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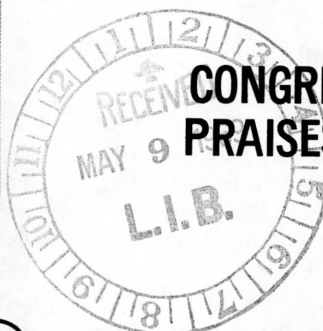
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ADA CALLS SMOKING A CLEAR AND SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH MENACE

Smoking constitutes as clear and serious a public health menace as any this nation now suffers, the ADA said in a statement to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the U.S. House of Representatives. "An enormous range of research demonstrates conclusively that cigarettes, cigars and pipes constitute a serious danger to the health of those who smoke them," the ADA statement said. Pointing out that the ADA House of Delegates adopted policy on smoking and health in 1964, the ADA emphasized: "It is the official policy of the Association that our 110,000 members be encouraged 'to undertake an educational effort to inform their patients of the health hazards of the use of tobacco and, especially with young people, to warn against acquiring the habit of cigarette smoking.'"

The Association cited oral cancer statistics and their relation to smoking. "About 15,000 new cases of oral-pharyngeal cancer occur each year. Approximately two out of three new cases will be dead within five years. Of all major sites of primary cancer, only cancer of the lung and cancer of the stomach carry a lower survival rate than oral cancer.... Habitual use of pipes, cigars and cigarettes all expose the user to greatly increased risk of oral-pharyngeal cancer. The best evidence indicates that cigarette users run the greatest risk of the three. Findings of some of the investigations, for example, show that:

"--cigarette smokers have a risk of death from oral cancer of all types

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State Secretaries Conference June 2-4

More than 150 state dental society executives are expected to attend the 20th State Secretaries Management Conference June 2-4 at ADA Headquarters. Topics will range from critical issues for dental service corporations to a pilot dental health program for children. Among speakers will be: Dr. Charles W. Gish of Indianapolis, director of the division of dental health of the Indiana State Board of Health; Dr. Henry J. Walkotten of Grand Rapids, Mich., president and chairman, building committee, Michigan State Dental Association; Dr. Leo L. Taft of Hempstead, N.Y., chairman of the review committee, Tenth District Dental Society; Mr. George Wells of Chicago, associate director of the Health Insurance Council; and Dr. William J. Greek of Springfield, Ill., executive secretary of the Illinois State Dental Society.

Dr. Harold Noyes Dies At Seventy

Dr. Harold H. Noyes, former dean of the University of Oregon dental school, died April 25 in Santa Fe, N.M., at the age of 70. Dr. Noyes was a past president of both the American College of Dentists and the American Association of Dental Schools and was a member of the board of directors of the American Fund for Dental Education.

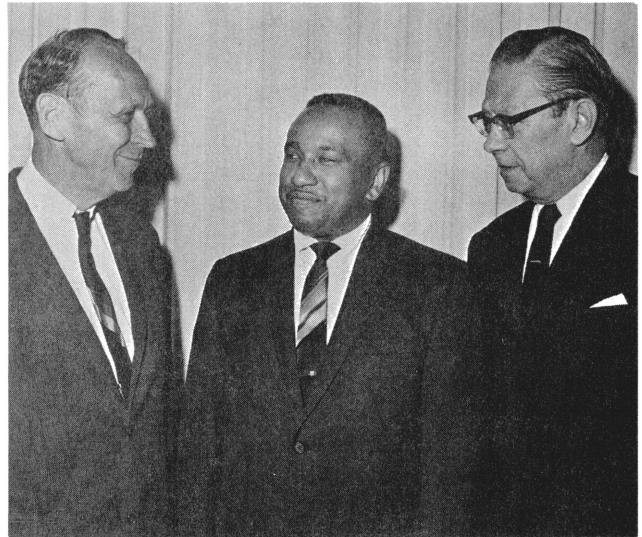
Howe Renamed as AFDE President

Andrew M. Howe of Winnetka, Ill., was reelected as president of the American Fund for Dental Education at the group's recent annual meeting in Chicago. Dr. William R. Mann of Ann Arbor, Mich., dean of the University of Michigan dental school, was elected vice-president. An AFDE director since 1956, Dr. Mann is chairman of the Fund's teacher training fellowship awards committee. He succeeds Dr. Harry Lyons of Richmond, Va., dean of the Medical College of Virginia dental school, who had been vice-president of the Fund since 1961. Five new trustees were named to five-year terms. They are: Victor G. Bloede of New York, president of Bentown & Bowles; Frank T. Hamilton of Cincinnati, president of F. & F. Koenigkramer Co.; Norman O. Houston of Los Angeles, chairman of the board of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Dr. James C. Wallace of Chicago, president of the National Dental Association, and Edward D. Wilson of New York, senior vice-president of Irving Trust Co.

Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, ADA executive director, was guest speaker at the meeting. The Fund also created a \$500 dental laboratory technology scholarship in memory of Jess F. Jelenko Sr., former president and board chairman of J.F. Jelenko & Co., who died last November. Contributions totaling about \$2,500 to the AFDE Living Memorial Fund will be matched by Jess F. Jelenko Jr., to fund the scholarship for 10 years.

Wendell K. Holman Promoted

Wendell K. Holman, director of the Bureau of Data Processing Services, has been named an ADA assistant executive director, it was announced May 1 by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, ADA executive director. Mr. Holman will retain his title as director of the Bureau. He joined the ADA in 1965 as director of systems and data processing. In 1968, he was named comptroller, which position he relinquished this year to direct the Association's expanding data processing services. He attended both the Illinois Institute of Technology and Southern Illinois University.



Andrew M. Howe, left, president of the American Fund for Dental Education, talks with Dr. James C. Wallace, center, president of the National Dental Association, and Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, ADA executive director, at the Fund's 13th annual meeting in Chicago.

AADS Criticizes Students Loan Fund Cut

The American Association of Dental Schools has expressed concern over the proposed reduction in the number of loans which will be available to dental students during fiscal year 1970. In a letter to Robert H. Finch, secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the AADS cited the "potential unfavorable effect on our schools and hardships on our students that would result should insufficient loan funds be made available in the coming year." The letter continued: "The proposed cut of 1,184 student loans represents not only 20 per cent of the present total but a serious setback to the efforts of all 52 U.S. dental schools in making dental education available to those students whose enrollment is dependent on loan funds." The letter noted that the overall effect of recent legislation has been most beneficial to improving and expanding dental health manpower. The AADS called on Sec. Finch to "give consideration to a review of the student loan program to strengthen the weak link in an otherwise quite strong chain of programs designed to obtain both the immediate and long-range goals of providing improved dental health for a larger segment of our nation."

CONGRESSMAN MICHEL PRAISES FLUORIDATION, ADA CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Fluoridation of communal water supplies and the ADA Dental Health Program for Children were praised May 5 by Rep. Robert H. Michel (R-Ill.). Addressing the 105th annual session of the Illinois State Dental Society, Rep. Michel discussed the nation's dental disease problems and said: "This puts a high priority indeed on making the fullest possible use of all the preventive tools at our disposal. And paramount among them, surely, is fluoridation....There are, nevertheless, still tens of millions of people who are not benefiting from fluoridation though they live on communal water supplies and thus could be benefiting from it. The fact that the incidence of caries declines by about 60 per cent in fluoride areas cannot be denied. So we can't slacken our effort to tell the story of fluoridation at every opportunity and as forcefully as we can."

Congressman Michel also praised the dental profession's emphasis on children's dental health. "I know of the American Dental Association's Dental Health Program for Children. It is beautifully thought out, especially in showing how the private and public sectors can cooperate effectively. I know your national representatives will continue to bring it to the attention of the appropriate Federal agencies and I want to be as helpful as I can in that regard," he stated.

He emphasized the essential role of the private practice system and said: "I am unalterably opposed to public sector activities that are directed toward supplanting it." The Congressman also discussed the current crisis in dental schools and noted that St. Louis University is closing. "I understand that at least five other dental schools are in danger of having to do the same thing. This cannot and must not be permitted to happen," he stressed. He pointed out that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare needs reorganization and suggested there be "some dental representation on the policy-making level of HEW, something that is now lacking." Rep. Michel is the ranking Republican on the Labor and Health, Education and Welfare Sub-Committee on the House Appropriations Committee.

ICD To Sponsor Lectures Abroad

The USA Section of the International College of Dentists has allocated funds to help defray expenses of ICD Fellows and who plan to give clinical lectures abroad. A committee has been appointed to select clinicians for such assignments, according to Dr. H. O. Westerdahl, registrar. Several requests are already under consideration and a number of clinical seminars and lectures are being sponsored and supported by the College at the present time. The ICD committee is composed of Dr. Charles Berger of New York City, chairman; Dr. Charles Patton of Philadelphia; Dr. Alfred Seyler of Detroit; Dr. John Mosteller of Mobile, Ala.; Dr. Ralph Boos of Minneapolis; Dr. William Jolley of Memphis, and Dr. Lyall Bishop of Walnut Creek, Calif.

