



SALISBURY—Grand Officer Sweetheart of Livingstone at recent Livingstone College Day Observance at Soldier's Memorial AME Zion Church, Salisbury. Miss Julia B. Duncan (R), long-time Registrar at the college, is presented a plaque by Mrs. Luia B. Holloway, secretary in the Office of the Registrar, in appreciation for her nearly 50 years of dedicated service to her Alma Mater. (Photo by M. F. Kelsey).



BOSTON—Angeles Satchell (L) Baseball of Fame member since 1971 congratulates Warren Spahn former Boston Braves star and the winningest left hander in the majors as the two chat prior to the 34th Annual Baseball Writers' dinner 1-25. Spahn was taken into the Hall of Fame 1-24.

International Solidarity Day For African Prisoners on March 30

WASHINGTON—(NBNS) A coalition of national black groups and organizations and individuals are sponsoring an International Solidarity Day for African Prisoners of War on March 30-31 for the purpose of focusing worldwide attention on the existence and plight of black political prisoners in this country as well as in southern Africa, Guinea-Bissau and other parts of the world.

At a press conference here, Chokwe Lumumba, an official of the Republic of New Africa (RNA), is national chairman of the Solidarity committee said demonstrations will be held in Jackson, Mississippi.

"Mississippi was chosen as the site because of its symbolic meaning as far as the brutal oppression of black people is concerned," said Lumumba, who further stated that any other U. S. site could have been chosen as well.

"But Mississippi epitomizes the historic injustices visited upon black people in this country," added the Solidarity Day chairman.

Lumba cited the well-known murders of Emmett Till, Medgar Evers, Ben Chaney, Herbert Lee, Vernon Dahmer and the "countless of other brothers who have been brutalized, lynched, and murdered in Mississippi."

He also spoke of the August, 1971, pre-dawn police attack on RNA headquarters in Jackson in which RNA members were wounded by police bullets. Of the five RNA members arrested after the shooting spree which resulted in the death of a white policeman, Lumumba said that "four are in prison and Brother Imari Obadele (president of RNA) is in jail."

"All of these brothers are charged with the death of one policeman by one bullet," emphasized the young RNA officer.

Also participating in the press conference were Irving Joyner, director of community organizations at the Commission for Racial Justice, one of the co-sponsoring organizations and the Rev. Ben Chavis, who is free on a \$50,000 bond on charges stemming from his political activities in Wilmington, North Carolina.

A prepared statement read by Joyner called attention to the "attempts underway to convict H. Rap Brown, Max Stanford, Brother Imari—"

In response to a question asked by newsmen Lumumba said he was not anticipating any kind of confrontation from Mississippi authorities dur-

ing the Solidarity Day demonstrations.

"We have been in touch with Mississippi authorities and we expect to be treated with civility," he said. "This will be with reluctance, of course, not what the racist Mississippi government would like to do."

"But they know that the eyes of the world will be on them, and we fully expect that they will be cooperative," Lumumba said.

Joyner said one of the issues to be discussed at workshops during the Solidarity weekend will be whether or not all black people in prison are to be considered political prisoners.

"We know that there is some confusion and misunderstanding about the term as it is used by radical white groups," said Joyner.

"Some of them (radical white groups) say that white Ford Motor workers are political prisoners because they get bored with their jobs, when our brothers and sisters cannot even get jobs, so it's clear we are talking about the same thing when we say 'political prisoners,'" Joyner emphasized.

Thirty-one state committees have been formed and will be responsible for coordinating local rallies, demonstrations, seminars, and other activities to inform local black communities about the importance and significance of Solidarity Day.

The Solidarity Day Support Committee includes: Congressmen Charles Diggs, Ron Dellums, and John Coyers; Imamu Baraka; Mayor Richard Hatcher; Owusu Sadaukai; Rev. Ben Chavis; Rev. Charles Koen; Dick Gregory; Ossie Davis; and State Reps. Julian Bond of Georgia and Lloyd Barbee of Wisconsin.

One Of The "New Breed" ...

Leads Nation's Hospitals

An air of anticipation filtered through the small room crowded with reporters and television camera crews awaiting the beginning of the press conference. Suddenly, all heads turned toward the door as the party of dignitaries entered.

In the midst of the group was a tall, lean, dignified individual, graying at the temples, unmistakably the person for whose benefit the conference was arranged. He was John Alexander McMahon, 51, who in a few moments would be introduced as the newly appointed president of the American Hospital Association, representing the nation's 7,000 hospitals and 18,000 health field professionals who are personal members of the AHA.

As the questioning began, Alex McMahon, as he is known to friends and colleagues, spoke clearly and deliberately in answering the barrage of questions, from news media personnel.

Doubting Thomases in the press corps were quick to realize that McMahon was "his own man" and not beholden to anyone or anything in the new job he had just accepted.

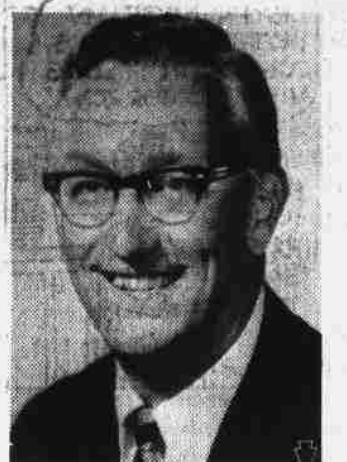
The former president of North Carolina Blue Cross—who serves on President Nixon's Committee on Health Education and, formerly on the Committee of the Health Services Industry, which was advisory to the Cost of Living Council, the Price Commission, and the Pay Board of Phase II of the President's Economic and Stabilization Program—spoke like a lawyer in a court room presenting his case.

