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## A.D.A. Session Grants Specialty Status to Endodontics; Hikes Dues

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Atlantic City, N. J.—The American Dental Association took two major actions in the course of its 104th annual session held here last month.

It decided to raise each member's annual dues from \$30 to \$40. And it voted to recognize endodontics as a dental specialty. Both decisions were made by the House of Delegates.

### New President Accents Hospital Care

The membership dues hike is reported to have provoked a vigorous debate but was finally approved by a vote of 273 in favor and 112 against. A two-thirds majority was required to assure favorable action.

Approval of endodontics as a specialty came through acceptance of a reference committee report which declared that "recognition of endodontics as a special area of dental practice will improve the capability of the profession to serve the public."

**Dr. Hollers Named**

Thus, endodontics became the eighth dental specialty and the first so recognized by the A.D.A. since 1950. The other seven are: oral surgery, orthodontics, pedodontics, periodontology, prosthodontics, oral pathology and dental public health. (At least five other groups have indicated their intention to request recognition as specialties.)

The 104th annual meeting was marked by a near-record attendance of 17,552, second only to that of its

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