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**DR. PHILIP R. LEE
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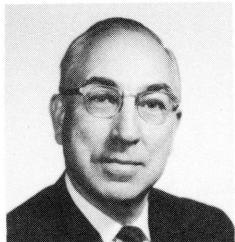
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DR. OSTRANDER TELLS CONGRESS OF NEED FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Dr. F. Darl Ostrander, ADA president-elect, has urged Congress to take the first step toward a concerted effort to reduce the nation's appalling rate of dental disease among children. Testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee, March 13, he said that such an effort can be undertaken largely by the private sector of the nation, utilizing the traditional, private practice system for delivering dental care services.

While governmental participation would be required, he said that "public funds would never represent more than a very small fraction of the total amount spent for dental care services". The Committee was holding hearings on HR 5710, the Social Security Amendments of 1967. One of the amendments being considered would authorize a five-year program of pilot projects across the nation to care for needy children and, at the same time, to study various methods of best organizing and delivering dental health services.



DR. OSTRANDER

In the first year of the proposed program, beginning July 1, the plan would authorize establishment of ten pilot projects in areas of acute poverty. Approximately 100,000 children would be included; estimated first year costs are \$5 million.

Pointing out that the Administration proposal closely parallels the first step outlined in the ADA Dental Health Program for Children, adopted last November, Dr. Ostrander said:

"The Association is, of course, pleased at this indication that the Administration's thinking seems to be developing along the same lines as that already elaborated by the profession." He noted three paramount considerations:

--"It is the private sector that encompasses nearly all the professional manpower available to the nation."

--Most families are capable of maintaining personal responsibility for their dental health care. No one is suggesting federal support for children of such families. "The Association does believe, however, that an income tax credit for the amount spent annually by a family in securing dental services for children would provide a useful and justifiable incentive. The Association

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U. of Pacific Dental School Dedication

The \$8.5 million new School of Dentistry building for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of the Pacific will be dedicated formally May 7. The new school is the first complete replacement of a dental facility using federal funds from the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1963.

AADS PRESIDENT REPORTS DENTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AT RECORD HIGH

More students are enrolled in U.S. dental schools this year than ever before, in spite of the fact that most of these students now must spend eight years in pre-dental and dental education, Dr. Ralph L. Ireland, of Lincoln, Neb., president of the American Association of Dental Schools, reported March 19. "The number of freshman students enrolled in the 49 U.S. dental schools reached 3,942 this year, an increase of 3.7 per cent over the previous year," he said. "In addition, total enrollment jumped three per cent with 14,421 students presently enrolled in the four-year dental curriculum."

Dr. Ireland addressed the opening session of the AADS 44th annual session being held March 19-22 in Washington. He pointed out that "today's dental students also continue to reflect the increasing trend toward four years of pre-dental training. This year, 62 per cent of the freshmen students had four years or more of college study prior to entering dental school. Ten years ago, only 48 per cent of the dental students received four or more years of pre-dental education."

He noted, however, that one area of current enrollment -- women students -- had declined in the last year and said "this unfortunate decline is a matter of concern to the profession. There is a great need for women in the practice of dentistry, particularly in the area of children's dental care. I would hope to see this downward trend sharply reversed in coming years." Presently, there are only 166 women dental students, a decrease of almost three per cent as compared to 1965.

U. of Michigan OK's Research Center

The University of Michigan has approved establishment of a Dental Research Institute to be located in the Medical Center of the Ann Arbor campus. Purpose of the center will be to make increased research programs possible and to provide research training to those preparing to become either basic scientists or clinical researchers in fields related to oral health.

Dental Insurance Covers 3.1 Million

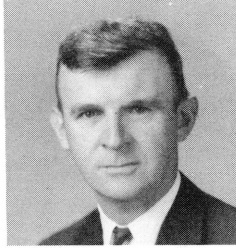
According to a report from the U.S. Public Health Service, Division of Dental Health, 3,089,900 persons were covered by prepaid dental care at the end of 1966. Dental service corporations showed the greatest growth with the addition of 575,000 persons, an increase of 126 per cent. Corporations now provide coverage to 1,033,100 persons. Commercial insurance companies cover 853,900; group practice plans cover 765,900, and all other mechanisms cover 437,000. The number of available prepayment plans has risen considerably, according to the report. In 1960, there were 155 prepayment plans and at the end of 1966 there were 632. In addition to the 3.1 million persons covered by privately sponsored plans, some 10.8 million persons in 21 states are currently eligible for dental services under Title XIX programs, and some 533,000 children in Head Start program are also eligible.

Top Dental Scientists Honored

An internationally known Swedish dental scientist, and seven U.S. dental scientists received top honors at the 45th general meeting of the International Association for Dental Research in Washington last week. Those honored, and the awards they received, were: Drs. Yngve Ericsson, Stockholm, Sweden, IADR Award for Basic Research in Oral Therapeutics; Wallace D. Armstrong, Minneapolis, H. Trendley Dean Memorial Award; Helmut A. Zander, Rochester, N.Y., Basic Research in Periodontal Disease; Reidar F. Sognnaes, Los Angeles, Basic Research in Biological Mineralization; Harry Sicher, Chicago, the first Isaac Schour Memorial Award in the Anatomical Sciences; David B. Mahler, Portland, Ore., Wilmer Souder Award; Ronald J. Gibbons, Boston, Basic Research in Oral Science, and Julian B. Woelfel, Columbus, Ohio, Basic Research in Prosthodontics.

