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## DENTAL RESEARCH INFORMATION CENTER (See Page 3)

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### ADA COUNCIL CLASSIFIES CUE TOOTHPASTE IN GROUP B, CREST IN GROUP A

The ADA Council on Dental Therapeutics has announced classification of Cue toothpaste, manufactured by Colgate-Palmolive Company, in Group B, and the reclassification of Crest toothpaste, manufactured by Procter and Gamble Company, into Group A. The announcement was carried in the August Journal of the ADA. Additionally, a special Information Bulletin was sent to all members of the profession on July 31 calling their attention to the announcement in this issue of the Journal and describing the Council's overall evaluation program.

The Council's report stated that "Cue has been shown to be an effective decay-preventive dentifrice that can be of significant value when used in a conscientiously applied program of oral hygiene and regular professional care."

Group A consists of accepted products listed in Accepted Dental Remedies, published annually by the Council. Group B consists of products which, because of their relative newness, lack sufficient evidence for regular listing in Accepted Dental Remedies, but for which there is good evidence of usefulness and safety. The Council on Dental Therapeutics has emphasized that the distinction between Group A and Group B products is related to time and available evidence and not to quality or effectiveness.

In its report on Cue, the Council stated: "The Council on Dental Therapeutics has reviewed carefully the laboratory and clinical data submitted

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### Senate Unit Split On Aged Health Care

Members of the Senate Subcommittee on Health of the Elderly have expressed conflicting views on health care for the aged. While the committee's eight Democratic senators stated that 75 per cent of the nation's senior citizens lack adequate hospital insurance, three of the Republican members declared that hospital coverage for older Americans could be handled adequately by private insurance along with the Kerr-Mills Act to provide aid to those unable to afford large medical expenses. In a separate statement Sen. Hiram Fong (R.-Hawaii) opposed hospital insurance financed through Social Security, but called for a program of health protection to be financed with general federal revenues.

The dissenting views within the subcommittee marked the latest round in the long Congressional battle over health care for the aged. The House Ways and Means Committee recently shelved the Johnson Administration's bill which would have provided hospital and nursing home care for persons 65 years of age and older, to be financed under Social Security. Recently there have been rumors that President Johnson would attempt to have action taken on the bill in the Senate before adjournment for the November elections.

## Joint Commission Renames Officers

Dr. J. Eugene Ziegler, Los Angeles, was reelected chairman of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Dental Laboratories at its recent annual meeting in Chicago. Dr. A.H. Clark, Milwaukee, was reelected vice-chairman and Dr. Alvin H. Grunewald, Chicago, treasurer. Dr. Walter A. Buchmann, Chicago, was appointed to serve as commissioner for the 1964-67 term, replacing Dr. William E. Redlich as representative of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry. In other actions the Board of Commissioners:

-- Accepted the American Academy of Pedodontics for membership as the 10th national organization;

-- Approved moving the JCADL office to the new ADA headquarters building when it is completed;

-- Established special committees to (1) accept survey report forms from surveyors and make recommendations to the entire board; (2) handle any hearings that may arise from non-accreditation of a dental laboratory, in keeping with the bylaws of the Joint Commission, and (3) develop together with the director-secretary means of promoting the accreditation program.

## Cuban Dentists In Testing Program

Fifty-four Cuban refugee dentists participated in the Science Achievement Examinations for Dentistry conducted June 30-July 2 by the ADA Council on Dental Education. The tests were given at the University of Miami, New York University College of Dentistry, University of Missouri, Kansas City, and the ADA Central Office. Results of the examinations have been made available to all dental schools for consideration of applicants for admission with advanced standing. The examinations will be repeated in early 1965.

## NIDR Gives \$107,000 In June

The National Institute of Dental Research awarded three research grants amounting to \$26,650 and 11 fellowship awards totaling \$80,619 during June.

