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FIRST SESSION--The first session of the new North Dominican Mission, held February 2, 1972, in Santiago, was attended by some 84 delegates who met at the Santiago Club. The different departments were staffed as follows: Publishing, Temperance and Public Relations, Samuel Orozco; MV, Education and Radio-TV, Hector Acosta. Mission president Jose Espinosa will be in charge of the Sabbath School Department, and mission secretary-treasurer Juan R. Prestol will also head the Book and Bible House and the Stewardship Department.--A. Ray Norcliffe.

CHILD EVANGELISM ON TV--Pastor Vladimiro Martinez, lay activities secretary for the West Puerto Rico Conference, obtained a weekly half-hour space on TV for child evangelism. Prof. Luz Maria Diaz prepares the program and presents it on Channel 3.--Hector J. Brignoni.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1972

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SUCCESSFUL YOUTH CRUSADE -- A partial view of the public who attended, night after night, the youth crusade conducted by IAD president B. L. Archbold February 4-12 at the auditorium of Centro Adventista in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. On Sab bath, February 12, East Puerto Rico Conference educational secretary J.R.Rodriguez baptized the first fruits, 28 souls. After a call was made, 122 more came for ward signifying their desire to join the church at a future date. To end crusade, Elder Archbold asked the public to hold hands thus expressing their desire to meet Jesus one day under the tree of life. -- Hector J. Brignoni.

SEVEN YOUNG PEOPLE BAPTIZED--Along with the youth crusade, Division president B. L. Archbold conducted a Week or Prayer February 7-11, at Metropolitan Academy in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Friday morning, February 11, the student body gathered at Centro Adventista to witness the baptism of seven students. Our photo depicts officiating minister J. R. Rodriguez, the newly baptized young people, and Elder Archbold.--Hector J. Brignoni.

EVANGELISM '72--IAD secretary Jose H. Figueroa had 600 present on February 6, the opening night of the evangelistic crusade he is holding in the Cali (Colombia) central church. Elder Figueroa is assisted by district pastor Daniel Alvarez and three young ministers, Miguel A. Puentes, Bernardo Rodríguez and Mario Ledesma.

*Two successful revival weeks were conducted in the Cayes and Salem churches (Haiti) by IAD field secretary Marcel Abel. As a result, 29 joined the baptismal class.

*Elder Alfredo Aeschlimann is now in Bogota, Colombia, holding two simultaneous series of revival meetings--one in the central church and the other in the Sharon church. Following this he will present a number of studies at a workers meeting, and then will hold the Week of Prayer at ICOLVEN.--June Taylon.

*During this special year, Dr. C. R. Taylor feels a burden for the young people enrolled in our schools who have not taken their stand for Christ. At present he is holding the Week of Prayer at the Bequia secondary school, where only 31 of the 178 students are church members. He is also holding revival meetings in the evenings.

DEATH--Mrs. Fanny Lopez, a teacher at Antillian College in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, passed away February 5 at Bella Vista Hospital after a long illness. Both the faculty and the student body of Antillian College, as well as the workers in the Antillian Union and her personal friends, were saddened by her passing for she had endeared herself to all. Originally from Colombia, she came to Puerto Rico with her hus band, Carlos Lopez, to join the faculty of Antillian College where she served until her death. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and other relatives.-Hector J. Brignoni.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS--Central Dominican Conference reports 500 baptized in January and two centurions--Antonio Escandon and Hector Acosta--for 1972.