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ADA CRITICIZES HEALTH CARE FOR AGED; URGES KERR-MILLS EXPANSION

An ADA spokesman told a Senate Committee last week that the Johnson Administration's health care of the aged program is "ill conceived." He urged the Senate Finance Committee to eliminate the program from the Social Security Bill (H.R. 6675) it is considering. The witness was Dr. I. Lawrence Kerr of Endicott, N.Y., a member of the Association's Council on Legislation. Dr. Kerr told the Committee that the dental profession's opposition does not stem from a "negative attitude toward government's role in the health field. The dental profession has long recognized that the federal government has a legitimate and essential role in improving health standards for our people."

Nonetheless, he went on, the hospital and medical care plans for the aged in H.R. 6675 are "imprudent and unnecessary" because:

-- "Both plans extend care without regard to need...Any person in need of health care is entitled to receive it irrespective of his ability to pay. But there is nothing unreasonable...in the proposition that those who have the resources to be self-sufficient should be expected to be self-sufficient."

-- The bill mistakes a temporary problem for a permanent one. Today's elderly, Dr. Kerr pointed out, spent their working years in a very different world than exists today. "Now, we have Social Security...widespread pension and retirement plans...voluntary health insurance that can be carried into retirement." Today's workers, he said, "can enter their retirement years with considerable

protection in terms of income and health insurance."

-- The bill underestimates the usefulness and impact of the Kerr-Mills Law. "Kerr-Mills is not free from defects...it needs perfecting amendments by Congress...but it has shown its basic capability for doing the job without at the same time embarking our nation on an unwarranted and irreversible course." Dr. Kerr cited the recommendations made by the ADA Board of Trustees for improving and expanding the Kerr-Mills program, including the establishment of a basic plan of benefits, determination of need by referral only to income and participation in payment by the recipients according to a graduated scale of income.

In addition to this criticism of the proposal for health care for the

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Gen. Mills Dies; Former Army D.C. Chief

Maj. Gen. Robert H. Mills, former chief of the Army Dental Corps, died April 1 in Walter Reed Army Hospital. A native of Decatur County, Ga., Gen. Mills graduated in 1904 from the University of Maryland Dental School. He was a veteran of 35 years of service with the Army and served as the dental corps chief from 1942 to 1946 when he retired. Gen. Mills was the first dental officer to be appointed to the rank of major general.

LABORATORY ANIMAL LEGISLATION MAY HAMPER RESEARCH, ADA WARNS

An official of the American Dental Association has warned that "some so-called humane societies are proposing laboratory animal legislation so restrictive that it would seriously impede the biological research that is so beneficial to man, to farm animals and to animal pets." Dr. Robert L. Kreiner, Chicago, chairman of the ADA Council on Dental Research said that "Certain humane societies of recent origin decry the very use of animals for experimentation, as well as the care they are said to experience. In doing so, they are reviving the antivivisectionist philosophy which flourished early in this century." Reporting the consensus of his Council at its recent meeting, Dr. Kreiner said many of the antivivisection bills before Congress would restrict the freedom of scientific inquiry, limit or stop the use of animals, and require use of species unsuitable for research on diseases of man and animal. He said the Council's position on such legislation continues to be guided by the following policy statement adopted by the ADA House of Delegates:

"The American Dental Association favors all reasonable efforts that would ensure the humane treatment of laboratory animals, but opposes the enactment of restrictive legislation that would hamper investigation or impede the progress of research."

The refusal of scientists to support restrictive legislation is misrepresented by extremists as opposition to humane care of animals, Dr. Kreiner continued. "This is not true," he said. "Scientists do support sensible animal care legislation, but they remain opposed to any measure which would interfere with beneficial research."

"In fact, scientists have an interest in the proper care of laboratory animals since the accuracy of scientific experiments depends upon healthy animals." As an example of the humane treatment laboratory animals receive, Dr. Kreiner cited one study in which 523 experimental dogs maintained in a kennel for two years were compared with 220 dogs placed in private homes. It was found that

External Heart Massage 'Lifesaving'

Five years of experience have established external heart massage as an effective lifesaving technique, according to a joint statement issued recently by the American Heart Association, American National Red Cross, Industrial Medical Association and U.S. Public Health Service. In an editorial published in "Circulation," scientific journal of the American Heart Association, the four signatory groups call for application of this "proved and accepted lifesaving technique" as an emergency procedure by certain properly trained individuals. Revising an earlier statement issued in 1962, the four organizations cite the following findings:

-- A survival rate of 25 per cent has been reported in a collected series of 1,270 patients.