Stare Rebuttal In May 3 Saturday Review

Dr. Frederick J. Stare, professor of nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health, has written a rebuttal to the most recent John Lear Saturday Review article on fluoridation. Mr. Lear's article suggested that there were dangers to kidney patients who use fluoridated water. He especially cited hemodialysis patients as being vulnerable to fluoridated water. Dr. Stare's reply, which appears in the May 3 issue of Saturday Review, points out that "it is even possible that fluoride at 1 ppm in dialysis for uremic patients may be beneficial to their bones rather than detrimental, as alleged by Mr. Lear." Dr. Stare's extensive rebuttal emphasizes that "fluoridation remains one of the great advances of modern public health."

Dr. Benson Joins HOPE Project In Ceylon

Dr. David Benson of the University of Michigan dental schools, has joined Project HOPE's landbased medical center in Colombo, Ceylon. The S.S. HOPE recently returned to the United States after a 10-month stay in Ceylon. During that time, the HOPE's dental staff treated more than 3,000 patients.

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four times that of the non-smoker;

"--pipe and cigar smokers have a risk of death from oral cancer of all types that is three times the rate of the non-smoker;

"--cigarette smokers have a five and one-half times greater risk of death from cancer of the tongue than do non-cigarette smokers."

The Association offered its unequivocal support of four recommendations made in July 1, 1968 reports to Congress submitted by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Federal Trade Commission in fulfillment of Section 5 (d) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. The four recommendations are:

"1. A warning statement reading: 'Warning: Cigarette Smoking is Dangerous to Health and May Cause Death from Cancer and Other Diseases' or a suitable paraphrase of that wording;

"2. The warning statement to appear in all cigarette advertisements as well as on the package;

"3. A statement setting forth the tar and nicotine content of each cigarette to appear on the package and in all cigarette advertising;

"4. Cigarette advertising on television and radio should be banned entirely."

Dr. Redig Dean of U. of P. Dental School

Dr. Dale F. Redig has been appointed dean of the University of the Pacific's dental school in San Francisco. Dr. Redig, presently chairman of the department of pedodontics of the University of Iowa dental school, succeeds Dr. John F. Tocchini, who resigned for reasons of health. Dr. Thomas F. Beare, who has served as acting dean since Sept. 1, 1968, returns to his post as assistant dean. The 40-year old new dean is a graduate of the University of Iowa, having received his D.D.S. degree in 1955 and his master of science degree in 1965. After spending six years in private practice, he joined the Iowa school in 1961.

Group Practice Conference July 10-11

All aspects of dental group practice will be explored at the First Conference on Practice Administration: Emphasis Group Practice, to be held at ADA Headquarters July 10-11. Subjects to be covered include definitions of group practice types, advantages to patients and dentists, incorporation of a practice, role of specialists, use of auxiliaries, equipment, management methods and government interest in group practice. The Conference is sponsored by the ADA Council on Dental Health in recognition of the increasing interest in the potential of group practice. Interested dentists may write to the Council for program and advance registration information.

The program is designed to interest dentists already in group practice as well as those considering this relatively new method of practice organization. The speakers are well known exponents of dental group practice including Drs. C.E. Rutledge of Richmond, Calif., I. Lawrence Kerr of Endicott, N.Y., John A. Anderson of Glenview, Ill., and William E. Marshall of Madison, Wis.

George Ogawa, ADA Staff Member, Dies

George Y. Ogawa, assistant director of the ADA Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics, died May 2 in Chicago. Mr. Ogawa served as a statistician for the Industrial Relations Center of the University of Chicago before being appointed to a similar position with the ADA in 1956. He later was promoted to assistant director of the Bureau. A native of Spokane, Wash., Mr. Ogawa received his master's degree in economics from the University of Chicago in 1954. Memorial services were held May 4 in Evanston, Ill.

Dental School Appointments Announced

The following dental school appointments have been announced: Dr. Charles R. Jerge has been named dean, and Dr. Howard L. Bailit associate dean, of the University of Connecticut dental school; Dr. Emmett R. Costich has been named associate dean at the University of Kentucky dental school, and Dr. W. Arthur George has been named associate dean at the University of Pittsburgh dental school.