

Messenger Flashes

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●**WEST PUERTO RICO'S FIRST BIENNIAL SESSION:** The West Puerto Rico Conference held its first biennial session January 7-10 at the Elias Burgos MV Camp. Elders B.L. Archbold and A. Ray Norcliffe of the division, presented some very interesting subjects which, along with the morning devotionals and prayer groups, contributed to a spiritual atmosphere that drew every one close to God. Elder Felix Rodriguez, former Sabbath school, lay activities and temperance secretary for the Antillian Union, was elected to the presidency of the field for the coming triennium. Elder Angel Perez, secretary-treasurer and acting president for the last six months, was reelected. Pablo Ayala was appointed MV and educational secretary.--H. J. Brignoni.

●**ORDINATION:** Angel Perez, secretary-treasurer of the West Puerto Rico Conference, was ordained to the ministry Saturday afternoon, January 9. The following participated in the ordination program: District pastor Eligio Gonzalez; president-elect of the field Felix Rodriguez; division treasurer A. Ray Norcliffe; division president B. L. Archbold; Antillian Union president W. T. Collins; and Antillian Union stewardship secretary H. J. Brignoni.--A. Ray Norcliffe.

●**NEWS FROM HONDURAS:** On November 20-22, the Adventist Educational Center (CEA) in Peña Blanca held its closing exercises when 24 young people from various Central American countries graduated.

*One highlight of the closing school year was the Week of Prayer conducted by Pastor Mario Muñoz, a former student of CEA. On the closing Sabbath afternoon Elders Eldon Ford and Luis Leonor baptized 13 young men and 12 young ladies in a beautiful pool at the source of nearby Rio Lindo.

*Work is progressing on the new dormitories, and 1971 will witness improvements in the dining room, kitchen and laundry.

*A new stone gateway, sponsored in part by the class of 1970, will welcome visitors to the school.

*The enrollment reached 210 in 1970, and 1971 promises to be another record year.--Vernon E. Berry.

●**VOP TOUR:** Dr. Braulio Perez Marcio and the King's Heralds quartet will tour Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Mexico between February 19 and March 28. The purpose of this trip is to promote the VOP program and to obtain enrollments for the correspondence Bible schools. Plans are being made for personal appearances on radio and television as well as in civic organizations, theatres and churches.--T. R. Haylock.





Elder Claudio Ingleton translating to Elder Archbold.--H. J. Brignoni.

●**THREE ORDAINED:** On Saturday, January 16, three workers of the East Puerto Rico Conference were ordained to the sacred ministry. Isaac Suarez, left, is in charge of the Santurce church; Adriano Quiles, center, is pastor of the #1 Guayama church; and Eloy Perez, right, pastors the Tortugo church. We are featuring the new ministers accompanied by their wives.

Elder A. Ray Norcliffe, IAD treasurer, preached the sermon; Elder B. L. Archbold, IAD president, offered the ordination prayer; conference president E. C. Santos welcomed the new ministers; and Antillian Union president W. T. Collins, presented the charge.



●**WORKERS ON THE MOVE:** Elder Guillermo Krieghoff, formerly of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, has accepted the call to head the departments of Education and Stewardship of the Mexican Union.

*Luis E. Torres, at present on study leave, was called to serve as an instructor in the normal department at Colombia-Venezuela Union College (ICOLVEN).

*Mrs. Euphemia Gray was invited to return to her homeland as a Bible instructor in the Central Jamaica Conference.

*Sustentee and Mrs. R. S. Blackburn stopped briefly in Miami January 20 on their way to Jamaica, where Elder Blackburn will serve three months as acting treasurer of the West Indies Union.

●**INGATHERING:** Leaders and members of the Caribbean Union are set to put their field once again in first place in 1971 among the other Inter-American unions.--G. R. Thompson.

●**SCANNING OUR MAIL:** "We appreciate the news, and the pictures add so much. Really, I don't mind what name you give the newsletter. . . just keep it coming."-- Mrs. B. Robertson, Administrator Port-of-Spain Community Hospital.