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— BULLETIN —

The 1965 ADA Relief Fund campaign on March 22nd went over the top when contributions reached \$125,013. In 1964, for the first time in 11 years, the campaign failed to reach its \$125,000 goal.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE OKAYS VASTLY EXPANDED AGED HEALTH CARE BILL

After six weeks of closed hearings, the House Ways and Means Committee on March 22 approved a bill providing health care for the aged as well as other major expansions of the Social Security system. The bill, which was approved by the Committee 17-8, started out as a hospital-insurance program for the aged and now has grown into an omnibus welfare measure, with total projected benefits in 1967 are estimated at \$6 billion. The bill is expected to go to the House floor shortly.

The provisions include: (1) Hospital coverage similar to the original King-Anderson proposal, but with some of the fringe coverage (x-rays, etc.) eliminated; (2) voluntary supplemental insurance for which the individual would pay \$3, the government the remaining cost; covered would be physicians bills on office and home visits, up to 60 days treatment in a mental hospital, ambulance, x-ray, surgical dressing costs; there would be \$50 deductible and the individual would pay 20 per cent of the remaining costs; (3) the federal government would pay a higher percentage of the costs of Kerr-Mills programs and states would have to adopt a minimum program and to relax their "means" test; (4) a general seven per cent increase in regular Social Security pension benefits retroactive to the first of the year.

The top Social Security tax paid by a worker, now \$14.50 a month, would be lifted to \$20.30 in 1966, \$21 in 1967, \$22.80 in 1969 and \$26.90 in 1971.

New Legislative Kit Issued

A legislative kit, entitled "Health Care and the Aged," was mailed March 19 to presidents and secretaries of constituent and component societies while Congress was deliberating over the controversial King-Anderson bill. The kit, distributed by the Council on Legislation in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Information, outlines the Association position on legislative proposals to provide health care for the aged, and it includes materials which societies may use to bring the profession's story to the public. Among the materials are suggestions for action programs, a series of newspaper articles, pamphlets, reprints, a speech, etc. In a covering letter, Dr. John B. Wilson, chairman of the Council on Legislation, said: "In your position of leadership you may be called upon to express dentistry's position on King-Anderson or Kerr-Mills in more than brief fashion. The materials in the kit will, in my opinion, give you the background to do the job."

Nevada Denturist Bill Defeated

Legislation to permit dental laboratories to deal directly with the public was defeated recently in Nevada's Assembly Committee. The vote was 4 to 3. Nearly all the newspapers in the state supported the legislation. The Nevada State Dental Society and most of the dental laboratories in the state opposed the bill.

ADA Comments On Child Health Bill

In a March 2 letter to Wilbur D. Mills, chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, Dr. John B. Wilson, chairman of the ADA Council on Legislation, outlined the ADA's position on H.R. 3699, Child Health and Medical Assistance Act of 1965. The bill would provide basic health services to children of medically needy families. He said that the ADA "is in general accord with the purposes of the bill as described in its preamble, in the official summary prepared by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and in the President's health message to Congress." He pointed out, however, that "the bill as drafted does not make provision for a comprehensive health program for needy children since it omits, in practical effect, consideration of their oral health needs."

"The bill's most serious deficiency," Dr. Wilson said, "is the down-grading and even excluding of dental services in the face of every statistic we possess about the needs of our children and despite the unanimous agreement among professional men as to the necessity of dental care in any sound health program for children." Dr. Wilson urged Rep. Mills to consider making appropriate modifications in the bill, particularly in regard to provision of adequate dental care.

Seeks Pay Hike For Armed Forces

A bill designed to increase the rates of basic pay for members of the uniformed services by an average of 10.7 per cent has been introduced by Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives and an honorary member of the Association. All but three of the other 37 members of the committee have indicated their firm support of the bill, H.R. 5725. If enacted, the measure would add \$1 billion to the total compensation budget of the uniformed services. The bill is not an Administration measure. Such bills are usually initiated by the Department of Defense.

Hygienists, Assistants Back AFDE Drive

Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, chairman of American Fund for Dental Education Month, has announced that the American Dental Hygienists' Association and the American Dental Assistants Association have both joined with the AFDE in its massive campaign to seek support from dentists and their auxiliary personnel in May. "This certainly speaks well for the two groups," he said, "and I am very pleased to have their cooperation." Dr. Timmons explained that all contributions or memorials received from dental hygienists and assistants during AFDE Month will be used to create additional scholarships for the two auxiliary groups. Mrs. Irene Navarre, Albuquerque, N.M., ADHA president, urged that hygienists match the \$1 to \$25 contributions received by the AFDE from the dental assistants' first campaign last year. Miss Barbara Bloomquist, Belmont, Mass., ADAA president, has designated Miss Merle Andrews, C.D.A., Huron, S.D., as chairman of this year's ADAA campaign during AFDE Month.

License Revocation Rescinded

Dr. Royal Lee, prominent anti-fluoridationist, was successful in his lawsuit to retain his license to practice dentistry in Wisconsin. A Wisconsin Circuit Court reversed the decision of the Wisconsin Board of Dental Examiners. Reason for reversal was based on the fact that Lee's conviction in federal court for the offense of introducing misbranded drugs into interstate commerce was not a crime involving "moral turpitude," as defined in the Dental Practice Act, and, as a consequence, the Board acted capriciously in revoking Dr. Lee's license. The Wisconsin Board plans to appeal the case to the state's Supreme Court.

1965 ADA Catalog Mailed

The 1965 ADA Catalog of all dental health education material, fluoridation material, professional aids, publications, exhibits and audiovisual material is being mailed to all members this month by the ADA Department of Sales and Advertising.