-- The prompt application of external heart massage -- technically, closed-chest cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CCCR) -- in coronary heart attacks, as in other cases of heart stoppage, has enabled lives to be saved which would previously have been lost.

-- When the technique is applied by well-trained individuals, the risk of complications (possible internal injuries) is acceptably small and the anticipated benefits are sufficiently great to warrant its prompt use in persons whose hearts have stopped beating.

Formerly classified as a "medical procedure," CCCR is defined in the new statement as an "emergency procedure" to be administered by "properly trained individuals of the medical, dental, nursing and allied health professions, and of rescue squads."

Dr. Tiecke Named To Cancer Post

Dr. Richard W. Tiecke, assistant secretary of the ADA Council on Dental Therapeutics, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the American Cancer Society, Illinois Division.

AMERICAN FUND FOR DENTAL EDUCATION SEEKS DENTIST SUPPORT IN MAY

More than 120,000 appeal letters in behalf of the American Fund for Dental Education arrived on the desks of dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants throughout the nation during the first week of May. Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, Scottsdale, Ariz., national chairman of AFDE Month, said, "I look for a greater response from dentists this year than was received from either of the two previous drives. Dentists I've talked with understand the importance of the help AFDE is giving the dental schools through its scholarship and fellowship programs, student loans, direct grants to the dental schools and support of organizations such as the American Association of Dental Schools."

Mrs. Irene Navarre, Albuquerque, N.M., president of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, said that hygienists have a particularly appealing reason for showing their support since every dollar received from them will be turned over to the ADHA to provide scholarships to educate dental hygienists. Miss Merle Andrews, Huron, S.D., chairman of Assistants AFDE Month, said the Fund is similarly turning over all dental assistant contributions to the American Dental Assistants Association's Juliette A. Southard Scholarship Committee. Dental manufacturers, dealers and laboratories have also joined in to publicize the campaign and are using special stickers, metered mail ads and mail stuffers.

Dr. Penn Dies In Florida

Dr. Ernest B. Penn of Miami, Fla., who was first vice president of the Association in 1946-47, died April 21. Dr. Penn served as chairman of the General Committee on Local Arrangements for the 87th annual session of the Association in 1946 and as vice-chairman of the General Committee for the 1957 annual session.

Article Cites Tooth Transplants

The May issue of Today's Health, published by the American Medical Association, carries an article on the latest advances in tooth transplant research. The article was written by a staff member of the Association's Bureau of Public Information.

Grant Awards For Education Articles

The American Association of Dental Schools, through a grant from Columbia Dentoform Corp., has established a special award for published papers on "original contributions to dental teaching" in 1964. First place award is \$500; second, \$300, and third, \$200. Dental editors are asked to submit eight copies of published papers for consideration to the Journal of Dental Education, 3223 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Penn., 19140. Awards will be presented at the AADS annual session and winners' papers will be published in the Journal of Dental Education.

Ga. Governor Appoints Dental Com.

Gov. Carl E. Sanders of Georgia has appointed a seven-member Governor's Advisory Commission on Dentistry. Members are: Drs. Semon Eisenberg, Savannah; Frampton Farmer, Macon; Glenn Reid, Marietta; Robert P. Repass, Athens; Robert Robinson, Atlanta; Joseph Hawley, Columbus, and Paul W. Lee, Waycross. The commission will advise the governor and other state officials on the state's dentistry needs and proposed construction of a state dental school.

Paris Dental Meeting Seeks Clinicians

The Journées Dentaires Internationales de Paris will meet in Paris Nov. 22-28. Dr. J.P. Cavaillon, secretary-general, has invited ADA members to present brief lectures or clinics. Interested American dentists should contact Dr. Cavaillon at 58, rue du Mal Foch, Versailles (S.-et-O.), France.

