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## **DR. OSTRANDER CITES DENTISTRY'S ROLE IN HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING**

The dental profession has an important role to play in each type of health facility and is also vitally interested in the relation of health facilities to the delivery of comprehensive health care, Dr. F. Darl Ostrander of Ann Arbor, Mich., ADA president, told the National Advisory Commission on Health Facilities. Testifying before the Commission on Sept. 9, he said that in a recent survey of 6,600 hospitals, 2,823 reported having dental facilities. He noted that the ADA provides a means for hospitals to have their dental service programs and dental internship and residency programs evaluated. Dr. Ostrander stressed that in almost every hospital in the United States dentists who are skilled in oral surgery regularly operate on patients suffering severe oral afflictions. "The dental profession has also much to contribute to the care of patients in institutions other than hospitals. In extended care facilities, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, dental care is more and more becoming recognized as an essential service. An illustration of this growing awareness of the importance of dental care in institutional settings is the regulations for approved extended care facilities under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare). These regulations require each facility to arrange for both regular and emergency dental care as a condition for approval," he said. The ADA recently established an evaluation and approval program for dental services in patient units other than hospital and thus far 70 such programs have been approved.

Dr. Ostrander also commented on the growth of group practice facilities. He said that the ADA encourages

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## **Dr. Barnhart On Indian Health Unit**

Dr. Fred P. Barnhart of Seattle, Wash., has been appointed to the Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Indian Health by Irving J. Lewis, acting administrator of Health Services and Mental Health Administration. Dr. Barnhart is chairman of the ADA Council on Federal Dental Services and a member of the Dental Advisory Committee of the Department of Defense. The Committee assists the Division of Indian Health which is responsible for the health care of more than 400,000 American Indians and Alaskan natives living on federal reservations and in communities in 24 states.

## **6 Million Canadians Receive Fluoridation**

More than six million Canadians resided in 313 communities with controlled fluoridation at the end of last year. An additional 197,000 persons were living in communities with natural fluoridation thus increasing the total number of persons receiving the benefits of the measure to 6,260,000.

## **Idaho Council To Consider Fluoridation Law**

The Comprehensive Health Planning Council of the State of Idaho has given statewide fluoridation top priority for consideration. Both the Idaho Dental Association and the Idaho Medical Association have adopted resolutions calling for statewide fluoridation legislation.

## 6 Negro Students Receive AFDE Scholarships

The American Fund for Dental Education's new program of dental scholarships for Negro college students became a reality this fall with the announcement that six students have received \$2,500 scholarships for their final year of pre-dental studies. Providing good grades are maintained, they are additionally assured of up to \$2,500 for each of the four years of dental school. The W. K. Kellogg Foundation \$177,500 challenge grant which made the program possible was accepted by the Fund in April. Under conditions of the grant, the Fund was challenged to match two Kellogg scholarships this year, four in 1969 and six in 1970.

The \$2,500 scholarships will be used to provide tuition and additional costs for this year's studies. During the first year of their scholarships, students must complete the minimal number of courses needed to apply for entrance to dental school in the fall of 1969. David Sloane, chairman of the Fund's advisory committee for the program, said that "ultimately, we hope to offer dental scholarships for any indigent and disadvantaged student, doubling our present goal of 250 scholarships to 500." Mr. Sloane, special projects coordinator, Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co., said the cost of a dental education, the necessary academic preparation, and more recently, the heavy recruitment of Negro college graduates by industry have all played a part in attracting Negro students to careers outside the health professions.

