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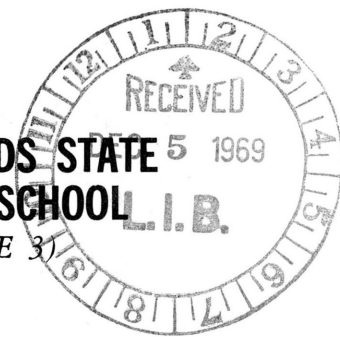
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ADA URGES CONGRESS TO ADHERE TO COMMITMENT ON AID TO DENTAL SCHOOLS

The ADA has called on Congress to appropriate the full amount authorized for institutional and special projects grants for health schools. Testifying on Dec. 2 before the Subcommittee on Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare and Related Agencies of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Dr. Hamilton B. G. Robinson declared that the nation's dental schools are presently being engulfed in fiscal waters. "Two dental schools are today in the process of irrevocably closing their doors. At least five more schools are considering the same step. Were all to close, it would represent a net loss of nearly 30 per cent of the new, first-year, dental school places created since the inception of federal support of dental schools," he said. He added that approving the full amount of \$117 million for institutional and special project grants would do much to make it possible for the threatened schools to surmount the present crisis. Dr. Robinson, who is dean of the University of Missouri at Kansas City dental school, presented joint testimony on behalf of the ADA and the American Association of Dental Schools. Discussing dental school construction funds, Dr. Robinson said there is a current backlog of existing applications of about \$51 million. Approval for funding to the authorized level of \$170 million for health schools would make \$34 million available for dental school construction. Dr. Robinson also called on the Committee to consider appropriating at least \$5

Bill To Rescue Dental Schools

A bill has been introduced in the Senate which would authorize \$100 million in grants for fiscal 1970 as an emergency relief to the nation's medical and dental schools which are suffering from financial difficulties. The bill, which was introduced by Sen. Jacob Javits (R.-N.Y.), has the support of the ADA, the American Association of Dental Schools and the Association of Medical Colleges. In introducing the bill, Sen. Javits pointed out that the measure is designed as a "partial response to a health-care crisis at the threshold of which America stands today." He added: "This crisis is evidenced by skyrocketing health costs and is exacerbated by marked shortages of physicians, dentists and other health personnel -- as well as seriously inadequate, obsolete and outmoded health facilities. And yet, in the face of this crisis, there is imminent danger of the closing of medical and dental schools or at least the cut-back of several of their programs." Sen. Javits noted that two universities -- St. Louis University and Loyola University in New Orleans -- recently discontinued their dental schools because they were unable to continue to meet the financial commitment required for maintaining

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Two ADA Films Receive Awards

Two ADA produced films, "Laboratory of the body" and "Teeth" have won awards recently. "Laboratory of the body" received the Golden Eagle Award from CINE (Council on International Nontheatrical Events). This film shows how scientists in numerous disciplines join their skill in attacking various oral disorders. The 28-minute color sound film is designed to interest high school and college students in dental research careers. A record total of 205 films receive "Golden Eagles" from among 769 entries in this year's CINE competition. "Teeth", a 14-minute color sound film, received a bronze medal at the Industrial Exhibitions Film Festival in New York and a "Silver Hugo" Award at the Chicago International Film Festival.

Dr. Watson Named ASAE Director

Dr. C. Gordon Watson, ADA associate executive director, has been elected as a director of the American Society of Association Executives at the Society's recent annual session in Las Vegas. He will serve for a three-year term. As a member of the ASAE Board, he will have a role in the supervision and direction of the activities of the Society representing 3,100 members. ASAE is composed of executives who manage leading professional, trade and technical associations in the United States and Canada.