## Negro Dentist's Suit Dismissed

A U.S. District Court judge in Charlotte, N.C., has dismissed a lawsuit by Dr. R.A. Hawkins, a Negro dentist, against the North Carolina Dental Society and its Second District Dental Society charging them with violating his rights under the U.S. Constitution by refusing him membership on racial grounds. Judge Wilson Warlick ruled in a memorandum decision that the two dental societies are voluntary organizations, private in character, and do not exercise any governmental functions. Nor, according to Judge Warlick, is government in any of its manifestations involved in the activities of the societies. Therefore, any discrimination on the basis of race in admission of applicants into society membership, if there was such discrimination, was not violative of the 14th and 15th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, the judge stated. It is expected that the case will be appealed.

## "Fluoridation Around The World"

The status of fluoridation in 69 countries around the world is described in the June International Dental Journal, published by the Federation Dentaire Internationale. Written by Dr. G.H. Leatherman and J. Ellis, FDI secretary general and assistant to the secretary general respectively, the article points out that while fluoridation of community water supplies is increasing on a world-wide basis, its progress is slow. The three reasons for this delay are: (1) lack of a piped water supply; (2) economic problems, and (3) opposition from anti-fluoridationists. Other areas discussed are fluoride tablets, use of fluoride in table salt, fluoride in milk and topical applications of fluoride.

## Dentist Awarded Medal For Prostheses

Dr. Arthur H. Bulbulian, Rochester, Minn., was awarded the Billings Gold Medal for the best organized and best presented display oriented to clinical practice at the recent AMA session in San Francisco. Dr. Bulbulian, who sculpts facial prostheses by hand and fits them to the patient, was also awarded first prize for medical illustration.

## ADA TO ESTABLISH FIRST DENTAL RESEARCH INFORMATION CENTER IN U.S.

The first Dental Research Information Center in the United States will be established by the ADA under a contract from the National Institute of Dental Research, Pres. James P. Hollers has announced. A cooperative project of the Association and the National Institutes of Health, the Center will be designed to collect, maintain and evaluate data concerning dental research activities. The mechanics of an initial survey will be handled by the IIT Research Institute, which will also set up the information system. The operation will be housed in the ADA's new headquarters building now under construction in Chicago, and directed by Dr. Sholom Pearlman, secretary of the ADA Council on Dental Research. An advisory committee, representing the interests of the ADA Council on Dental Research, the American Association of Dental Schools, the International Association for Dental Research and NIDR, will guide the development and operation of the Center.

The initial survey will be conducted and a registry of four primary files developed. A personnel file will list investigators of record who have been engaged in dental research during the last five years. The file will include professional backgrounds and qualifications, fields of interest, current projects, publications and institutional affiliations. A registry of graduate students will contain information on individuals known to be in training for a career in dental research. A third file will contain information on active dental research projects and programs by keyword subject reference, including facts on budgets and source of funds. A fourth file will relate to institutional and administrative considerations and will provide information on the total dental research effort in the country. This will be measured in terms of the number of employees engaged in dental research and the percentage of time allotted, space, facilities, specialized equipment and relations with hospitals and other scientific agencies.

Dr. Francis A. Arnold, Jr., NIDR director, and Dr. Hollers said that the survey will reveal for the first time accurate data on the actual extent of dental research activities

and how they are supported. Dr. Hollers said, "An exploratory survey by the Association in 1962 indicated that a large portion of research funds in dental institutions is provided through governmental sources. However, there is no valid statistical record on other sources of support, whether from industry or voluntary organizations." The need for a central registry has become critical as a result of the rapid increase in dental research in recent years. In addition, the character of dental research has broadened remarkably so that its scope now encompasses a great variety of disciplines and specialized fields of basic and clinical science.

