions of individuals with cleft palate. Included in the project will be follow-up studies of cleft palate patients to further validate diagnostic and prognostic techniques that may correct or improve the defect.

New Insurance Service Offered

M.A. Gesner, Inc., administrator of the Association's group accident & health insurance program, is offering a new insurance service to ADA members who are unable to obtain disability income coverage because of physical impairment. Under an agreement with the Continental Casualty Company, the Gesner firm will be able to obtain individual policies for most applicants, at rates related to their potential exposure. According to Herbert C. Lassiter, secretary of the ADA Council on Insurance, efforts will be made to approximate as closely as possible the individual coverage sought in the original application. Interested members should write M. A. Gesner, Inc., 216 E. Superior Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

Teething Article in Parents Magazine

The August issue of Parents Magazine & Better Homemaking will carry an article entitled "All About Teething."

38 Cubans Enrolled in U.S. Schools

Nine dental schools in the United States have enrolled 38 Cuban refugee students, according to a survey conducted by the ADA Council on International Relations. The schools listed are: the University of Alabama, 2; Emory, 1; Georgetown, 1; the University of Indiana, 2; University of New York, 3; the University of Puerto Rico, 26; Texas, 1, and Tufts, 2. The study also indicated that five dental schools have been evaluating the credentials of 25 additional Cubans to determine their eligibility for acceptance. Only one school reported that two Cuban dentists were employed, one as a member of the faculty and the other as a technician. Additionally, three schools have accepted a total of five Cubans as students at the beginning of the next school year. A survey made by the Cuban Exile Dentists' Affairs Committee in January, 1963 reported about 200 Cuban refugee dentists in the Miami area. The Cuban refugee committee is supported by an ADA grant.

Irish Fluoridation Trial Continues

The outcome of a court trial in Dublin, which is expected to continue until September, may determine the progress of fluoridation in Ireland. The trial is based on a suit filed by an Irish housewife against the government to test the constitutionality of a national law requiring fluoridation of all community water supplies. Some 30 witnesses from around the world including seven from the United States were scheduled to testify on behalf of the effectiveness and safety of fluoridation.

AMA To Build Research Institute

The American Medical Association at its annual meeting last month announced plans to build its own biomedical research institute. Dr. Raymond McKeown, president of the AMA's Education and Research Foundation, said the institute will be housed in a new 110,000 square feet addition being built at AMA headquarters in Chicago, a few blocks from the American Dental Association's Central Office.

This supplement lists contributions to the 1962-63 ADA RELIEF FUND from constituent societies and federal dental services through June 30. 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	\$1,160.00	\$1,195.00	103.0	PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 7,880.00	\$ 8,261.50	104.8
ALASKA	70.00	108.00	154.3	Puerto Rico	270.00	251.00	93.0
*ARIZONA	610.00	1,071.00	175.6	RHODE ISLAND	620.00	1,368.00	220.6
ARKANSAS	700.00	700.00	100.0	S. Carolina	610.00	432.00	70.8
CALIFORNIA	5,410.00	5,693.00	105.2	SOUTH DAKOTA	330.00	336.00	101.8
Calif. So.	6,530.00	5,995.00	91.8	TENNESSEE	1,710.00	5,004.75	292.7
COLORADO	1,400.00	1,441.50	103.0	TEXAS	4,420.00	4,420.00	100.0
CONNECTICUT	2,420.00	2,590.00	107.0	Utah	720.00	539.00	74.9
DELAWARE	220.00	353.00	160.5	VERMONT	220.00	285.00	129.5
*DIST. OF C.	780.00	1,461.50	187.4	Virginia	1,730.00	1,692.00	97.8
Florida	2,440.00	2,391.00	98.0	Washington	2,440.00	2,072.50	84.9
GEORGIA	1,450.00	1,627.00	112.2	West Virginia	810.00	735.00	90.7
HAWAII	550.00	903.00	164.2	Wisconsin	3,250.00	2,550.00	78.5
IDAHO	360.00	370.00	102.8	WYOMING	210.00	269.00	128.1
ILLINOIS	7,690.00	8,535.80	111.0				
Indiana	2,610.00	2,242.50	85.9	TOTAL	\$119,600.00	\$126,425.69	105.7
Iowa	1,980.00	1,865.50	94.2				
Kansas	1,180.00	1,118.12	94.8	Fed. Dental			
KENTUCKY	1,430.00	2,137.10	149.4	Services			
Louisiana	1,330.00	1,282.00	96.4				
MAINE	490.00	747.50	152.6	Air Force	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 891.50	67.0
MARYLAND	1,530.00	1,859.00	121.5	Army	1,340.00	699.50	52.2
MASSACHUSETTS	4,300.00	6,468.00	150.4	Navy	1,560.00	998.60	64.0
MICHIGAN	5,250.00	5,863.00	111.7	P.H. Serv.	410.00	338.00	82.4
Minnesota	3,150.00	3,110.50	98.7	Vet. Admin.	760.00	457.00	60.1
Mississippi	690.00	598.00	86.7				
Missouri	2,730.00	2,520.50	92.3	TOTAL	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 3,384.60	62.7
MONTANA	450.00	482.50	107.2				
NEBRASKA	1,100.00	1,298.00	118.0				
NEVADA	180.00	214.50	119.2				
New Hampshire	370.00	264.00	71.4				
NEW JERSEY	5,040.00	5,828.50	115.6	<u>Summary</u>			
NEW MEXICO	370.00	375.00	101.4	Constit.	\$119,600.00	\$126,425.69	105.7
New York	17,340.00	15,372.68	88.7	Societies			
NORTH CAROLINA	1,760.00	2,024.00	115.0	Fed. Dntl.	5,400.00	3,384.60	62.7
*NORTH DAKOTA	360.00	511.50	142.1	Services			
Ohio	6,090.00	4,975.24	81.7	Students		1,038.50	
OKLAHOMA	1,170.00	1,170.00	100.0	Memorials		30.00	
Oregon	1,660.00	1,417.50	85.4	Miscellaneous		89.53	
PANAMA	30.00	30.00	100.0				
				TOTAL	\$125,000.00	\$130,968.32	104.8

DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE SCHEDULED OCT. 12 IN ATLANTIC CITY

Dental health education on the community and state levels will be the topic of a conference to be held Oct. 12 in the Viking Theater of Haddon Hall Hotel in Atlantic City. Co-sponsored by the American Dental Association and the American Association of Public Health Dentists, the conference will concentrate on the basic use of communications media to aid dentists and others engaged in dental health education programs. Special emphasis will be placed on the use of radio and television.

The conference, which will immediately precede the ADA's 104th annual session, scheduled Oct. 14-17, will feature such nationally known persons as Victor M. Ratner, expert in the field of communications; John L. Remington, public relations consultant; W. N. Kershner, authority in the fields of radio and television, and Simon McNeely of the President's Council on Physical Fitness. Representatives of constituent and component societies are invited to attend the conference. Those wishing to do so are asked to write: Perry J. Sandell, director, Bureau of Dental Health Education, ADA Central Office.

— Cytology Panel Slated —

Oral cytology will be the topic of a panel scheduled for Monday, Oct. 14 during the scientific program of the ADA annual session. Participating in the discussion, which will be held at 2 p.m. in Convention Hall, will be Dr. Surindar N. Bhaskar, Washington, D.C., "The rational and application to clinical practice"; Dr. William Miller, Jr., Dallas, Tex., "A practical technique for procuring oral smears"; Dr. Henry C. Sandler, Brooklyn, N.Y., "The sensitivity and reliability of oral exfoliative cytology"; and Dr. William A. Jordan, Minneapolis, Minn., "Methods for including cytological studies in a private practice." Dr. Richard Tiecke, Chicago, assistant secretary of the ADA Council on Dental Therapeutics, will serve as moderator.

Dr. Harris Heads FDA Division

Dr. Philip L. Harris, Ph.D., has been appointed new director of the Food and Drug Administration's division of nutrition.

Mouth Protector Programs In Ind. Schools

According to an Indiana State Board of Health Survey, successful mouth protector programs are being conducted in 150 schools in the state. Over 70 per cent of the mouth protectors -- for 11,000 high school football players -- were fitted by dentists. Cost of the mouth protector was almost evenly divided between the school and the athlete. The survey also revealed that upper mouth protectors may be more effective in preventing dental injuries.

The dental division of the Texas State Department of Health in cooperation with the Council on Dental Health of the Texas Dental Association has prepared a brochure on mouth protectors. It describes the advantages and disadvantages of the various types of protectors. The booklet has been distributed to all component societies in Texas.

Chicago Fluoridation Decision Appealed

The decision of the Superior Court of Cook County upholding Chicago's fluoridation program has been appealed to the Supreme Court of Illinois by opponents of the measure. In a recently filed comprehensive brief the anti-fluoridationists protest the findings of the lower court which ruled in the case on June 22, 1962. It is expected that the higher court will hear the appeal during the fall term.

