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### ADA URGES DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL CENTERS TO BROADEN DENTAL RESEARCH

A national dental leader said last week that the proposed development of regional centers combining basic and clinical research would have "a profound impact on dental research within the next five years." Dr. Alvin C. Morris, Lexington, Ky., dean of the College of Dentistry, University of Kentucky, said that the establishment of such dental research centers is essential to broaden research on dental diseases and provide adequate training spots for high-caliber scientists within the profession and allied fields.

Dr. Morris testified on behalf of the American Dental Association before a Senate appropriations subcommittee on fiscal 1965 appropriations for the National Institute of Dental Research and the Division of Dental Public Health and Resources of the U.S. Public Health Service. He pointed out that the proposed regional research centers would close the gap between basic research findings and the application of those findings to the health problems of the public. Noting that such centers would maintain staffs of dental scientists and research workers from allied fields, Dr. Morris said that dental research thus would progress "in a meaningfully unified fashion and not risk isolated, fragmented development. It has become rather obvious that in order to combat oral diseases more effectively, capable research scientists in fields allied to dentistry are needed," he added. "The seriousness and scope of oral diseases is reflected by the fact that 23,000 Americans develop oral cancer each year and 65,000 children

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### House Unit Shelves Medical Care Bill

The House Ways and Means Committee on June 24 deferred action on either the Administration's proposal for hospital insurance for the elderly financed by the Social Security system or improvements in the Kerr-Mills program of medical aid to old people unable to meet their medical expenses. The committee instead voted a five per cent increase in Social Security pensions at a cost of nearly a billion dollars a year to be financed with higher Social Security taxes. If approved by Congress, this would be the first across-the-board rise in Social Security benefits since 1958. Political observers in Washington believe that the Administration is now waiting for the Senate to offer amendments to either King-Anderson or Kerr-Mills.

### ADA Testifies At Cancer Hearing

Dr. Robert B. Shira, Washington, D.C., chairman of the ADA Council on Dental Therapeutics, appeared on behalf of the Association before the Cancer Panel of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke.

### Toledo Oral Cytology Program

The Toledo Dental Society has begun an oral cytology program for non-indigent patients. More than 200 Toledo dentists are participating in the program, which is financed by the American Cancer Society.

## Dental Trade Assn. Names Anderson

Mr. L.M. Anderson, Jr., president of L.M. Anderson Dental Supply Co., Tampa, Fla., has been elected president of the American Dental Trade Association at the group's annual session in Hot Springs, Va. Other officers elected were: Vernon W. Rooke, Jr., president, Cook-Waite Laboratories, Inc., New York City, first vice-president and F. Ritter Shumway, president, Ritter, Co., Inc., Rochester, N.Y., second vice-president. Edmund Wellington, Jr., Washington, D.C., was reelected as executive secretary of the ADTA.

## NYU Begins Centennial Year In 1965

New York University College of Dentistry will begin celebrating its centennial year Jan. 27, 1965, according to Dr. Raymond J. Nagle, dean. Climax of the year will be a dinner on Nov. 18, 1965 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Other highlights will include a specially-designed commemorative medallion, publication of a history of the dental school, a special edition of the NYU Journal of Dentistry and a historical exhibition to be held in the Dental Center Library.

## Staff Appointment Announced

Clinton A. Bliss of Naperville, Ill., has been appointed as an assistant director of the ADA Bureau of Public Information, Sec. Harold Hillenbrand has announced. Mr. Bliss graduated from St. Louis University and worked as a reporter and copy editor for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and as a newsman for United Press International. Recently he served as assistant director of public relations of the Illinois State Toll Highway Commission.

## Dr. Wilson Promoted To Dean At OSU

Dr. John R. Wilson, associate dean of the Ohio State University College of Dentistry, has been promoted to dean of the College, effective next Jan. 1. He will succeed Dr. Wendell D. Postle, who will retire. Dr. Wilson has been associate dean of the college since 1958 and a faculty member since 1946.

