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Q -- What happens if I don't complete and return the annual income questionnaire that came with my Movember pension check?

A -- Your benefits will be suspended at the end of January 1979. You will not receive checks after that date until VA receives your completed questionnaire.

Q -- My husband is a veteran and has been told he's eligible for burial in a national cemetery. If I die before he does, can I be buried in a national cemetery on the basis of his eligibility?

A -- Yes, you can provided your husband signs an agreement with the cemetery director that he will be buried in the same gravesite with you at the time of his death.

Q -- My father is receiving pension from the Veterans Administration and was just placed in a nursing home. Is he entitled to any additional benefits?

A -- Yes. A statement from the director or custodian of records at a nursing home verifying that a veteran is in need of nursing home care usually will justify aid and attendance benefits in addition to the veteran's regular pension.

## Jonestown, Black Church

"A Consultation on the Black Church and the Implications of Jonestown for the Church and the Nation" is the subject of a conference scheduled for February 1 and 2 at Third Baptist Church in San Francisco, co-sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the National Conference of Black Churchmen (NCBC).

SCLC president Dr. Joseph E. Lowery said that about 200 delegates representing black denominations and caucuses have been invited "to engage in serious reflections on the issues generated by the Jonestown, Guyana, tragedy."

Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, president of the NCBC explained that many of the sessions would be closed to the public and general press, "because we have invited some Jonestown survivors and others who might feel intimidated by the publicity." He said that a publication of the proceedings would be made available to the denominational headquarters of the delegates invited.

Also expected to participate are such scholars as C. Eric Lincoln of the Duke University Divinity School; Bay Area ministers familiar with Jim Jones Poor People's Temple; Shirley Field Ridley, Guyanese Minister of Information; and three black religious leaders who journeyed to Jonestown for firsthand information about the tragedy there: Dr. Lowery, Rev. Nelson Smith, and Dr. Harry Gibson.

## The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



Surgeon and Physician Dr. Nathan I. Ozobia has recently come to Las Vegas and Henderson. His Las Vegas office is in the office of our own Dr. Garnet Ice, 901 Rancho Lane and his Henderson office is at 67 E. Lake Mead, in Henderson.

He was recently elected as a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons (ICS). Doctor Ozobia, is affiliated with St. Rose de Lima Hospital in Henderson and Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital in Las Vegas. He is a member of the American Association of Military Surgeons and a Fellow of the American Association of Abdominal Surgery.

As a member of the United States Section of ICS, Doctor Ozobia joins thousands of dedicated surgeons in national ICS sections throughout the world. These men and women are devoted to the philosophy of this unique humanitarian organization --- to bring together qualified surgeons of all nations for the exchange of surgical knowledge and techniques of benefit to all mankind regardless of race, creed or nationality.

Among its activities, the ICS sponsors Rural Education Seminars in the United States and a Surgical Teams Project which operates abroad in conjunction with the World Health Organization. Other College activities include international congresses, scientific and clinical seminars, postgraduate surgical training and surgical scholarships, fellowships and research grants. The College also maintains the world-famous Museum of Surgical Sciences and Hall of Fame in Chicago Illinois.

This column is proud and pleased to see a well qualified Doctor join our other qualified and efficient medical group in Las Vegas, welcome Dr. Ozobia.

On January 15, Grac/Immanuel Baptist Church under the direction of it's Pastor, Rev. Sylvester Parks held a tribute to Rev. Alexander and Dr. M.C. King Jr. it was very heartening to see 125 people come out on that rainy night to honor these two leaders Dr. Jesse Wesley of Bethel Baptist delivered a stirring sermon on both leaders. This writer was pleased to present a tribute to Dr. King. Blacks should note that on Jan. 13, the U.S. Postal System issued a stamp commemorating Dr. King. Ask for Dr. King stamps when you buy stamps and show your appreciation for this gesture. At this writing 16 states honor January 15th as Dr. King's Day and President Carter has stated he hopes to sign a bill this year making Jan. 15th a national holiday. The State of Georgia has steadfastly refused to honor Jan. 15th claiming it would give state workers another free pay day. Really? What a sorry excuse. The best thing would be to proclaim Jan. 15th a national Holiday.

Word has come that North Las Vegas has agreed to take \$95,000 of a grant to build a pool in Prentiss Walker Park, at long last. CETA board members Ron Lurie and Manny Cortez resigned as board members but now have agreed to stay on until new members are elected or appointed. How about appointing at least one Black to the board? It is long past due as blacks are greatly involved in CETA activities.

The Nevada Humanities Committee and the Las Vegas Urban League held a seminar on "Cities in Crisis" recently Dr. Ronald Brown, Vice President of programs in government affairs for the League said the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Allan Bakke Discrimination was an example of "Backsliding."

Brown said he is hopeful the Proposition 13 mentality will lose some of its steam as everyone sees its far-from-satisfying consequences.

The solution to social change problems lies in public participation in politics, Brown said, adding that he has learned politics is the supporting and electing of "friends" and the opp-

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