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and radio were most generous in extending their coverage of the conference.

Officers of the Pan-African Chiropractic Association, and who are included in the above photo are Dr. Wm. Sligting, president; Dr. Hilton H. Taylor, vice-president; Dr. Lennox Fisher, secretary; Dr. Louis Brugman, treasurer; and Dr. Arthur V. Cracknell and Dr. James G. Ashwin, council members.

1966 (Mar/Apr): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [8(5)] includes:

-Paul Smallie, D.C. authors "World-Wide Reports" (p. 4); includes "Janse"; notes National College president's appearance before Parliamentary Commission in Pretoria, South Africa

1968 (Dec): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [5(12)] includes:

-R.A.N. Nicholson, D.C., president of the Pan-African Chiropractic Association (PACA), authors "Internationally... the chiropractic situation in South Africa" (pp. 15-6)

1969 (Jan): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [6(1)] includes:

-Len Fisher, D.C., executive secretary of the Pan-African Chiropractic Association (PACA), authors "Pan-African Chiropractic Association convention report" (pp. 16-7); **photo** of visit by Sidney C. Birdsley, D.C., past president of American Chiropractic Association

1969 (Apr): **ACA Journal of Chiropractic** [6(4)] includes:

-Sidney C. Birdsley, D.C. authors "South Africa and chiropractic" (pp. 30-1)

1970 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [13(2)] includes:

-Joseph Janse, D.C. authors "Chiropractic in Rhodesia and South Africa" (pp. 18-9, 51)

1972 (Jan/Feb): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [14(4)] includes:

-"South African tour is planned" (p. 4); includes:

The Chiropractic Association of South Africa extends you an invitation to join them in four days of educational conferences and then to spend two weeks in seeing London, Johannesburg, Durban, Zululand, Swaziland, Kruger National Park, Victoria Falls and Salisbury, on August 17th through September 7th...

1972 (Sept/Oct): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [15(2)] includes:

-"A chiropractic tour of South Africa" (pp. 48-9, 68-70)

1973 (Mar/Apr): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [15(5)] includes:

-"Tour planned for South Africa convention" (p. 7)

1954 (Sept): **ICA International Review of Chiropractic** [9(3)] includes:

-"South African Association to change name" (p. 15)

1959 (Dec): **JNCA** [29(12)] includes:

-Joseph Janse, D.C., N.D. authors "Some pertinent observations on a revealing trip to South Africa" (pp. 11-3, 65-9); includes photograph:



October 5 marked the annual conference of the Pan-African Chiropractic Association. Dr. Joseph Janse, president of the National College of Chiropractic, and chairman of the National Council on Education, was the guest lecturer. The conference was held at the beautiful and famous Wanderers Club, Johannesburg, South Africa. Besides the doctors shown above, eight others who were not available for the photograph participated in the conference. A beautiful banquet was attended by some 200 people including the mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Maltz, and a member of the Union's Parliament, Mr. Cotzee. One evening, in the auditorium of the club, a public meeting with 600 in attendance was held. Both the press

1973 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [16(1)] includes:

-Ercil V. Beane, D.C. authors "Chiropractic missionaries find 'open door' in Kenya, Africa" (pp. 78-9, 98); includes several **photos**

1977 (July/Aug): **Digest of Chiropractic Economics** [20(1)] includes:

-"Dr. Joseph Janse represents the Council on Chiropractic Education abroad" (pp. 14-5, 17, 19)

1979 (Mar): **JCaCA** [4(3)] includes:

-Leon R. Coelho DC authors "Pacific States News" (p. 12); Dr. Coelho is a native of South Africa, studied at Christian Brothers College and the University of Pretoria, graduated from Palmer in 1960, a practicing chiropractor in Louisiana and Illinois for 16 years, served as chairman of the Radiation Control Commission of the International Chiropractic Association and was an x-ray consultant to the Federation of State Chiropractic Licensing Boards.

1979 (Aug): **JCaCA** [4(8)] includes:

-"Pacific States Chiropractic College" (p. 21); Dr. Leon Coelho resigned as President of PSCC to assume a position at the International College of Chiropractic in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Bruce Presnick (VP of Academic Affairs) replaces him pending appointment of new President. New faculty members: Bates Brian MS (Osteoarthology), William Kneebone DC (Technique), Charles Sherrod DC (Technique II), Ronald Quinta MS (Microbiology).

1985 (Sept): **Journal of the Australian Chiropractors Association** [15(3)] includes:

-M.I. Milani authors "A bright light from darkest Africa" (p. 100); abstract:

For almost fifteen years development of chiropractic in South Africa has been "frozen" by restrictive legislation which allowed for no new registrations. Through the united efforts of chiropractors and other health professionals, legislation has now been passed which provides for the perpetuity and self-determination of the chiropractic and homeopathic professions, and may open the way for future establishment of a chiropractic faculty at a South African university.

2003 (July 10): e-mail from Glynn Till, D.C. (gtill@cmcc.ca):

Dear Joe,

Many thanks for this article - I will pass it on to some of my Lincoln colleagues in South Africa and New Zealand.

From a South African perspective, there are a few other Lincoln alumni who deserve recognition, too. I'm not too sure of the years of their graduations, but first and foremost must be Mario Milani ('63) who, from a political perspective did, in my opinion, more to advance chiropractic in South Africa than anyone else (one day I would like to write the history!!). Lennox Fisher ('50?) was secretary/treasurer for the Chiropractic Association of South Africa (CASA) and its predecessor, the Pan-African Chiropractic Association (PACA) for 29 consecutive years. And finally there was Louis Brugman ('57?) who was president of the above associations for about 9 consecutive years and did much to set up the background for our eventual legislation.

Once again, many thanks.

Glynn

2003 (Aug 5): e-mail from Glynn Till, D.C. (gtill@cmcc.ca):

Many thanks for that, Joe. Give me about 6 to 8 weeks and I will see what I can do about writing something for you. Will you remind me? I can give you the names of at least some of the people in that photo, but a better copy could improve my response.

Prior to about 1970, the South African chiropractic community gave itself the dubious luxury of having two professional associations, based on the traditional conceptual cleavage. My knowledge of the history in SA is as a result of my association mainly with the more "liberal" association in those days (the Pan-African Chiropractic Association - PACA) and with the amalgamated association since about 1970 (CASA). The more "conservative" association prior to the amalgamation was known as the South African Chiropractic Association (SACA), and Scott would probably have more information about it's history, his father, Josh, having been, I believe, one of its founders, and he was certainly its President at one stage (during the time of the governmental commission of inquiry into chiropractic (1962)).

There are not many people left in South Africa with long-term memories (at least potentially so!!) of the earlier history of the profession, which probably started some time in the 1920s. This is particularly so with council members from the erstwhile SACA. Bert Pretorius was one of them, as was a Pierre van Zyl. I'm not sure whether they are still alive, but if they are, they may still have minutes, notices, etc from that association. People who may be able to help you in tracing these people (should you be interested) would be Reg Engelbrecht (drreg@mweb.co.za) and Chris Neethling (chiro1@pixie.co.za). Reg Engelbrecht was particularly keen on writing up the history.

With best wishes, Glynn.

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