Galagan Receives PHS Award

Assistant Surgeon General Donald J. Galagan, chief of the Division of Dental Public Health and Resources of the U.S. Public Health Service, was awarded the USPHS Meritorious Service Medal for "his outstanding service, exceedingly high level of achievement, and noteworthy contributions throughout his career in dentistry."

Medical Insurance Growth Cited

Major medical insurance is growing faster than other kinds of voluntary health insurance, according to the Health Insurance Institute.

Dentist's Civil Defense Role Studied

The dentist's role in a medical disaster program was discussed at the fifth Biannual Dental Health Conference sponsored by the Arkansas State Dental Association in cooperation with the Section on Health Mobilization Planning and the Bureau of Dental Health of the Arkansas State Board of Health. Eighty-five persons attended the meeting which featured high ranking Civil Defense officials as speakers, including Dr. G. P. Ferrazzano, Washington, D.C., chief of the Division of Health Mobilization.

Mayor's Fluoridation Support Vital

A study of community decisions regarding fluoridation reveals the significant role played by government leaders, particularly mayors, according to the Division of Dental Public Health and Resources of the U.S. Public Health Service. In cities where the mayor endorsed fluoridation, the proposal had a fifty-fifty chance of being adopted. Where the mayor was neutral or opposed, fluoridation was rarely adopted.

Blue Cross Plan Includes Dental Care

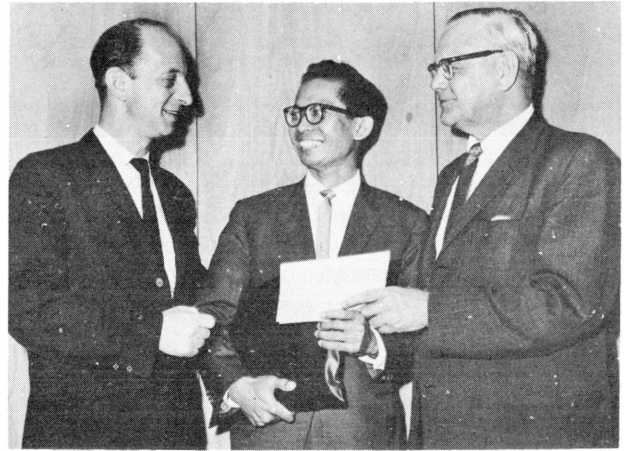
Dental coverage is now available to groups of 25 or more employees in the Albany, N.Y., area under a contract offered by the New York State Dental Service Corporation. The plan enrollment will be administered by the Albany Blue Cross Plan and monthly premiums range from \$1.84 to \$4.73 per adult and \$1.34 to \$3.37 per child.

Timmons Article in *RX-Health*

The July issue of *Rx Health Magazine* carries an article by Pres. Gerald D. Timmons entitled "Will Anti-Fluoridationists Fool Americans Forever." The article outlines the ADA's intensified efforts towards public acceptance of fluoridation.

Dental Aptitude Tests Announced

A booklet announcing the schedule for dental aptitude testing in 1963-64 is now available from the division of educational measurements of the ADA Council on Dental Education, at the Central Office.



Dr. Gusti Rizali Noor, center, deputy director of the Dental Health Division of the Indonesian Department of Health, was a recent visitor to the ADA Central Office. Discussing the progress of dental health programs in the United States with him are Dr. John Zur, left, assistant secretary of the ADA Council on Dental Health, and Dr. Lon W. Morrey, ADA editor emeritus.

Unions Urge N.Y. Fluoridation

The New York City AFL-CIO has endorsed Mayor Robert F. Wagner's efforts to obtain fluoridation of the city's water supply by the end of this year. The chairman of the union's Community Services Committee pointed out that only New York City and Los Angeles are among the 12 largest cities in the United States which have failed to adopt fluoridation.

Harvard Gets \$883,000 Training Grants

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Boston has received four training grants totalling \$883,000 from the National Institute of Dental Research. The funds will be used to support the three-year postdoctoral programs in orthodontics, periodontics, pedodontics and dental medicine, according to Dean Roy O. Greep.

3 Virginia Cities Begin Fluoridation

Three Virginia communities, Warrenton, Staunton and Lexington, have placed fluoridation in operation recently, while Wytheville and Front Royal approved the public health measure. Also starting fluoridation of its water supply recently was Rock Island, Ill.