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Buck-Passing Marks ADA Action

CHICAGO, Feb. 11. — As the American Dental Association's board of trustees winds up its semi-annual meeting tomorrow (Monday), it finds itself up to the ears in conflicting reports on the dental school discrimination scandal.

While the board, following the steps of ADA president Dr. Walter H. Scherer, has repudiated the race bias reports of Dr. Harlan H. Horner, secretary of the Council on Dental Education, these contradictions shape up:

- The board said that it was not authorized to speak for the ADA. It put the responsibility on the house of delegates which is not meeting at this time.

- An ADA spokesman revealed over the week end that all nine members of the Council have seen the report. Dr. Horner, in self de-

fense, had said that the group approved its contents.

- The spokesman also disclosed that Horner's report was sent confidentially to the nation's 38 dental school, and not only to New York and Columbia Universities as had been revealed previously.

In its statement the board of trustees said it was of the opinion that "the membership of the dental profession and the association are opposed to a quota system which will discriminate against students on the basis of race, religion or on the basis of origin, and indicate their adherence to the American principle that all men, regardless of race, creed or color are entitled to equal opportunities and that their fitness to practice dentistry shall be determined solely by their capacities and attainments."