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●**THE BOGOTA CAMPAIGN**--An average of 2200 persons attended the introductory lectures of the Bogota crusade headed by Mexican Union evangelist Carlos E. Aeschlimann. The meetings started February 7 and are held Friday through Monday evenings at the Pavillion K of the Bogota Fair. The evangelistic team is composed by the evangelist, sixteen senior ministerial students of ICOLVEN, and about fifteen workers coming from five different fields of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. Elder Aeschlimann and Prof. Edgar Escobar teach morning classes in public and personal evangelism, pastoral psychology and hermeneutics, and in the afternoon the team, divided in three groups, makes calls on 2000 people who have shown interest in the lectures.--J. G. Nikkels.

●**ORDINATIONS**--On Sabbath, January 9, Robinson Urdaneta was ordained to the gospel ministry. Participating in this solemn ceremony were: Colombia-Venezuela Union president Gabriel Castro; West Venezuela Mission president George Carambot; district pastor Tirso Escandon; and mission publishing secretary Eliseo Freitas.

\*On Sabbath, January 16, Jeddy Hooker was ordained to the sacred ministry at the Cher Asile church. The following took part in the ceremony: Elders Gabriel Castro and Juan de Armas, Colombia-Venezuela Union president and secretary-treasurer respectively; and Netherlands Antilles Mission president Jan Brinkman.

●**NEWS FROM CUBA**--We just learned that Elder Pedro de Armas president of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Cuba had a heart attack. Presently he is convalescing at the Santa Clara Hospital.

\*In 1970, our workers baptized 814 souls in Cuba.

●**GRADUATION OF MISSIONARY MAILMEN**--On February 3, 105 members of the four churches in Bogota graduated as missionary mailmen. Dr. C. R. Taylor of the Inter-American Division, delivered the commencement speech, Elder Carlos E. Aeschlimann, of the Mexican Union, read the charge, and the certificates were awarded by a group of ministers under the supervision of Prof. D. G. y Poyato, who introduced the missionary mailmen plan in Inter-America and is also in charge of the Radio Department of the Mexican Union.--J. G. Nikkels.

●**DR. OF PHILOSOPHY**--Harold R. Bennett successfully completed the final oral examination on December 4, 1970, and has now fulfilled all of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Michigan State University. Dr. Bennett, who has been on the doctoral busrsary plan from Jamaica, has accepted the invitation to join the staff of West Indies College for the beginning of the academic year 1971-72.

●**WORKERS TRANSFERRED**--Elder T. G. Sample, secretary-treasurer of the Antillian Union, was appointed to the same position in the Central American Union.

\*Paula Garcia, who for several years served as cashier of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, is now the assistant treasurer of the Central American Union.

\*Enrique Betancourt, formerly district pastor in Panama, is the new dean of men at CEA (Adventist Educational Center).

\*Pastor Daniel Moncada of Guatemala's central district, is the new chaplain at the Nicaragua Adventist Hospital.



\*Sinforiano Alvarado, former head of the Honduras Book and Bible House, has already taken up his duties as accountant of Hospital Adventista, Nicaragua.

\*Elder L. T. Wade of the central district of El Salvador, will soon join the faculty at CADES (Centro Adventista de Estudios Superiores), Costa Rica.

●FROM PACIFIC MEXICO--Sunday evening, January 17, at the close of the biennial session, 25 precious souls were baptized by three ministers. One of the new converts was Brother Antonio Krum, whose wife had prayed for 20 years for his conversion.--J.H. Figueroa.

\*A non-Adventist youth group called Youth Self-improvement Movement, recently organized a TV forum in which the local Catholic church as well as several Protestant churches were asked to participate. The subject to be discussed was the relationship between parents and children. The Pacific Mission was represented by its president, Elder Jose Morales and by MV secretary Jorge Suarez, who presented some timely messages geared toward strengthening community relations.--Jose Morales.

●FROM THE BAHAMAS--A beautiful church has been completed in Newport except for the furnishings. It will house 350 people, and it is one of the few air conditioned churches we have in Inter-America.--B. L. Archbold.

●PUBLIC RELATIONS--The first public relations council in the history of the Colombia-Venezuela Union convened in Bogota February 1-3 under the leadership of Dr. C. R. Taylor and Elder Alfredo Aeschlimann of the division; Prof. David G. y Poyato of the Mexican Union; Elder Gabriel Castro of the union; and Elders J. G. Nikkels and Joel Manosalva of the Upper Magdalena Conference. The council was attended by presidents of the local fields and the Bogota evangelistic team.--J. G. Nikkels.

●WORLD LAYMEN'S YEAR--During 1971 we will be privileged to have the visit of Elder M. T. Battle of the General Conference, who will help us celebrate division-wide lay congresses beginning April 29. He will also attend the IAD Departmental Council to be held in Guatemala June 2-9.--A. H. Riffel.

●"ONE TO ONE" IN CENTRAL AMERICA--January 8-31, a series of One to One evangelistic rallies was conducted in the Central American Union under the joint auspices of the MV and Lay Activities departments. Co-ordinating these meetings were C. D. Christian and Cesar Funes, MV and lay activities secretary respectively, of the union, and division MV secretary George W. Brown. In attendance were Missionary Volunteers, laymen and denominational workers. The joint project is off to a brilliant start as youth and laymen pledge to make 1971 a year of unparalleled success in a united One to One evangelistic thrust. Hundreds of individuals attended these rallies in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama.--G. W. Brown.

●THE CALL OF NEW GUINEA--Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow for the 1st. quarter, 1971 will enable the Central Papuan Mission of the Australasian Division to relocate the Bautama Central School built at the close of World War II with surplus materials left behind by the Australian and American Forces.

\*Omaura Bible Workers' Training School in the highlands of New Guinea will also benefit from your generous gift on March 27. NEW GUINEA CALLS FOR YOUR HELP. WE ARE CONFIDENT THEIR CALL WILL NOT BE IN VAIN.--M.N. Townend, Australasian Division.



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