DR. PHILIP LEE, HEW ASS'T. SEC'Y., TO KEYNOTE HEALTH CONFERENCE

Dr. Philip R. Lee, assistant secretary for health and scientific affairs in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will be the keynote speaker at the 18th National Dental Health Conference April 17-18 in Chicago. Major portion of the Conference will be devoted to discussions of the ADA Dental Health Program for Children and dental prepayment programs. The Conference this year is co-sponsored by the ADA Councils on Dental Health and Dental Care Programs. Dr. Lee, who was appointed to his present post in



DR. PHILIP R. LEE November 1965, is a 1948 graduate of the Stanford University School of Medicine. Prior to joining HEW, he was director of health services in the office of technical cooperation and research at the Agency for International Development. He has been engaged in teaching and research at New York University's Bellevue Medical Center and the Stanford medical school. He was a fellow at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., from 1953 to 1955, and in 1955 received a Master of Science degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a member of the American Medical Association, American Public

Health Association and American College of Physicians.

Monday's Conference session will feature the ADA children's program and will include as speakers Dr. Edward B. Gernert, Council on Dental Health chairman and dental health director of the Kentucky State Department of Health; Dr. Viron L. Diefenbach, director of the U.S. Public Health Service, Division of Dental Health, and Mr. Hal M. Christensen, director of the ADA Washington Office. Tuesday's program on prepayment will include talks by Mr. Richard K. Agnew of Marsh and McLennan, consultants in employee benefit plans; Mr. Bernard B. Berkov, Union Insurance Consultants; Mr. Christie D. Harding, assistant director, Health Insurance Council, and Mr. Burton E. Burton, an associate actuary with Aetna Life & Casualty and chairman of the Health Insurance Council subcommittee on dental care. Other Conference participants will discuss dental auxiliaries, and dentistry's role in Medicaid.

26 Schools Join Junior Scientist Program

The ADA has announced that 26 dental schools will participate in its Junior Dental Scientist Awards Program for 1967. The program, which involved 13 dental institutions in 1966, has been doubled through a grant from the Warner-Lambert Company, Dr. W. Arthur George of Pittsburgh, Pa., announced. Dr. George is chairman of the ADA Council on Dental Research, which administers the program. Warner-Lambert now joins with the dental health section of General Electric in co-sponsoring the Awards program. GE has supported the program during the past four years. Each of the participating schools will select one high school student to take part in an eight-week summer program of dental research at each institution. The student will receive a \$300 traineeship award for the research period.

Hygienists Receive \$106,672 Grant

The American Dental Hygienists' Association has received a grant of \$106,672 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Mich., to create a new Division of Educational Services. The grant will extend for a three-year period. Miss Wilma Motley, ADHA president, said the new Division was created to meet the growing need for an authoritative agency on hygiene education within ADHA. Qualified applicants are now being sought to fill the post of Division director. Requirements include: a minimum of a master's degree, although a doctoral degree is preferred; two years full-time experience in hygiene education; two years full-time clinical experience; demonstrated administrative ability, and ADHA membership. Applications may be obtained from the ADHA central office, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Suite 1616, Chicago, 60611.



Dependents of Navy personnel at the U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill., are receiving topical stannous fluoride applications as part of the Navy's Dependent Children's Preventive Dentistry Program. Lt. W.R. Morgan, DC, USNR, applies a stannous fluoride solution to a dependent child assisted by Mrs. C.P. Leonard, a Red Cross volunteer. In background from left are: Capt. W.M. Thomas, DC, USN, director of the Center's dental department, Perry Sandell, ADA assistant secretary for dental health, and Capt. R.J. Norman, commanding officer of the Naval Administrative Command.

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ation, additionally, has long advocated complete deductibility of the cost of health and medical services."

--The rapid development of prepayment mechanisms in the private sector during the past few years, holds great promise for the future.

The public sector's role would be limited to performing "those activities that cannot be realistically carried out on an individual basis, such as dental education in the school and fluoridation," and in helping needy or medically needy families to obtain dental services for the children, Dr. Ostrander said.

At an earlier hearing, Dr. John W. Gardner, secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, told the Committee that the magnitude of the need for a children's dental health program is "overwhelming." Referring to the proposed pilot projects, he said that some of these will support a voluntary insurance program to make it possible for one system of dental care to offer services to all children regardless of family income.

Dooley Foundation Adds Dental Division

The Thomas A. Dooley Foundation, named in honor of the young physician who established medical clinics in Asia, has started a dental division and is in need of financial assistance, equipment and volunteers. The Foundation has opened a dental clinic in Laos along the Mekong River. Additional clinic facilities will be opened in Laos in the cities of Pakse, Khong and Ben Houei Sai. Future plans also call for dental care facilities to be established in Nepal. Information on financial and equipment donations may be obtained by writing directly to the Foundation at 442 Post St., San Francisco, Calif., 94109. Persons wishing to volunteer for service should write to the dental division director, Dr. Gerald F. Goetz, 501 So. Sixth St., Champaign, Ill.

Special Subcommittee On Dental Care

Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has appointed a special subcommittee on dental care. He said the subcommittee will be assigned to study the need for a dental care program to cover military dependents and military retirees.