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● **ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Last October Puerto Rico was damaged by torrential rainfalls that caused floods all over the country. The Seventh-day Adventist constituency--health and welfare groups, Good Samaritans, medical cadets, Pathfinders and workers--united in helping those who have suffered losses and were in need of food, clothing or bedding. Carlos Romero Barcelo, mayor of San Juan, sent to Elder Felix Rios, union lay activities secretary, a letter of acknowledgment for the good work done.--Noemi Escobar.

● **NEWS FROM THE FRANCO-HAITIAN UNION.** The following nominations were made by the union year-end committee: Elder Anthony Henry, former president of the North Haiti Mission, to head the union Lay Activities, Sabbath School and Ministerial departments.

*Isaac Jean-Baptiste, formerly secretary-treasurer of the North Haiti Mission, to the presidency of that field.

*Emmanuel Gustave, former secretary-treasurer of the French Guiana Mission, to the same position in the North Haiti Mission.

*Luc Chandler of Guadeloupe, to the presidency of the French Guiana Mission.

*Maurille Linzau, former Book and Bible House manager for the Guadeloupe Mission, to the French Guiana Mission as secretary-treasurer. His place will be taken by Jude Isimat Mirin.

*Maurice Roseau to the Department of Education of the Martinique Mission.

*Jean Daphnis to head the departments of Lay Activities and MV of the same field.

*S. B. Jean-Elie, formerly Sabbath school and lay activities secretary, to the departments of Stewardship, Religious Liberty and Public Relations of the Martinique Mission.

*Mission president Roy E. Perrin will also be Sabbath school secretary for Martinique.



*Book and Bible House manager Alain Cidolit will also be in charge of the Radio-TV Department.--J. H. Figueroa.

● **ORATORY CONTEST AT ANTILLIAN COLLEGE:** Rafael Heredia, a third year ministerial student at Antillian College, was awarded first prize at the annual oratory contest held during the Temperance Week. Young Heredia participated in two other contests, poetry and drawing, and in each one was awarded first prize.--Prof. Valentin Acosta.

● **NEWS FROM CUC:** Caribbean Union College is building an apartment complex for married students. The two-story building will have twelve two-bedroom apartments. Four of the units are completed and occupied.

*A modern two-story building is under construction at Caribbean Union College. The second floor will house the library and the first floor will be used for administrative offices.--A. Ray Norcliffe.

● **VOP GRADUATION:** Partial view of the 238 Voice of Prophecy students who were awarded certificates December 11 at Malpaso, Chiapas, México. The graduation was organized by Elder Israel Guizar.



● **MISS UNIVERSE VISITS ANTILLIAN COLLEGE:** Marisol Malaret Contreras, Miss Universe 1970, a native of Puerto Rico, visited Antillian College on December 13. This event drew to the institution thousands of people who were not acquainted with our work, among them the mayor of Mayaguez, Hon. Benjamin Cole.--H.J. Brignoni.

● **NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED:** On December 28, departmental secretary Loren Gallardo organized a new church--#64 in the Upper Magdalena Conference--with 54 charter members. The Alto Palmar, Huila, Colombia church is located on a hilltop, and is the product of several lay campaigns.--J. G. Nikkels.

● **STEWARDSHIP NEWS:** The Christian stewardship campaigns held in 1970 have contributed to the financial and spiritual success of the Upper Magdalena Conference. Recognizing this, the year-end committee nominated Pastor Manuel Rosas as associate stewardship secretary for the field, to help the president who is the head of this department, to fully develop this phase of the work.--J. G. Nikkels.



● **MV ACTIVITIES:** Group of 26 Master Guides invested recently at the Bella Vista Hospital church in Puerto Rico, accompanied by Pastor Jose Hernandez who led out in the ceremony (first row, extreme left), and Fred Hernandez (second row, extreme right), pastor and MV sponsor of the Bella Vista church.

● **SERVICE REQUEST:** Prof. David Garcia y Poyato of the Mexican Union, is being asked to assist in public relations in connection with the Bogota evangelistic crusade.

● **CORRECTION:** In FLASHES #3 of January 12 we made an error for which we apologize to Elder H. J. Brignoni for making him appear treasurer of East Puerto Rico instead of departmental secretary of the Antillian Union, and to Noemi Escobar under whose name the news item appeared. We also want to point out that the baptismal ceremony was performed by Elder Brignoni.

*Another correction. Elder Murillo's vacancy was filled by Pedro Rascon of the Southeast Mission of Mexico, and not by Pedro Rendon of the Inter-Oceanic Mission.