Miss Ryan Joins CDE Staff

Miss Margaret M. Ryan of Chicago has been appointed as director of Dental Hygiene Education of the ADA Council on Dental Education, Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, ADA executive director, has announced. Miss Ryan was previously director of the Division of Educational Services of the American Dental Hygienists' Association. She holds a B.S. degree from University of Washington and a M.S. degree from Columbia University. She has been a faculty member of the dental hygiene programs at the University of Oregon, the University of Washington and Columbia University.

Dr. Obed Moen Dies At 77

Dr. Obed Moen of Watertown, Wis., who was president of the Federation Dentaire Internationale from 1959 to 1961 and current national



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FDI treasurer in the United States, died Nov. 23 after a long illness. Dr. Moen also served as an FDI vice-president of honor. During his years as FDI national treasurer, he was particularly interested in increasing the membership of American dentists in FDI which has now grown to more than 2,300. Dr. Moen also served as an ADA trustee of the ninth district for two terms from 1948 to 1953. He also was a member, secretary and chairman of the ADA Council on International Relations. Funeral services were held Nov. 26 in Watertown. He is survived by his wife, Maude.

Seek Dental Equipment For Colombia

The American Dental Trade Association has asked its members to support a drive by the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) to seek donations of used dental equipment for use in a pilot dental program in Colombia. The PADF is a non-profit U.S. institution engaged in activating the participation of private sector groups in the U.S. and Latin America to improve community services. The dental program conducted by the Colombian Dental Association provides for outpatient dental services to low income populations in several major Colombian cities and rural areas. Further information can be obtained from the PADF, 19th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Dr. Malone Promoted At NIDR

Dr. Thomas E. Malone has been appointed as associate director of extramural programs at the National Institute of Dental Research, Dr. Seymour J. Kreshover, NIDR director, has announced. Dr. Malone succeeds Dr. Robert M. Grainger, who left the Institute to become research director of the Association of Canadian Medical Schools.

Uphold State Funds Appropriation For School

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has upheld the validity and constitutionality of a statute appropriating state funds to Marquette School of Medicine, a private institution. In the ruling, the Supreme Court stated that the appropriation of funds to Marquette School of Medicine was principally to maintain public health, namely to assure a sufficient number of physicians to care for Wisconsin residents, and was only incidentally a benefit to the school.

Dr. Lotzkar Receives Alumni Award

The New York University College of Dentistry Alumni Association has presented its 1969 Alumni Lecture Award to Dr. Stanley Lotzkar, associate director of the Division of Dental Health of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Haiti Foundation Needs Volunteers

The Pedodontic Foundation of Haiti, a non-profit organization which trains local auxiliary personnel and provides services to needy children, is seeking U.S. dentists to donate their services in Foundation clinics. Board and lodging for U.S. dentists will be provided in the home of Dr. Dorcas Leroy Michel Simeon, director of the Foundation. Dental supplies, such as anesthetics, toothbrushes, instruments, and equipment and financial support are also needed by the Foundation. Additional information may be obtained by writing Dr. Simeon at the Foundation, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, West Indies.

Iran School Seeks U.S. Specialists

The dental school in Meshed, Iran, is interested in recruiting American dental specialists to serve on their faculty. According to Dr. Parvis Azarmehv, vice-dean of the school, needed are specialists in operative dentistry, fixed and partial dentures, oral surgery and periodontology. Further information can be obtained from Miss Marian Driscoll, secretary of the ADA Council on International Relations, at ADA headquarters.

MEDICO Seeks Dentist For Honduras Tour

MEDICO, a service of CARE, is seeking a dentist to direct the three-chair dental clinic at the Occidente Hospital in Santa Rosa de Copan in Honduras. The dentist selected will receive a two-year contract and will serve as a member of a health team which includes physicians, nurses and technicians, according to Dr. Victor H. Frank of Philadelphia, vice-chairman of the ADA Council on International Relations and the Association's representative on the MEDICO Advisory Board of CARE. Dr. Lyman Fleetwood of Lacey, Wash., who is presently serving in the post, will complete his contract in May 1970. Interested dentists may write to the ADA Council on International Relations, at ADA Headquarters, or to Dr. Colgate Phillips, director of MEDICO, 660 First Ave., New York, N. Y., 10016.

