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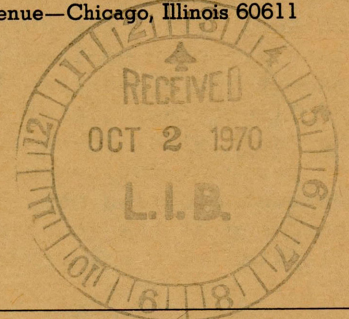
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SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE CONDUCTS HEARINGS ON NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

The Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare on Sept. 23-24 held hearings on a national health insurance bill proposed by Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D.-Tex.). The bill is a version of the proposed Health Security Act which was designed in major part by the Committee of 100 headed by the late Walter Reuther. Except for its financing provision, the measure is identical to the committee of 100's proposal introduced in late August by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D.-Mass.).

Committee Hears Veneman

The lead witness at the hearing was John G. Veneman, Under Secretary of the department of HEW who, on behalf of the administration, opposed the bill both because of its cost - estimated by the Social Security Administration at \$77 billion a year - and because "it is not a proper or workable approach to the solution of the health problems of this nation." Veneman announced that the administration will propose early next year a "family health insurance plan" which will make available health insurance protection to all poor and nearly poor families.

Following the Under Secretary was a panel representing the Reuther Committee headed by Leonard Woodcock, who succeeded Reuther as president of the United Auto Workers and chairman of the Committee. The panel testified strongly in support of the measure.

George Meany Testifies

Also testifying in support of national health insurance was AFL-CIO President George Meany and Harvard economist Rashi Fein. Meany stated that his organization would do everything possible "outside of an illegal act," to see that national health insurance is enacted. No major national health organization testified during the hastily called, two-day hearing.

AMA Declines To Testify

The American Medical Association was invited but declined because "there is no possibility that the bill would receive active consideration at this late date by the 91st Congress" and "a proposal of such potential requires more adequate study than the short time allowed since the bill's introduction." The ADA similarly reserved commenting at this time

on the bill, indicating to the committee that the Yarborough proposal and various other bills were under study by a special Association Task Force.

Comprehensive hearings on the whole national health insurance issue are expected to be held by the House Committee on Ways and Means during the next Congress which will convene in January.

IRS Okays ADA Plans For Prof. Corporations

The ADA Council on Insurance has announced that the Internal Revenue Service has approved ADA sponsored Corporate Pension and Profit Sharing Plans. Details of the retirement plans are contained in the current prospectus and the "Highlights of Corporate Plans" leaflet recently sent to all members.

Dr. Ralph D. Coffey, of Morganton, N.C., chairman of the Council on Insurance, said that both corporate plans take full advantage of current tax benefits pertaining to professional corporations, offer a broad range of eligibility and vesting choices and through the use of master plans, simplify adoption and enrollment procedures and make signifi-

cant cost savings possible in filing with IRS.

Participants may invest in an Equity (Common Stock) Account and/or a Fixed Income Account. Like the ADA Keogh Plan, the Corporate Plans are on a no-load basis (except for a one-time \$25 enrollment fee). Also like the Keogh Plan, these are 100 per cent retirement-investment programs meaning that none of the funds are allocated to the purchase of life insurance.

Dr. Coffey pointed out that The Equitable Life Assurance Society, which handles the ADA-endorsed retirement plans, is making its "Call Collect" Telephone Consultation Service available to all dentists who would like to discuss the new Corporate Plans. Persons who wish additional information may also write to: ADA Members Retirement Plans, Box 2470, G.P.O., New York, N.Y., 10001.

Plan Sightseeing Tours For Session Visitors

Three major sightseeing tours will be offered to participants in the 111th ADA annual session in Las Vegas Nov. 8-12. The Hoover Dam Tour leaves Las Vegas via Fremont Street and the Boulder Highway, passes by Lake Mead, the world's largest man-made lake, and makes a brief stop at Fort Lucinda. The four-hour trip includes a comprehensive tour of the Dam, one of the world's great engineering feats. The tour price is \$6 per person.

The City Tour includes a trip to the famous Las Vegas Strip, a part of the residential area including the sections where some of the stars live, and a tour of the downtown Casino Center with a refreshment stop. The tour, which lasts four hours, costs \$6 per person.

The Nightclub Tour feature dinner, a tour of the famous



William Getz of Chicago, right, president of the William Getz Corp., dental division of Teledyne, Inc., spoke on Sept. 20 at the dedication of the William Getz Floor of the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem. The dental school which was founded by the Alpha Omega Fraternity marked the 10th anniversary of its first graduating class. Seated from left are: Mrs. Miriam Moyouhas, head of health services for Jerusalem; Dr. Barnett Frank, international president of Alpha Omega, and Prof. Kalman J. Mann, director general of Hadassah.