## 'Round The World' Seminar Planned

The Christian Dental Society is planning a "Round the World Working Dental Seminar" during the ADA annual session in San Francisco, Nov. 9-12, the Hawaii State Dental Association meeting in Honolulu, Nov. 15-19, the All India Dental Conference in Jaipur, India, Jan. 5-7, 1965 and in two areas of South Korea and in Taiwan, Formosa. Additionally, 10 nations have invited the Society to give clinics or demonstrations. Interested dentists can obtain further information from Dr. John McInnes, secretary-treasurer, Christian Dental Society, 1600 E. Speedway, Tucson, Ariz.

## Australia Speeds Fluoridation

The Australian Federal Cabinet has decided to move ahead with plans to fluoridate Canberra's water supply, according to J.D. Anthony, minister for the Interior. Mr. Anthony said that an advisory council had twice recommended installation of the measure as the cheapest, safest and most effective method of combating dental decay. Earlier this year the Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board approved fluoridation of Sydney's water supply. Government health officials expect that by 1965 a quarter of Australia's population will be drinking fluoridated water.

## ASOS To Give HOPE Stipend

The American Society of Oral Surgeons will provide a monthly stipend of \$225 for the oral surgery resident on S.S. HOPE, according to Dr. Fred A. Henny, Detroit, of the ASOS Educational Foundation. The selection committee consists of Dr. Edward C. Thompson, Urbana, Ill., Dr. Marsh Robinson, Los Angeles, and Dr. Herbert Bloom, Detroit.

## Dr. Hollers Urges Savings Bond Support

Pres. James P. Hollers, in a letter recently mailed to all constituent and component societies, has urged "every family represented in our membership" to buy at least one Savings Bond. The U.S. Treasury is supporting a bond-buying campaign from Labor Day through Thanksgiving and the ADA is supporting the drive.

## ADA TO CONDUCT HEALTH EVALUATION PROGRAM AT ANNUAL SESSION

The ADA at its 105th annual session in San Francisco Nov. 9-12 will conduct a health evaluation program for the first time in Association history. The program will be open to all registered dentists who are members of the Association or of the Federation Dentaire Internationale. The 52nd annual session of the FDI will be held in conjunction with the ADA session. The nine-point medical and dental examination will be held in Brooks Hall at the Exposition Center from noon Sunday, Nov. 8, until noon Thursday, Nov. 12. Hours for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. including the noon hour. Dentists taking the screening tests will receive head and neck examinations, panorex x-ray examination of teeth and jaws, oral cytology where indicated, electrocardiogram, tests for blood sugar and for glaucoma, chest x-rays, a podiatry examination and a hearing test.

"The program is designed to give the dentist with a busy working schedule an opportunity to have his physical condition checked through a series of screening tests while attending the annual session," said Dr. Richard W. Tiecke, Chicago, assistant secretary of the Council on Dental Therapeutics and head of the ADA planning staff for the program. "The entire examination will last between 25 and 30 minutes and results from the tests will be available either the same or the following day, depending on the time of day the dentist is examined," he added. "Registration for the screening tests will be at the entrance to the examining area in Brooks Hall. Appointments are not necessary," he said. Some of the test results can be picked up at the registration desk and others will be sent to the participant. All the findings will be coded for later evaluation on an IBM computer. Each examinee will be requested to address a stamped envelope so that those test results that are not available at the time of the meeting may be sent to him. Consulting booths staffed by physicians and dentists will be available to participants of the program who have positive findings of any kind.

The program is supported financially by the Division of Dental Pub-

lic Health and Resources and the Division of Chronic Diseases of the U.S. Public Health Service and by the ADA. A number of other allied health groups and commercial firms are assisting in the program. Other members of the planning staff are Dr. Gerard Casey, Chicago, secretary of the ADA Council on Hospital Dental Service, and Dr. John E. Zur, Chicago, assistant secretary of the Council on Dental Health.

