A poster advertising Prince Philip's presence at a Dunhill-sponsored event, and only harm public understanding of what is causing high medical costs and health problems. Dr Blum said that the British medical journal, Lancet, had commented in 1978 that the AMA was more sympathetic to the cause of health care than it was to the cause of smoking. Dr. Blum said that the Royal Family, used to boost smoking.

By RICHARD ELLIOTT

Tobacco companies are using the Royal Family to promote cigarette smoking, according to the editor of the Medical Journal of Australia.

Dr. Alan Blum and yesterday that members of the Royal Family were attending several events in Australia with which tobacco companies were associated.

The companies were making an "unintended gesture" in their royal endorsement of cigarette smoking, he said.

It was incredible that in 1982, after more than 30 years of medical research showing the health effects of smoking, tobacco companies were promoting smoking as socially acceptable.

Dr. Blum said that the Royal Family was being used to boost smoking.

A spokesman for Philip Morris said the company was working closely with the Australian Medical Association to promote smoking. The association has been doing so to prevent the use of tobacco products by young people.

Tobacco companies were also sponsoring two other events with royal patronage: the Commonwealth Games and the visit of the Queen to Australia. At the very least, the Royal Family should not be associated with events sponsored by tobacco companies, he said.

"Clearly this can only contribute to the medical profession's efforts to reduce smoking, and it should be stopped," Dr. Blum said. The Herald was unable to get comment from the Royal Family on this matter.

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