School Honors Ecuadorian Dentist

Dr. Gonzalo A. Penaherrera of Quito, Ecuador, one of the founders of the Federacion Odontologica Ecuatoriana and its president in 1967, was among members of the 1919 graduating class honored by Loyola University of New Orleans recently. Dr. Penaherrera was an official representative of FOE at the recent joint session of the ADA and the Federation Dentaire Internationale in New York City and participated in the scientific program.

Dr. McBride Wins AADE Service Award

Dr. Thomas F. McBride of Kansas City, Mo., has received the 1969 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Dental Editors. Dr. McBride has been a member of AADE since 1934 and served as its president in 1938-39. He was formerly editor of Dental Rays, the alumni publication of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dentistry and of the Journal of the American College of Dentists.

Dr. Gruber On N.Y. Task Force

Dr. Irving E. Gruber of Baldwin, N.Y., has been appointed to the newly-created Mayor's Organizational Task Force for Comprehensive Health Planning in New York by Mayor John V. Lindsay.

ADA Dentist-To-Dentist Program

The assistance of U. S. dentists in meeting requests from overseas dentists for dental journals is being solicited by the Council on International Relations under the new ADA Dentist-to-Dentist Program. Requests are presently in file from 11 countries: Argentina, Colombia, Republic of China (Taiwan), France, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Libya, Nigeria and The Philippines. Interested individuals are encouraged to write the Council at ADA Headquarters and provide the title of any publication they wish to donate. They will be provided with the name and address of an overseas colleague to whom they can mail their personal copy of the periodical regularly -- monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, depending on the schedule of publication.

AFDE Begins 3 National Campaigns

Three more national campaigns are underway in behalf of the American Fund for Dental Education, it has been announced by Joseph E. Dickinson, AFDE executive vice-president. Ralph B. Rothstein, president of Rothstein Dental Labs., Washington, D. C., is making the appeal to the dental laboratory industry. Chairman since 1964, Rothstein's efforts have brought in over \$40,000 in dental laboratory contributions. The Dental Manufacturers of America and the Dental Dealers of America have also opened their 1969 AFDE campaigns.

Thumbsucking Article In Today's Health

The December issue of Today's Health published by the American Medical Association carries an article "Is a thumb for sucking" written by a staff member of the ADA Bureau of Public Information.

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million for dental care programs for needy children as authorized under the Social Security Act for special project grants for the dental health of children. He noted that for nearly two years efforts to mount pilot care projects for poor children under this law have failed.

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high professional standards. "Although many medical and dental schools throughout the country face similar problems, some are reluctant to admit publicly their severe financial plight because of repercussions these disclosures might have on the relations of these schools with the academic community," he added.

The bill is designed to be a "first step -- not a final solution -- to this problem. It is a stop-gap, emergency measure that seeks to save our medical and dental schools from disaster while we begin to correct the basic problems through other means," Sen. Javits said.

The bill would amend the Public Health Service Act by authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to issue grants to medical and dental schools in dire financial straits as a result of their affirmative response to one or more of the following aspects of the national health policy:

- Increasing enrollment of students for the purpose of augmenting the supply of trained health professions personnel;

- Improving the quality or delivery of health care and services to disadvantaged persons in rural or urban areas;

- Providing health care and services to a substantial number of patients who are beneficiaries of programs established under Medicare and Medicaid,

- Maintaining present enrollments and maintaining or enhancing the quality of training, despite costs that increase more rapidly than school income from all sources.

\$300 Gift To ADA Relief Fund

The Marsh & McLennan Foundation has presented a \$300 contribution to the ADA Relief Fund campaign, according to Dr. T. Jefferson O'Connell of Ithaca, N.Y., chairman of the ADA Council on Relief.