### Navy To Hold Casualty Training Course

Two spaces for civilian dentists have been reserved in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps' Casualty Training Course scheduled for the Naval Administrative Command, U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., on the following dates: Sept. 14-18; Oct. 12-16; Feb. 15-19, 1965, and Mar. 15-19, 1965. Additional information may be obtained from Capt. R. S. Snyder, Jr., DC, USN, Assistant Chief, Dental Division, Dept. of the Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington 25, D.C.

### Audiovisual Conference July 20-21

The Audiovisual Conference of Medical and Allied Sciences will meet in Chicago July 20-21. Daryl Miller, director, ADA Bureau of Audiovisual Service, is arrangements chairman. The Conference is dedicated to the advancement of biomedical audiovisual communication, and is organized to provide opportunities for discussing mutual problems and exchanging ideas and information on new developments.

### Sebelius To Serve As PAHO Adviser

Dr. Carl Sebelius, secretary, ADA Council on Dental Health and International Relations, is serving as special adviser in dental health to the Pan American Health Organization meeting July 5-14 in Bogota, Columbia.

### NIDR Gives \$499,147 In Grants

The National Institute of Dental Research awarded 17 new research grants amounting to \$499,147 during May.

## PHS Increases Fellowship Stipends

An increase in stipend rates for predoctoral fellowships awarded after July 1, has been announced by the U.S. Public Health Service. Stipends at each predoctoral level will be increased by \$600, raising them to \$2,400 for the first year, \$2,600 for intermediate years, and \$2,800 for the terminal year. Predoctoral fellowships are awarded to students at U.S. educational institutions working toward graduate degrees in health and health related sciences, and are made for one year, with assurance of support until the graduate degree is obtained if progress is satisfactory. Applications for fellowships can be submitted at any time to the Career Development Review Branch, Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

## Dental Program On New York TV

Educational television station WNDT, New York City, will present a program on orthodontics specifically for the dentist. To be aired after regular broadcasting time, the program will be presented by Dr. Touro M. Graber, an orthodontist, and is entitled "A Matter of Care: Preventive and Interceptive Orthodontics."

## Conference On Health Education

The Sixth International Conference on Health and Health Education will be held in Madrid, Spain, July 10-17, 1965. Additional information on the conference may be obtained by writing: General Secretary, Plaza de Espana, 17, Madrid (13), Spain.

## NDA Annual Session Aug. 2-6

ADA members have been invited to attend the 51st annual session of the National Dental Association in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 2-6, according to Dr. Matthew Mitchell, Washington, D.C., NDA president.

## Free Dental Examinations

The New Jersey State Health Department is conducting a dental survey of pre-school children who will be entering school in September. Examinations will be conducted by local dentists.

## Dentifrice Consumption Increases

Dentifrice use per capita basis has increased 38 per cent during the last six years from 7.6 ounces in 1956-57 to 10.5 ounces in 1962-63. A breakdown for this period shows these figures: 1957-58, 8.5 ounces per capita; 1958-59, 9.2; 1959-60, 9.5; 1960-61, 10.0, and 1961-62, 10.3.

## Dental School For Israel

The new \$2 million Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dentistry in Jerusalem will be dedicated Aug. 11-13. The school, constructed with funds contributed by the Alpha Omega fraternity, will be the only major dental training center in the Middle East.

## Deans Conference Set Nov. 22-24

The sixth annual Conference of Dental School Deans will be held in the Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, Nov. 22-24.

## Jamestown Continues Fluoridation

The City Council of Jamestown, N.Y., has voted 11-1 to continue fluoridation, which was initiated last year.

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under 18 years have cleft palate, cleft lip or both," he said.

Although dental research has "already made remarkable progress since the end of World War II, we must pool our efforts with those of the other health fields to work toward the day when oral disease will become a problem of the past," he said. Dr. Morris also urged Congress to allocate increased funds for research fellowships, and particularly for training grants to dental schools and non-dental institutions engaged in dental research.

"More grants for training programs in non-dental institutions will help to interlock dental research more thoroughly with the entire scientific community," he said. Dr. Morris was accompanied by Dr. Howard J. Niedhamer, Cincinnati, Ohio, a member of the ADA Council on Legislation.