And well he might. McMahon, a graduate of Harvard Law School, who was a professor of public law and government at the University of North Carolina for 10 years, and general counsel for an association of elected county officers for a few more, was equal to the task of answering the "tough questions" from reporters who knew how to dig. He quickly gained their respect and has been gaining the respect of health care professionals all over the country since he took on his new job on November 1 of 1972.

As one editorial writer said, "Chairman Stephen Morris

had just introduced him to the press, and John Alexander McMahon stood straight and still to receive the questions. 'Where did they get him from, central casting?' murmured a reporter, 'he looks like a president!'"

McMahon fits the mold of the "new breed" of health field executives. When badgered about what he intends to do to help hold down rising hospital costs, he responds quickly by telling his questioner that the consumer is the one to be held responsible for the situation because of always "demanding more."



John Alexander McMahon

McMahon has gone on record several times in his short tenure as chief of the AHA, pointing to the public's responsibility for rising costs as the result of an insatiable appetite for more elaborate and costly life-saving devices and more complex and expensive procedures for the treatment of various types of illnesses.

He is strongly committed to making sure that the American public gets what it wants, but he quickly adds that the public should be prepared to shoulder the cost and not complain when it is reflected in higher hospital bills.

Chairman of the Duke University Board of Trustees, McMahon is the first chief executive officer of the AHA to hold the title of president and to be a full member of the AHA Board of Trustees. The position also carries with it membership in the House of Delegates of the Association. At the time of the announcement

of his appointment, he was serving a term as Delegate-at-Large of the Association's House of Delegates.

On discussing his new duties with the AHA, he says, "The challenge I see facing the American Hospital Association and its membership is that of assuming an aggressive leadership role in shaping the nation's health policy in order that quality care will be accessible to all. The individual hospitals and groups of hospitals have a key role to play in the new health care delivery systems which are now developing. It is our responsibility as an Association to help prepare them to assume that role."

Born in Monongahela, Pa., in 1921, the family moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1934. He graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 1942 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, then attended Harvard Business School for one year. During World War II he saw action with the U.S. Army Corps in the South Pacific, remaining in the reserves until his retirement in 1971 with the rank of Colonel.

In 1948 he received the degree of Juris Doctor at Harvard Law School. He joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina where he remained as a professor of public law and government and an assistant director of the Institute of Government until 1959 when he became general counsel and secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

The Hospital Saving Association of North Carolina (Blue Cross and Blue Shield) named McMahon vice president for development in 1965. When that group consolidated with the state's other Blue Cross and Blue Shield organization, Hospital Care Association, in January of 1968, to become North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Inc., McMahon was elected as the new corporation's first president. He has held countless other professional and community leadership roles.

McMahon is married to the former Betty Wagner of St. Petersburg. They have four children.

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-Trial

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and attempting to kill several policemen in a subsequent gun battle.

Brown who suffered severe stomach wounds from policeman's bullets and spent several months in a New York prison hospital, has now apparently completely recovered and seems to be in good health.

Courtroom visitors have remarked upon Brown's serenity and calm manner attributed by some observers to his conversion to the Moslem religion.

-Rhetoric

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write? who are they? Give me some names. The whole thing is ridiculous."

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Q Can I designate \$1 of my tax to go to a particular presidential candidate?

A No. However, if you wish, \$1 of your tax (\$2 if you are married and filing a joint return) may be paid over to presidential candidates of a specific political party. Just check the box on IRS Form 4875 (in your tax forms package), fill in the name of the party, and attach this form to your tax return.

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Q My adjusted gross income is \$18,000. Can I take the \$2,000 standard deduction on my return?

A No. The standard deduction is 15 percent of your adjusted gross income up to a \$2,000 maximum. Fifteen percent of your adjusted gross income is \$1,950. This is your standard deduction, not \$2,000.

Q My son turned 20 in 1972. Does this mean that I cannot claim him as a dependent any more?

A No. If your son did not have gross income of \$750, or

more or was a full-time student for at least five months of last year no matter how much money he made, you may still claim him as a dependent, regardless of his age, if all the other dependency tests are met, including furnishing over one-half of your son's total support.

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A No. In general, if you receive a scholarship or fellowship grant, you may exclude all or part of that amount from your gross income, depending upon whether or not you are a degree candidate. If you are a degree candidate, there is no limitation on the amount that may be excluded from your income. However, if you are not a degree candidate, the amount you receive as a scholarship or fellowship may be excluded up to \$300 times the number of months for which you receive amounts under the grant during the tax year.

A scholarship that is compensation for past or future services or primarily for the grantor's benefit, is not excluded from gross income. For more information, see IRS Publication 520, "Tax Information for American Scholars in the U.S. and Abroad." A free copy can be obtained by dropping a postcard to your Internal Revenue district office.

Q I installed a new water heater in my home last year. Can I deduct the cost on my tax return?

A No, but you may add the cost of this item to the basis of your property, so that it will be taken into account in the event that you sell your home.

Q Are gambling losses deductible?

A If you itemize, you may deduct your gambling losses incurred during the year, but only to the extent of your winnings. Gambling winnings must be reported as income.

Q I still haven't gotten my W-2 form from my employer. What should I do?

A Contact your employer. He is required by law to furnish his employees W-2 forms by the end of January.

Your return must be filed on time. If you do not have all your Forms W-2, report all of your income and attach a statement explaining how you computed any tax withheld for which you claim credit, but for which you have no Form W-2.

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