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ENTERTAINER DANNY KAYE IS HONORED BY NATIONAL CARDIOLOGY GROUP

SAN FRANCISCO---Entertainer Danny Kaye was termed a "modern renaissance man" at an awards ceremony during the 30th Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology here today.

Mr. Kaye was presented with a medal by the 11,000-member organization following a lecture he gave to an assembly of cardiologists and cardiac surgeons who were inducted as Fellows of the national medical specialty society.

The Convocation Medal, which was inscribed "Danny Kaye, Modern Renaissance Man," said his "humor and humanitarian activities remind us of the unlimited possibilities in each of our own lives."

A citation accompanying the medal said:

"The American College of Cardiology is pleased to honor Danny Kaye for his remarkable talents as a comedian, his devotion to the children of the world, his willingness to support worthwhile causes with his musical talents and for his long-standing interest in and knowledge of medicine, particularly that of cardiac disease."

The College's Annual Convocation took place at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. After a formal processional, in which 800 new Fellows and honorees (including Mr. Kaye) marched into the Masonic Temple auditorium, six awards were presented, a new President of the American College of Cardiology was installed and Mr. Kaye addressed the group on "Life, Love, Laughter and Your Heart."

Dan G. McNamara, M.D., Houston, Texas, became President of the College, succeeding Robert O. Brandenburg, M.D., Rochester, Minn.

Other awards were made to eminent physicians. Honored were:

- Frank H. Netter, M.D., Manalapan, Fla., world renown medical illustrator---who received the 1981 Distinguished Service Award;
- Julius H. Comroe, Jr., M.D., San Francisco, Calif., Director of the National Pulmonary Faculty Training Center---who received the 1981 Presidential Citation;

- Helen B. Taussig, M.D., Cotuit, Mass., famed for her historic work with so-called "blue babies"---recipient of the 1981 Gifted Teacher Award;

- Robert F. Rushmer, M.D., Seattle, Wash, Professor of Engineering at the University of Washington---who received the Honorary Fellowship Award; and

- Leonard S. Dreifus, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa., Chief of the Department of Cardiovascular Disease at The Lankenau Hospital---recipient of the 1981 Distinguished Fellowship Award.

More than 7,000 physicians and surgeons are attending the cardiology meeting, which ends on Thursday.

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