

Messenger Flashes

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●**PARADE**--Against the gleaming white backdrop of cruise ships and amid the fanfare of bands, Bahamas Conference Pathfinders paraded as the four new police patrol boats (inset) were recently commissioned, named, blessed, saluted and toasted in colorful religious and social ceremonies. The Pathfinders, especially invited by Prime Minister L. O. Pindling, received a cheering ovation as they marched along led by conference MV leader S. G. Cole.

●**NEWS FROM MONTEMORELOS, MEXICO**--The current school year, which is coming to its end, has witnessed a record-breaking number of baptisms. As a result of the two Weeks of Prayer, 64 young people and two adults were baptized. Thirty-five more are enrolled in the baptismal class.

*In the three churches functioning near the college campus 79 new believers were added to the followers of the Crucified One. Two theology students were asked to follow up the interest during the summer months.

*The stewardship plan was started this year at the college church. Many blessings are being seen as a result of this measure.--*Luis Carlos*.

●**LAY ACTIVITIES RALLY**--Monday morning, May 10, Elder M. T. Battle of the General Conference Lay Activities Department and Elder A. H. Riffel of the IAD, were welcomed to Port-au-Prince for a day-and-a-half rally. Almost 100 were present, including nine delegates from the North Haiti Mission and all the workers in the South Haiti Mission.

●**FROM EL SALVADOR**--Sabbath, May 8, was a day long to be remembered by the Las Tablas group, for that day it was organized as a church with 95 charter members. Present for this solemn service were district pastor Clemente Rivera; mission departmental secretary Raul Rodriguez; mission secretary-treasurer Carlos Wing; mission president Luis E. Leonor; and Central American Union MV secretary C.D. Christian, who preached the sermon. At present these hard-working members are building a church home which will be ready for dedication in the near future.

*Mission president Luis E. Leonor and secretary-treasurer Carlos Wing just toured Eastern El Salvador accompanied by district pastor Tevni Grajales. During this trip they received seven lots donated for the construction of churches. On two of these properties church members had already built chapels.--*Luis E. Leonor*.

●**VOP UNITED WITH EVANGELISM**--Elder Felix Cortes is conducting a successful evangelistic campaign at Culiacan, Mexico, in which he combines preaching with the Voice of Prophecy lessons.--*Lic. David G. y Poyato*.

●**THE VOP PROGRAM WINS SOULS**--On May 29, Miss Maria de los Angeles Jimenez was baptized at the Mexico City central church. She had always liked all types of religious broadcasts. This led her to tune in to the VOP program, which became the instrument

that won her for the truth.--*Daniel Sosa.*

*The VOP program is getting to be well known in Costa Rica. We received a letter from a Catholic priest in Alajuela who, among other things, said: "I was fortunate to hear the Voice of Prophecy broadcast last Sunday and it made an impact on me." A young man writes from Argentina de Grecia: "I call you friends for this is the most sincere and significant title that can be given to those who preach with such love and enthusiasm the most beneficial teachings to the thousands of us who hear your program.--*Francisco Arroyo.*

●**CARIBBEAN UNION NEWS**--Evangelist K. S. Wiggins baptized 102 souls from his Checker Hall, St. Lucy, effort in Barbados. The church is now so crowded that the church board voted to extend the building by 15 feet.

*A very successful Week of Prayer was conducted at Caribbean Union College April 30-May 8 by Elder K. S. Wiggins of Barbados. Forty-two students made decisions for baptism.



*The first Caribbean Union Lay Preachers' Institute was conducted at Camp Balandra, Trinidad, May 5-8. Elder M. T. Battle of the General Conference and Elder A. H. Riffel of the IAD led out in the institute. The lay preachers set a goal of 2,900 souls. Our picture shows lay activities leaders in the Caribbean Union with Elders Battle and Riffel.

*On Sunday night, May 23, Elder K.S. Wiggins began a city-wide campaign in Georgetown, Guyana. The brethren are praying for a large influx of souls.--*G. R. Thompson.*

●**ORDINATION**--On Sabbath, May 22, 1971, Alfred J. Lewis (center) was ordained to the ministry at the Georgetown, Guyana, SDA church. Participating in the service were Caribbean Union president G. R. Thompson (extreme right), who delivered the sermon; union secretary-treasurer E. J. Murray (second from left), who offered the prayer; IAD auditor R. R. Drachenberg (extreme left), who gave the charge; and acting mission president W. W. Weithers (second from right), who welcomed the new minister.--*R.R.Drachenberg.*



●**GRADUATION**--Antillian College graduation exercises in May, 1971, were held in the new gymnasium nearing completion. Thirty-five graduates on the college level and 20 on the academy level received their diplomas. The college graduates came from eleven countries with majors in Theology, Religion, Business Administration, English, History, Biology, Spanish, Mathematics, Secretarial and Elementary Education. Five more will graduate from the summer session.--*R. H. Howlett.*

●**EVANGELISM**--Elder Ralph Larson of Atlantic Union College is due in Trinidad in June to conduct a large tent effort in Marabella.--*G. R. Thompson.*