

Dental Ass'n Bias Stand Shocks Nation

Discrimination against Jewish students has become a national issue with the exposure of the American Dental Association reports by Dr. Harlan H. Horner, which urged a quota system for students "of foreign extraction" in New York City schools.

Protests from democratic-minded members of the profession, students and public spirited citizens led to the revelation that Dr. Horner, secretary of the ADA's Council on Dental Education, had submitted such reports to Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania and other universities.

SUBSIDIZED INTOLERANCE

In all reports, Dr. Horner had proposed that the "racial imbalance" or high enrollment of Jewish students be reduced by offering federal subsidy to non-Jewish students. His reports were submitted to the House of Representative Committee on Education, now studying the effect of the war on education. In his report to NYU, Dr. Horner also complained of the high percentage of Jewish teachers which tended to create "a species of educational auto-intoxication." Dr. Horner went so far as to say that educational standards in clinical subjects led by Jewish teachers were lower than in other subjects.

In New York City, Councilman S. Samuel di Falco is expected to introduce a bill asking for a probe of professional schools which discriminate against Jewish students. He asked that institutions that discriminate be barred from tax-exemptions and other privileges enjoyed by non-profit educational institutions. State Sen. Lazarus Joseph introduced a bill for two-state financed medical colleges in order to end the "quota system."

RANKIN JOINS PACK

In the House of Representatives John Rankin, Mississippi, led an anti-Semitic tirade against Rep. Emanuel Celler who raised the question of discrimination against Jewish students.

In the meanwhile, the Dental Information Bureau in New York City, official public representative for the ADA, said that the organization would reject the Horner reports at its meeting in Chicago this weekend.

New York University dental students were the first to protest the report when it was published in the December issue of the ADA Journal. Chancellor Harry W. Chase of New York University said that college's

admission policy on non-discrimination would not be changed. Columbia University officials have remained silent on the issue.

Horner's report was defended by Dr. Harold B. Pinney, ADA secretary, who said that certain persons were distorting its meaning. Dr. Pinney was one of the co-authors.

Sharpest protests against Horner's attack on Jewish enrollment came from First District Dental Society, largest component group in New York State. The dentists asked that the Hart Committee on Un-American Activities study the matter. Horner's removal was also demanded.

Other protests were made by the New York State Dental Association, the Northern Dental Association and the Hudson County Dental Societies. The ADA has 50,000 members throughout the nation.

The report asked for federal subsidy of students not of "foreign extraction." It deplored the "racial and geographical imbalance in the entire enrollment in the dental schools."

Horner was also assailed by Dr. Harry M. Seldin, president of the Alumni Association of NYU's College of Dentistry. His statement was released to the press by Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith.

Justice Steinbrink wrote Chase, Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, and Dr. Pinney that that "reports submitted by Dr. Horner contain alarming denials of American principles."