Las Vegas Strip, an exciting lounge show at one of the new hotels starring well-known performers and a tour of the Casino Center. The tour also includes a mid-night show at either the Tropicana Hotel where the Follies Bergere are being presented, or the Dunes Hotel where the Casino de Paris is the star attraction. The price of the regular tour including buffet dinner is \$18.90 per person. Tour tickets can be purchased at the transportation desks in the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Supplement 1 Mailed To House Of Delegates

Supplement 1 to the Reports of Officers and Councils of the Association has been mailed to all delegates and alternate delegates of the House of Delegates. Of special interest is report 4 of the Board of Trustees on the Association's financial affairs, recommended 1971 budget and proposed dues increase.

Other reports in Supplement 1 include the Joint Report of the ADA Councils on Dental Care Programs, Dental Health and Legislation restating Association policy on national health care programs, supple-

mental reports of the Councils on Dental Care Programs and Relief and new resolutions from Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Supplement 1 also contains recommendations of the Board of Trustees on constituent resolutions to be considered by the 1970 House of Delegates and Association resolutions submitted by its various agencies.

Okay Health Corps Bill

The Senate has passed a bill to establish a National Health Service Corps. The measure was sponsored by Sen. Warren Magnuson (D.-Wash.). Sen. Peter H. Dominick (D.-Colo.) acted as floor leader during the Senate discussions. The bill would establish a national health service corps to care for the nation's indigent persons.

112,766 ADA Members

Membership in the Association set a new record with a total of 112,766 on October 1 compared to 112,067 at the end of 1969. A breakdown shows: active and life members, 96,597; affiliate members, 474; associate members, 55; honorary members, 118, and student members, 15,522.

Health Screening Program Set For Las Vegas Session

For the sixth time, the ADA will conduct a health screening program at the annual session in Las Vegas next month. The program will be open to all dentists registered for the session and will be conducted in Las Vegas Convention Center for four days beginning Sunday, Nov. 8. Hours will be Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9 and 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Clinical Pathology Tests

According to Dr. Richard W. Tiecke, director of the program, the tests will include clinical pathology examinations consisting of blood urea nitrogen, blood glucose, serum cholesterol and uric acid, electrocardiogram (6 leads), tonometry testing for glaucoma, head, neck and oral examination, panorex X-ray examination of teeth and jaws and chest X-rays.

"Dentists because of the nature of their work, are in unusually close contact with people from all walks of life. Close association with individuals in poor health presents a constant hazard to the dentist, especially since contacts are often for a relatively long period of time," Dr. Tiecke said.

Useful Procedures

"Considerable thought has been given to the selection of those clinical screening procedures which will be most useful in alerting the dentist to potential health hazards. It is also the intent that this program serves as an educational experience for the dentist," he added.

A total of 7,803 dentists have been examined during the five previous annual sessions in 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968 and 1969 at which the

screening program was offered. Findings disclosed that questionable blood glucose levels were found in 1,233 of the 7,803 dentists. Chest X-rays revealed 286 of the 5,552 dentists with such abnormal findings as enlarged hearts, suspected tuberculosis and tumors.

Electrocardiograms Findings

Electrocardiograms revealed that 2,134 of some 7,803 dentists had questionable readings. Glaucoma testing revealed 164 of 6,183 dentists had abnormal intraocular tension (suspected glaucoma). Panorex X-rays disclosed that 4,450 of the 7,803 dentists had abnormal findings such as retained root tips (197), unerupted teeth (835), mucous cysts of sinus (97), abnormal radiolucent or radiopaque areas (997) and loss of bone suggestive of periodontal disease (2,324).

Financial support for the program has been provided by the S.S. White Company and Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Company.

Allied Health Training Act Approval Slowed

Members of a House-Senate conference committee were unable to reach agreement on the different House and Senate versions of the Allied Health Professions Education Act. A major obstacle appeared to be an amendment proposed by Sen. Jacob Javits (R.-N.Y.). The amendment would authorize \$100 million a year in emergency aid to financially troubled health profession schools.

House conferees expressed their objection to this amendment and a compromise is expected on this issue. House members of the conference also opposed Senate proposals for loans and scholarships. A compromise involving retaining the loans and relinquish-

ing the scholarship programs may result from the discussions.

Col. Thompson Named Deputy Dental Chief

Col. Robert L. Thompson of Alexandria, Va., has been named U.S. Air Force deputy assistant surgeon general for dental

services. His previous assignment was command dental surgeon at the Air Training Command. A native of Uvalde, Tex., Col. Thompson received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Texas dental school in 1946. He was in private dental practice in El Campo, Tex., from 1946 to 1949.



Col. Thompson

Col. Thompson entered the Air Force in 1949 and was assigned as assistant base dental surgeon at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. Other assignments included command dental surgeon at USAF Southern Command, Albrook Air Force Base, Canal Zone, and dental surgeon at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Texas.

