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● **IAD YEAR-END COMMITTEE MEETING**--The Inter-American Division held its year-end committee meeting at headquarters in Coral Gables, November 5-11, 1971. Forty-six delegates met to give study to some very important matters related to God's work in this part of the world. The meetings were attended by the presidents, treasurers and auditors of all seven unions as well as one elective member for each union, and representatives of the General Conference and the Pacific Press. Among the actions taken were the reorganization of the work in the Dominican Republic, dividing it into the Central Dominican Conference and the new North Dominican (Cibao) Mission; the opening of medical work in Port-au-Prince, Haiti; activation of Evangelism '72 on all fronts; a new sustentation policy, and the budget for 1972. A spirit of unity, enthusiasm and urgency to finish the work could be felt during the meetings.--*Jose H. Figueroa.*

● **JAMAICAN STUDENT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP**--Trevor D. Barnes of Pepper, P. O., St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, has been awarded a US\$ 1,490 scholarship by the Alumina Partners of Jamaica (an aluminum-producing company) through the Institute of International Education. Barnes is a senior accounting student at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.--*Andrews University News Release.*

● **LAYMEN ON THE GO**--Our work in the Comitán, Chis., Mexico, district on the Guatemalan border was started by a layman. He gave Bible studies and was supported jointly by the South Mission employees and the Tuxtla Gutierrez church. The work began to grow, and this year a company was organized. Not having a church home of their own, they meet in the school building appearing in the photo. Mario de la Cruz is in charge of the group.--*L. Gallardo.*



● **STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP**--Group of ministers who attended the stewardship workshop conducted by IAD stewardship secretary Glenn E. Smith in Barquisimeto, West Venezuela, October 10-12. Seated, from left to right: W. Chow, Alfredo Gaona, Glenn E. Smith, Norberto Restrepo, and Manuel Rosas.--*Alfredo Gaona.*

● **SABBATH SCHOOL RAISED BY LAY WORKER**--Sister Usabell Dargenson, one of the lay workers in the North Haiti Mission, recently held a campaign. As a result of it a Sabbath school was organized with 63 members, five of which are baptized.--*Marcel Abel.*

● **MASTER GUIDES INVESTED IN EL SALVADOR**--Recently sixteen young people received their Master Guide pins and certificates in an interesting program held in the San Salvador central church. A torch-lighting ceremony closed the service.--*Mrs. Lillian Ford.*

● **FROM JAMAICA**--As a result of the crusade conducted by West Indies Union evangelist J. C. Palmer in Kingston, over 400 were baptized to date.

*The Jointwood campaign held by Basil Kerr, a young ministerial intern of West Jamaica, has yielded over 200 baptisms.

*So far we have in Jamaica four (4) double centurions and ten (10) centurions.
H. S. Walters.



●ORDINATION IN MIAMI--On Friday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m., Frank L. Baer of Inter-American Publications was ordained to the ministry in a solemn ceremony conducted in Temple church. Columbia Union president Cree Sandefur (third from right) preached the sermon. After some introductory remarks made by Ministerial Association secretary Alfredo Aeschlimann (extreme left) publishing secretary Nicolas Chaij (second from left) read a brief biographical sketch of the candidate; West Indies Union president H. S. Walters (extreme right) offered the ordination prayer; IAD president B. L. Archbold (third from left) presented the charge; and Pacific Press treasurer L. F. Bohner welcomed the new minister to the fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist ministry.

●FROM PORT-AU-PRINCE--We quote from a letter written to Elder Ramirez by Brother Marcelin Bocaly: "After holding meetings for one and half months in the Port-au-Prince, (Haiti) auditorium, on September 26 fifty-one souls were baptized out of 200 interests. The remaining 150 are still in the baptismal class getting ready for future baptisms."

●VOP GRADUATIONS IN SOUTH MEXICO--In Agromos Mexicanos 31 students were graduated as a result of the untiring work of colporteur Elias Pimentel.

*Forty-eight received certificates in Rizo de Oro.

*The missionary mailmen of Cintalapa helped 70 to finish their respective courses and receive certificates.

*In Comalapa a layman, Brother Mario de la Cruz was the instrument in the graduation of 46 VOP students who in their turn became missionary mailmen and are now working with over 300 students.--Israel Guizar.



●FROM TUXTLA GUTIERREZ--On Sabbath, October 23, 117 souls--the first fruits of the crusade Mexican Union evangelist Carlos E. Aeschlimann is holding there--followed their Lord in baptism. Lectures are being presented and baptismal classes are conducted simultaneously in six different locations. The evangelist is assisted by a team of eight young workers of the South Mission. Most of the new converts were indoctrinated by missionary mailmen who started to visit them months before the crusade

opened. Our photo depicts the Villa Allende group.--Carlos E. Aeschlimann.