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●**ORDINATIONS**--On Sabbath, December 12, 1970, two workers of the North Haiti Mission, Fenelon Destin of the Gonaives district, and Joas Helvetius of the Gros Morne district, were ordained to the gospel ministry. Franco-Haitian Union president G.M. Ellstrom preached the sermon; union treasurer Napoleon Grunder offered the ordination prayer; former mission president A. Henry gave the charge; and incoming mission president I. Jean-Baptiste welcomed the new ministers.

*Brother Samuel Moore, pastor of the Grenada Southwest District, was set apart for the sacred ministry February 27 at the Stanmore Avenue church in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Caribbean Union president G. R. Thompson preached the consecration sermon; union treasurer E. J. Murray offered the prayer; division field secretary Marcel Abel gave the charge; and South Caribbean Conference president S. L. Gadsby welcomed the new ministers to the brotherhood of SDA ministry.--*Marcel Abel.*

●**VOP GRADUATION FOR CHILDREN**--Our photo depicts the first VOP graduation for children held recently at Veracruz, Mexico. Fifty children were prepared for the occasion by Prof. B. Garcia and Elder Jorge Dzul, and were awarded certificates by Elder Alfonso Coutino.--*Prof. David. G. y Poyato.*



●**HIGHEST ENROLLMENT**--Harrison High School of Montego Bay, West Jamaica Conference, has an enrollment of 503 students for the present school year, the highest in Inter-America.--*C. R. Taylor.*

●**PUBLIC RELATIONS**--Elder Alfredo Aeschlimann of the IAD and Upper Magdalena Conference president J. G. Nikkels, invited Gustavo Rodriguez, president of the Colombian Bible Society, to explain the purpose of the society to the Bogota evangelistic team. Mr. Rodriguez also was invited to talk at the Pacific Mission workers' meeting to be held in Cali, Colombia.--*J. G. Nikkels.*



●**STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP**--The workers of the Salvador Mission just finished a ten-day stewardship workshop held at the Santa Ana church. Valuable instruction was given by Elders Glenn E. Smith of the IAD (first row, fifth from left), and D. E. Crane of the Central American Union (same row, third from left).--*Luis Leonor.*

●**VOP GRADUATION**--Sunday, January 24, 1971, 260 Voice of Prophecy students were awarded certificates at the Caracas Adventist Center. Among them there was a teacher, Prof. Juan J. Marcano, who discovered the program accidentally while tuning in his radio. He sent for the lessons and at present is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.--*R. S. Arismendi.*

*Recently 286 VOP students were graduated in North Haiti. A large crowd witnessed the event. The Voice of Prophecy awarded 597 certificates in 1970 in this mission.--*Marcel Abel.*

●**CHURCH DEDICATIONS**--On Sabbath, February 20, 1971, the New Amsterdam, Guyana, church was dedicated to the worship of God. Caribbean Union president G. R. Thompson preached the sermon, and union treasurer E. J. Murray offered the dedicatory prayer.

*On February 21 the members of the Berea church of Albouystown in Georgetown, Guyana, dedicated their church. Elder G. R. Thompson was in charge of the dedicatory sermon; Elder E.J. Murray led out in the act of dedication; and Elder W. W. Weithers, union lay activities and Sabbath school secretary, offered the prayer.--*Marcel Abel.*

●**INGATHERING**--The South Caribbean Conference launched the 1971 Ingathering campaign on Sabbath, January 23. Three weeks later we have already reached TT100,000. This is an unsurpassed accomplishment in the history of our field, and we are extremely grateful to God for it.--*S. L. Gadsby.*

●**GROWTH**--Our Inter-American colporteurs sold literature valued at US\$2,440,000.00 and won 2247 souls in 1970. This means an increase of US\$350,000.00 in sales and of 727 souls over the previous year.--*Nicolas Chaij.*

●**NEWS FROM NICARAGUA**--February 12-14 was another memorable date for Hospital Adventista. This weekend six nursing students of the class of 1971, (left to right) Carmen Perilla, Thelma Clarence, Sylvia Fisher, Maura Diaz, Blondell Quinn, and Eneida De Dier, received their diplomas. All of the graduates will continue to work with the hospital for several months.



*On February 25 Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rosales arrived in Nicaragua by boat from El Salvador. Dr. Rosales is joining the Hospital Adventista staff. We welcome them along with their children José, Luis, Victoria and Carlos.--*E. J. Heissler.*

●**EVANGELISM**--Elder L. V. McMillan, newly-appointed president of the Cayman Islands Mission, launched an evangelistic crusade February 7 in Georgetown, Grand Cayman. His team includes Elder H. Holnes and a group of consecrated laymen. A capacity public filled the huge "Bible Tentorium" the opening night, and one month later the interest was still good. The brethren are praying for a good harvest of souls.--*C. R. Taylor.*

●**IN APPRECIATION**--Brother A. L. Edeburn has made an outstanding contribution to Inter-America and more recently to the Central American Union as treasurer and auditor. The division is very grateful for his loyal service. He and Sister Edeburn have set a noble example as self-denying and hard-working missionaries. Brother Edeburn will be retiring after more than forty years of devoted service to the cause of God.

The Central American Union has eighteen organizations and institutions to be audited before Brother Edeburn leaves the field and the new secretary-treasurer arrives around the end of May. It was, therefore, arranged for Brother Edeburn to be relieved of the treasurer's work and devote full time to the auditing program of the union.

During the absence of a treasurer in the office, assistant treasurer Paula Garcia has been asked to carry the responsibility until the arrival of the new treasurer, and Elder G. E. Maxson will serve as acting secretary.--*B. L. Archbold.*