

# ADA Disavows Horner's Anti-Semitic 'Quota'

CHICAGO, Feb. 9. Dr. Walter H. Scherer, president of the American Dental Association today disavowed responsibility for Dr. Harlan H. Horner's proposed "quota system" for Jewish students in dental colleges.

At a meeting of the Association's board of trustees, Scherer said Horner's reports on Columbia and New York universities were made without knowledge or sanction of the ADA's governing body and were therefore "not the expression of the views of the Association."

Dr. Horner, secretary of the Council on Dental Education, met in closed session with the Council which met simultaneously with the board of trustees.

Under fire, Dr. Horner broke his silence and stated that he had based his confidential reports on studies allegedly made by deans of various dental colleges throughout the country. His recommendations were those of the

deans, he said, and implied that the reports were even more biased than his. He would not disclose the names of the deans. Dr. Horner insisted that the ADA and the Council agreed with his position on admission quotas.

His reports which urged legislation to end the "racial imbalance" in dental schools were submitted to the House of Representatives Committee on Education with the recommendation for federal aid to eliminate high enrollment of students "of foreign extraction."

## DEMAND ACTION

Meanwhile the fight for the report's repudiation and Dr. Horner's removal from his post took on broader implications with a demand by various organizations for a national Fair Employment Practice Committee to help eliminate "quota and other forms of racial and religious discrimination in the nation's colleges." The request has

been sent to President Roosevelt by the Department of Higher Education and the Commission for the Defense of Democracy through Education, both of the National Education Association, and the Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

The statement was signed by Alonzo F. Myers, chairman of the Department of Higher Education at New York University. He asked for a probe of the ADA by the Hart investigating committee.

Additional organizations protesting the reports included the Jewish War Veterans, the Interclub Council of the New York American Youth for Democracy and the Health Council of the American Labor Party.

Dr. Sterling Nead, president-elect of the ADA, also added his voice to the rising storm of protests. In a statement from Washington, he said the ADA never authorized the reports.