The following Negro students and their sponsors for the Fund's 1968-69 dental scholarships are:

Sandra J. Berry of Memphis, Tenn., Lemoyne-Owen College, Procter & Gamble Co.; Raymond J. Fonseca of Bridgeport, Conn., University of Bridgeport, anonymous sponsor; Atlas M. Jones Jr. of Chillicothe, Ohio, Howard University, W.K. Kellogg Foundation; John E. Morrison of Detroit, University of Michigan, AFDE; Evelyn W. Richardson of Boley, Okla., Oklahoma State University, anonymous sponsor, and Douglas M. Simmons of Dallas, Stephen F. Austin State College, W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

## WHO Celebrates 20th Anniversary In 1968

The World Health Organization is celebrating its 20th anniversary of founding in 1968 and the ADA Board of Trustees has recommended formal recognition of WHO's achievements by the House of Delegates. Commenting on a joint report by the ADA Councils on Dental Health and International Relations, the Board stated that it "concurrs with the Councils' opinion that this organization's record of achievement in the health field worldwide is impressive." In addition, the Board of Trustees noted that "WHO offers a logical vehicle for worldwide implementation of the concept of dental health and is pleased that the Association's efforts to obtain financial support for a dental epidemiological study have been gratifying." To recognize WHO's accomplishments, the Board transmitted the following resolution to the House of Delegates: "Resolved, that the American Dental Association express congratulations to the World Health Organization on the occasion of its 20th anniversary in 1968, and be it further, Resolved, that the dental profession at the national, state and local levels be encouraged to take appropriate action to acknowledge the significant achievement of the World Health Organization in improving the health of peoples of all continents during its two decades of service."

## Getz Gives \$20,000 To Tufts School

William Getz, president of the William Getz Corp., dental division of Teledyne, Inc., Chicago, has given a \$20,000 gift to Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. "This tangible expression of Mr. Getz's faith in the future of our School of Dental Medicine as well as the whole of Tufts-New England Medical Center will be put to judicious use in implementing our aim of total health care," said Dr. Louis J. P. Calisti, dean. Allocation of the gift will be made under the auspices of the American Fund for Dental Education.

## Social Events Scheduled For Annual Session

An aqua show complete with human torch fire diving acts will highlight social activities at the 109th ADA annual session. The water show will be staged Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. in the olympic pool of the Fontainebleau Hotel. The aqua spectacular is a 15-event program featuring the fluorescent "Blackout" Stroblite Water Ballet, the Houdini underwater sack escape act and the "night-shirt" relay. Other acts will include the famed Aqua Maniacs water clowns, Miami Beach Aquamaids Ballet, human fish act, jousting contest, famous swim strokes and a swim race of the century. Tickets are one dollar a person and should be purchased in advance.

Miss Jaye P. Morgan, famous stage and television personality, will perform at a banquet honoring President and Mrs. F. Darl Ostrander Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Fontainebleau Hotel. Tickets are \$15 per person and reservations are requested in advance. A ladies' luncheon and fashion show will be held Tuesday, Oct. 29, in the Grand Ballroom of the Fontainebleau. Fashions will be presented by Saks Fifth Avenue. Tickets are \$8 per person.

### Dental Research Panel

A panel on recent developments in dental research will be presented Sunday, Oct. 27, during the scientific program. Dr. Robert J. Nelsen will discuss the development of improved biomaterials for restorative dentistry, transplant-implant technics and maxillofacial prosthesis. Dr. Charles J. Donnelly will speak on research aimed at complete control of caries and Dr. Robert J. Schuellein will report on studies dealing with the complex interrelationships between saliva, plaque and diet, and concerning the initiation of periodontal disease. A report on the growth of the bones of the craniofacial complex will be given by Dr. K. Kenneth Hisaoka. All four panelists are from the National Institute of Dental Research in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Leo M. Sreebny of Seattle will serve as moderator.



