

majority of this rather large council. So I would like to tell you something about this knowledgeable and dedicated young man and why I have asked him to assume this very heavy responsibility.

Dr. Solomon came to my office some three weeks ago for an appointment arranged by a mutual friend. Like so many other people I have listened to in recent months, he had a few thoughts to express on our health problems. I was prepared for a half-hour lecture on what I was doing wrong, but instead found myself listening, fascinated, for *two solid hours* while he outlined to me the State's health problems as he saw them, his ideas on how to meet these problems, his conviction that the life span of the individual can be markedly increased through improved health services in the early years, and how all of this can be accomplished within the State's financial means and ability to pay. My instant and obvious reaction was: We've got to put this young man to work!

I think you will be as impressed with him as I am, and that in the chairmanship of this Council he will find a worthy challenge for his energy, his enthusiasm, and his dedication to the field of medicine and health.

Dr. Solomon is a native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, but has been a resident of Baltimore and a member of our medical community since 1961. He is Associate Professor of Physiology and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland, a member of the faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and is Assistant Chief of Medicine at the Baltimore City Hospitals.

For two years he was with the National Institutes of Health, associated with both the Heart Institute and the Institute of Child Health and Human Development. He currently is doing research in the area of aging, metabolism and nutrition under a Career Development Award from N.I.H.

The head of planning operations, for both the Intra-Agency Comprehensive Health Planning Committee and for this Council, is Dr. Eugene Guthrie, who will assume his State position soon, but who was unable to be with us today. He will select a staff to work with you. It is most important that the initial steps taken by the Advisory Council and the staff be well coordinated.

Finally, let me thank all of you for the interest you have shown in Maryland's health problems by agreeing to serve on this Advisory Council and by attending this meeting.