Dr. Knutson To Head NHC

Dr. John W. Knutson, Los Angeles, chairman of the ADA Council on International Relations, is the first dentist to be named president-elect of the National Health Council, of which the ADA is a member. He was named to the post at the Council's annual meeting in New York City, March 15-16, when Dr. George James, New York City health commissioner, became president. Dr. Knutson, former assistant surgeon general and chief dental officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, has served as third vice-president of the Association. He is now on the faculty of the schools of dentistry and public health of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Three ADA delegates participated in the NHC meeting. They were Dr. Jay H. Eshleman, Philadelphia, a member of the board of directors; Dr. Kenneth J. Ryan, Flint, Mich., chairman of the Council on Dental Health, and Dr. Carl L. Sebelius, Chicago, assistant secretary, dental health, ADA. The NHC is made up of 71 major national professional, voluntary, official, civic and proprietary organizations interested in the advancement of the nation's health.

Urges Keogh Law Amendment

Amendment of the Keogh Act to remove restrictive provisions that have limited participation by the self-employed in private pension programs was urged by Dr. Roger F. Murray, professor of economics at Columbia University, in recent testimony before a Senate subcommittee. Dr. Murray and other witnesses recommended enactment of a new bill, H.R. 10, introduced by Rep. Eugene Keogh (D-N.Y.) to cover deficiencies in the existing law. Dr. Murray testified before the subcommittee on employment and retirement incomes of the Senate's Special Committee on Aging on behalf of the American Thrift Assembly, an organization of professional and other self-employed groups, including the ADA.

Test For Foreign Dental Graduates Set

The science achievement examination for graduates of foreign dental schools will be administered April 12-14 at five testing centers throughout the country. Purpose of the examination, sponsored by the ADA Council on Dental Education in cooperation with the American Association of Dental Schools, is to evaluate the individual's knowledge in the basic sciences and his manual dexterity for effective placement in the undergraduate U.S. dental curriculum.

A candidate must apply to take the test by April 1 and must also present evidence of graduation from a foreign dental school to the school to which he applies. Completed application forms should be sent to the Council on Dental Education. The examination will be administered at the University of California, San Francisco; University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.; Northwestern University, Chicago; Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, and the University of Texas Dental Branch, Houston.

Maryland Begins 2 Prepayment Programs

Continental Casualty Company is underwriting dental coverage for two groups with Maryland Dental Service Corporation acting as administrative agency. This is the first time a state dental service corporation has acted as administrative agency for a commercial insurance agency in the prepayment field. MDSC was established in 1964 under the state's general nonprofit law for the purpose of acting as administrative agency for private insurance companies.

Sen. Pechan Asks Dental School Funds

State Sen. Albert R. Pechan has introduced a bill in the Pennsylvania Senate asking for equal funds, \$600,000, to support the three dental schools in the state. The schools are University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, University of Pittsburgh School of Dentistry and Temple University School of Dentistry.

FDI TO HOLD 53rd ANNUAL SESSION JUNE 26 — JULY 3 IN VIENNA

"Dental disease and the whole organism" will be one of the themes of the scientific program for the 53rd annual session of the Federation Dentaire Internationale June 26 to July 3 in Vienna, Austria. All business and scientific meetings will be held in the Vienna Hofburg, the former imperial palace. Simultaneous translation in English, French and German will be provided. Other scientific topics will include advances in endodontic treatment and functional prosthetic rehabilitation. Dental exhibits, films and demonstrations will also be on the program.

President Fritz A. Pierson will lead the official ADA delegation.

Social events will include performances of the famous Spanish Riding School, the Vienna State Opera and the Vienna Boys' Choir; a banquet at the Hotel Vienna Intercontinental, the FDI headquarters hotel; a trip to the Vienna Woods and an excursion on the Danube River. A special ladies' program is planned. In addition, post-congress tours in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Poland and Hungary will be available.

Accommodations will be offered in luxury, first, second and third class hotels in Vienna. Reservations must be made by May 31 for hotel accommodations, social events and post-convention tours through the Vienna Organizing Committee, Weihburggasse 10-12, Vienna 1. Dr. Wilhelm Brenner is chairman of the committee, which also handles registration for participation in the session. ADA members who have paid annual FDI dues can attend as supporting members of the FDI.

A roundtrip group flight from New York to Frankfurt, Germany, via Pan American is being offered for those who have been members of the US Section of FDI for at least six months at the time of the flight. It will afford a saving of about \$180. The flight will depart from New York June 17 and return July 13. When the New York flight is filled, one will be made available from Chicago on the same dates. In addition, several 21-day group tours, and a 52-day ship tour will be available. Arrangements for the group flight and tours should be made



Plans for this year's FDI annual session scheduled June 26 to July 3 in Vienna, Austria, were discussed by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand (left) ADA secretary, Dr. Erich Müller, FDI president, and Dr. Wilhelm Brenner, general chairman of the 1965 FDI session. The three international dental leaders met during the joint ADA-FDI session in San Francisco last November.

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In addition to Dr. Pierson the ADA delegation will include: delegates - Drs. Maynard K. Hine, Indianapolis, president-elect; James P. Hollers, San Antonio; John R. Abel, Los Angeles; and Sec. Harold Hillenbrand; alternates - Drs. Ralph S. Lloyd, Washington, D.C.; Fred A. Henny, Detroit; Howard Yost, Grand Island, Neb.; Otho E. Scott, Evanston, Ill.; and Irving M. Hoffman, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; observers - Drs. E. Jeff Justis, Memphis; LeRoy M. Ennis, Philadelphia, and Obed H. Moen, Watertown, Wis., U.S.A. national treasurer for the FDI.

Puerto Rico Dental Meeting

The annual session of the Puerto Rico Dental Association will be held Jan. 27-29, 1966, in San Juan, according to Dr. Manuel A. Rosso, chairman of the convention committee.