Denies Fluoridation Suit

The Ohio Supreme Court has declined to issue a writ prohibiting the city of Canton from fluoridating its water supply in compliance with the mandatory Fluoridation Act of 1969.

The high court thus sustained briefs by the city of Canton and the Ohio Dental Association stating that Canton officials had no choice but to carry out the administrative duty of fluoridating the city's water supply. The suit contended that the fluoridation act violates the home rule and uniform application amendments of the Ohio Constitution. Ohio is one of seven states which have adopted fluoridation laws. The other states are: Ill., Mich., Minn., Del., S.D. and Conn.

Argentinian Meeting

American dentists have been invited to attend the "1970 Dental Week of the Circulo Argentino de Odontologia" to be held Nov. 23-28 in the School of Dentistry in Buenos Aires. Information on the meeting can be obtained from Dr. Adolfo L. Testa de Madrid, president of the Circulo Argentino de Odontologia, Eduardo Acevedo 54, Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A.

Auxiliary Enrollments Increase During 1969

Schools of dental hygiene, assisting and laboratory technology have increased significantly this past year, according to the recently released report on Dental Auxiliary Education. The report is published annually by the ADA Council on Dental Education.

During 1969-70, 14 new dental hygiene schools were opened, bringing the total number to 100. At the same time, the number of students increased 14 per cent, from 5,187 to 5,946, and the number of first-year students increased 26 per cent, from 2,624 in 1968 to 3,316 in 1969. The number of hygiene graduates rose from 1,834 in 1968 to 2,231.

Dental assisting schools increased by 20, to a total of 154. Enrollment increased 13 per cent, to 5,074 students, compared to 4,475 in 1968. The number of graduates increased from 2,302 to 2,715.

There were 23 dental laboratory technology programs operating in 1969, four more than in 1968. Enrollment increased 20 per cent, from 803 to 965. There were 357 laboratory technician graduates in 1969, compared to 325 in 1968.

Plan Nutrition Study

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau has announced receipt of a \$56,100 grant for studies aimed at increasing the protein content of staple foods.

Michael S. Haro Named ADA Bureau Director

Michael S. Haro has been appointed director of the Association's Bureau of Dental Health Education, according to Dr. C. Gordon Watson, ADA Executive Director. Haro succeeds John M. Weir, who resigned to pursue doctoral studies at the University of California in Berkeley.

Haro originally joined the ADA staff in May of 1969 as program specialist in the Bureau and assistant director of the ADA's smoking and health project. In January of this year, he was named assistant director of the Bureau.

A native of East Chicago, Ind., Haro received his bachelor and master degrees in education from Ball State University. He is a member of the American College Health Association and worked as its project coordinator of smoking education prior to joining the ADA staff.

He is also a member of the American Public Health Association and Phi Delta Kappa and Eta Sigma Gamma professional fraternities. He and his wife, Judy, reside in DesPlaines.

IDS To Provide Care For 20,000 Carpenters

Illinois Dental Service recently began dental care coverage for 20,000 Chicago area carpenters and their families, according to Dr. John E. Zur, IDS executive vice-president.

The IDS program, with annual subscription payments of approximately \$1.8 million will provide dental care benefits for 65,000 beneficiaries. All categories of service except orthodontic treatment are provided under the program on a co-payment basis by which the Plan will pay 70 per cent of participating dentists' charges for covered

services up to an annual maximum of \$300 per person.

The program also includes an annual \$25 individual deductible and a \$50 maximum family deductible, Dr. Zur said.

Receive ASOS Grants

The American Society of Oral Surgeons has given research grants totaling \$6,000 to the following: members of the oral surgery department of the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College in Richmond; Dr. Richard G. Topazian, professor and chairman of the department of oral surgery at the Medical College of Georgia dental school in Atlanta; Dr. David S. Hershman of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and to Dr. John F. Helfrick of Sinai Hospital in Detroit.

END NOTES

Dr. Albert G. Paulsen of Falls Church, Va., recently lectured at Brazilian dental schools under a program sponsored by the Alliance for Progress... The House of Delegates of the American Hospital Association at its annual session in Houston last month voted a 15 per cent dues increase...HEW Deputy Under Secretary Robert Patricelli told the American Association of Medical Clinics that 1971 may be "health year" for HEW compared to 1970 which has been a "welfare year"...Project HOPE, the hospital training ship which includes a complete dental staff, may be sailing to Jamaica next year...Dr. Norman Trieger has been appointed chief of the dental department at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in the Bronx, N.Y....Dr. Donald J. Galagan, dean of the University of Iowa dental school and former chief dental officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, is assisting Marquette University dental school in Milwaukee as a consultant in planning the school's improvement program.