IN ADA WATER SHOW

### Standing, Reference Committees Named

ADA Pres. F. Darl Ostrander has appointed the standing and reference committees of the House of Delegates for the 1968 annual session. Chairmen of standing committees are: Drs. Charles E. Barker of Oakland, Calif., constitution and bylaws; Morris F. Gallagher of Elko, Nev., credentials, and Albert N. Humiston of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, rules and order. Chairmen of reference committees are: Drs. O. Lee Ricker of Grand Rapids, Mich., dental education and hospitals; Frank A. Farrell of Chicago, dental laboratory relations; William A. George of Pittsburgh, dental research and therapeutics; Frank E. Nicklaus of Bath, N.Y., dues increase; Willis H. Murphey of Fort Worth, Tex., federal dental service; John G. Nolen of Lansing, Mich., legislation and judicial procedures; Eugene R. Purtell of Albuquerque, N.M., miscellaneous business; John E. Hines of Sacramento, Calif., president's address and administrative matters, and Hugo M. Kulstad of Bakersfield, Calif., public health.

### William I. Higuchi Awarded Ebert Prize

Dr. William I. Higuchi, a member of the University of Michigan Schools of Dentistry and Pharmacy, has been awarded the 1968 Ebert Prize Medal for research in pharmacy.

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establishment of a professionally owned group practice system but is opposed to closed panel practice. "In many instances where labor unions have established closed panel dental facilities, dentists in private practice were available and willing to provide care to union members at reasonable cost. To establish a costly new facility where existing private practice facilities are available, is, in the Association's judgment, patently wasteful."

The Association's problems with the Office of Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Health Centers are generally similar to those with the closed panel practices, the ADA president said. The profession has cooperated in establishing health centers in communities where private practice facilities are not readily accessible but is opposed to neighborhood health centers establishing dental care programs in communities "where dentists in private practice are able and willing to care for the community's dental needs." He added that the Association has joined with state and local dental societies in a concerted effort to convince OEO officials that the services of private practitioners should be relied upon where available. "The Association's concern with the proliferation of so-called group practice facilities and neighborhood health centers arises partly from the apparent lack of appreciation for the largest and most effective health care facility available to our citizens, the private offices of dentists, physicians and other recognized health professionals," Dr. Ostrander stated.

### NIDR Booklet On Barnacle Research

The National Institute of Dental Research recently released a booklet on "Barnacle cement as a dental restorative adhesive." Designed to stimulate additional interest and accelerate research into the use of a barnacle adhesive, the booklet reports on previous research of barnacle cement analysis. Single copies of the booklet may be obtained by writing the Collaborative Research Office, NIDR, Bethesda, Md., 20014.

### Dr. Blasingame Leaves Top AMA Post

Dr. F.J.L. Blasingame is terminating his services as executive vice-president of the American Medical Association, a position he has held since 1958, it was announced jointly Sept. 9 by Dr. Blasingame and the AMA Board of Trustees. Dr. E.B. Howard has been named acting executive vice-president, Dr. Burtis E. Montgomery, chairman of the board, reported. Dr. Howard has been assistant executive vice-president since 1948.

Dr. Blasingame left private practice in Texas to assume his AMA position. Previously he had been on the Board of Trustees, and he is a past president of the Texas Medical Association. Dr. Howard was active in the public health field in the United States and Peru prior to joining the AMA. "In view of growing needs and increased functions of the AMA since the latest management study was made several years ago," the announcement stated, "the board authorized retaining a firm of management consultants to conduct an analysis of the AMA operations. The Board of Trustees decided that under these circumstances, new administrative direction would be required."

### 4 Maryland Dentists On Committee

Maryland Gov. Spiro T. Agnew has appointed four dentists to the Advisory Council to the State's Interagency Committee for Comprehensive Planning. Appointed were: Drs. Joe N. Price, president-elect of the Maryland State Dental Association; John J. Salley, dean of the University of Maryland dental school; Irving I. Abramson, president of the MSDA, and Russell P. Smith, Jr., former mayor of Cambridge, Md.

### Oral Medicine Academy To Meet Dec. 1

Preventive medicine in oral health and the relation of saliva to oral and systemic disease will be discussed at the scientific session of the American Academy of Oral Medicine Dec. 1 in New York City. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Sidney Conrad, 133-28 228th St., Laurelton, N. Y., 11413.