"This new contract," Dr. Arnold said in a Washington statement, "will also enable us to obtain information on research in areas of interest to dentistry, whether or not it is conducted in dental schools." Surveys will be conducted by direct interview with administrators and scientists during visits to major research centers. Information indexing, storing and retrieving will be based on the termatrix system, an inverted-term-matrix concept with high versatility. The ADA Center will thus be able to operate with relatively inexpensive manually operated devices, yet be adaptable to automated and computerized techniques. It is anticipated that the Center eventually will attain recognition as a national clearing house for information on dental research resources, projects, personnel, training facilities, administrative practices and expenditures.

### Dr. Bramer Honored

Dr. Max Bramer, Chicago, was recently cited in the Congressional Record for his efforts to aid handicapped children. Dr. Bramer will represent the ADA at the annual meeting of the American Society for Aid to Crippled Children.

### Three Seminars At Annual Session

Oral cytology, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and oral surgery will be subjects of limited attendance seminars to be held during the combined scientific session of the ADA and FDI in San Francisco Nov. 9-12. The oral cytology seminar will be an hour's course utilizing programmed material and a group teaching machine. Presentations will be in English, although French and Spanish sessions will be held if requested by international guests. Attendance will be limited to 30 persons. There will be three periods of instruction on Monday and Thursday and six periods on Tuesday and Wednesday. A three-hour course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be presented under the sponsorship of the Coronary Heart Disease Section, Heart Disease Control Program, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Each participant will demonstrate resuscitation methods on life-size manikins. Classes will be held daily during the session. Attendance will be limited to 120 each period. An oral surgery seminar will be held Thursday under the sponsorship of the ADA Council on Hospital Dental Service, and the American Society of Oral Surgeons. Subjects will range from the management of facial trauma to temporomandibular joint arthroplasty.

### Four States Begin MAA Programs

Kerr-Mills programs of medical assistance to the aged (MAA) were started July 1 in four additional states -- North Carolina, Colorado, Minnesota and Wisconsin. This brings the total to 37 states and four jurisdictions where the MAA program is in operation. In addition, Rhode Island and Mississippi also passed MAA legislation during the 1964 sessions of their state legislatures.

### Dr. Lowenstein Dies At 60

Dr. Philip P. Lowenstein of Montclair, N.J., chairman of the publicity committee of the local arrangements committee for last year's annual session in Atlantic City died July 21 at the age of 60.

### 20 Hotels, 5 Motels Filled

The ADA Housing Bureau has announced that the following hotels and motels have been filled to capacity for the 105th ADA annual session in San Francisco Nov. 9-12: Ambassador, Canterbury, Chancellor, Clift, Drake Wilshire, Fairmont, Fielding, Franciscan, Huntington, Jack Tar, La Salle, Mark Hopkins, Richelieu, St. Francis, San Francisco Hilton, Shaw, Sheraton-Palace, Sir Francis Drake, Spaulding and Stewart hotels, and Americana Motor Lodge, Auditorium Travelodge, Civic Manor, Executive and Mart motels.

### Dr. Buhler Appointed Dean

Dr. John E. Buhler, Buffalo, N.Y., has been named dean of the proposed School of Dentistry at the Medical College of South Carolina. A 1935 graduate of the Indiana University School of Dentistry, Dr. Buhler served on the ADA Council on Dental Education from 1955 to 1961, and was also president of the American Association of Dental Schools.

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by the Colgate-Palmolive Company in support of the effectiveness of its product Cue toothpaste as an agent for home use in the partial prevention of dental caries and has classified the product in Group B." In reporting on Crest, the Journal article stated: "The Council has considered carefully all of the additional clinical data which has been submitted by the Procter and Gamble Company in order to confirm the usefulness of Crest as a partial caries-preventive agent and has reclassified the product from Group B to Group A. The Council has authorized the continued use of a specific statement in advertisements in conjunction with an appropriate display of the Council's Seal of Acceptance."

Both dentifrices were tested in communities which had fluoride in their water supplies and the results showed that these stannous fluoride dentifrices would reduce the incidence of dental decay, although the reduction was considerably less than that provided by fluoridated water.