Honor ADA Science Fair Winner

Miss Sheila Marie Most, St. Petersburg, Fla., has been elected a Woodrow Wilson Fellow for the term 1965-66. Miss Most won the ADA Science Fair Certificate of Superior Achievement in 1959 and 1960 and attended the 1959 New York and 1960 Los Angeles annual sessions as guest of the Association.

List Science Panels for 106th Session

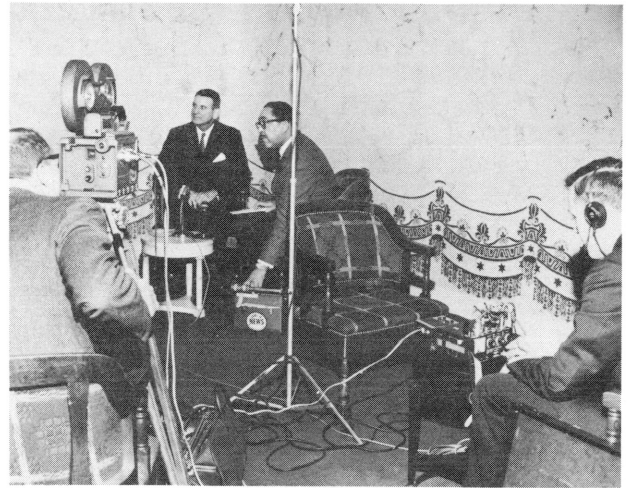
A number of special features have been planned for the 106th ADA annual session Nov. 8-11 in Las Vegas. They include: a conference on journalism; a National Conference on Patient Education; a forum of three half-day sessions on the conservative approach to problems in operative dentistry; forums of three half-day sessions on complete and partial prosthodontics; two panels on clinical applications of dental research on adhesive materials and implantation of teeth; a symposium on preventive dentistry; a panel on the utilization of gold as a restorative material; sessions on practice administration topics of training of ancillary personnel, utilization of equipment and prepaid dental care; a symposium on the use of topical fluorides; sessions in oral surgery, periodontics, orthodontics and radiology. In addition, an extensive program of clinical lectures, table clinics and television clinics has been prepared. Further information may be obtained from the Council on Scientific Session, ADA Central Office.

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twice as many pet dogs died as laboratory dogs. "During the past decade, there has been steadily increasing use of experimental animals as a result of expanded research, teaching and testing of drugs and biological agents in the health fields," Dr. Kreiner declared, adding: "Under a recent revision of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act more testing of new drugs on animals is required before the drugs can be administered to human beings. The law was strengthened following the thalidomide crisis in which birth deformities were attributed to the drug. Therefore, any legislation that would restrict the use of animals for these constructive purposes must be opposed vigorously by all segments of the health professions."

Flying Dentists To Meet

The fifth annual convention of the Flying Dentists Association will be held at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, Calif., June 13-17.



Rep. Oren Harris (D.-Ark.), center left, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, is surrounded by television cameras and sound equipment as he is interviewed by Wendell Smith of Chicago Television Station WGN prior to Rep. Harris' keynote speech at the ADA's 16th National Dental Health Conference.

Fluoridation Begins In 6 Cities

Fluoridation was placed in operation recently in two Oregon cities, Eugene (population 90,000) and Salem (population 70,000). These additions bring the number of persons in the state drinking fluoridated water to 295,300. In Illinois four communities recently started fluoridation: Chicago Ridge (5,748), Blueford (388), Vergennes (298) and Mt. Vernon (15,566).

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aged, Dr. Kerr severely criticized a separate portion of the bill dealing with children of medically indigent families. Dr. Kerr said that the bill's drafters "virtually ignored President Johnson's recommendation concerning the need for dental care for poor children." In his Jan. 7 health message, the President called for broadening of the public assistance program to permit specific federal participation in paying costs of medical and dental care for children in medically needy families. The bill, however, makes dental care an optional rather than a mandatory part of the program. "We believe the President's recommendation...should be honored," Dr. Kerr concluded, "and the bill should be amended to include dental care as one of the required benefits for dependent children."