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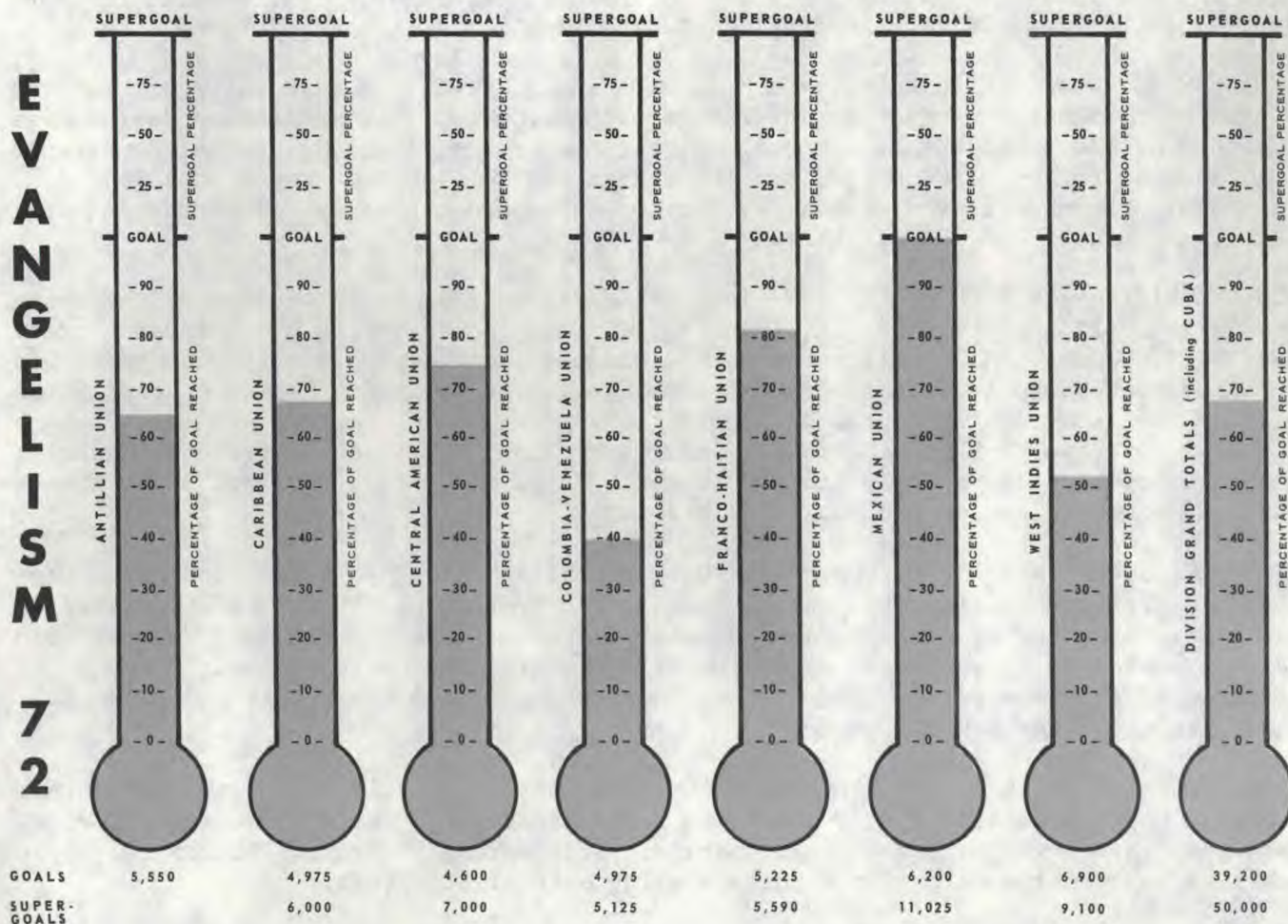
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WONDERFUL NEWS--On September 13, Elder Archbold received a telegram from Mexican Union evangelist and secretary Carlos Aeschlimann, with the following text: "Mexico reached its goal. We have baptized 6,223."

COLONARIE, ST. VINCENT, CHURCH DEDICATED--Division president B. L. Archbold preached the sermon and led out in the dedication of the Colonarie, St. Vincent, church in the South Caribbean Conference on August 6. The dedicatory prayer offered by Caribbean Union president G. R. Thompson was followed by a thank offering.

FROM BRITISH HONDURAS--One of the mission workers, Brother Dennis Slusher, is conducting a tent crusade in the village of San Jose. The tent can hold only 100 people, but from 300 to 400, practically the entire village, crowd the grounds nightly to hear the third angel's message.--G. E. Maxson.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1972



HONORED--Elder S. L. Gadsby, president of the South Caribbean Conference, was honored by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago with the Silver Medal of Merit on August 31, for his contribution in the field of religion. He was also named by Prime Minister Dr. Eric Williams as a member of a special committee to investigate the social services of the country and to make recommendations for their improvement.

Another SDA, Mrs. Irene Mitchell, was given the Gold Medal of Merit for her contribution in the field of nursing. Sister Mitchell is a retired head nurse from the General Hospital in Port-of-Spain, and served for many years on the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital board.--G. Ralph Thompson.



WORKERS MEETING--All the ministerial workers in the West Venezuela Mission gathered August 13-16 to make plans for Evangelism '73. Colombia-Venezuela Union president Gabriel Castro, and union publishing secretary Romulo Lozano were also present at these important meetings.--Alfredo Gaona.

EAST CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE SESSION--One hundred and fifty-one delegates attended the first triennial session of the East Caribbean Conference held August 1-5 in Bridgetown, Barbados. The General Conference

was represented by associate secretary D. W. Hunter. IAD president B.L. Archbold and West Indies Union president H. S. Walters, also attended the session. The officers were returned to their posts. The departmental secretaries for the new three-year period are as follows: Sabbath School, Lay Activities and Radio, Noel Bailey; Education and Public Relations, Belgrove Josiah; MV and Temperance, E. W. Howell; Publishing, G. C. Braithwaite; Stewardship, L. C. Phillips.

EAST CARIBBEAN WORKERS ORDAINED--Hugh Hamblin and C. O. Sutton were set apart for the ministry on Sabbath, August 5, in Bridgetown, Barbados. The ordination sermon was preached by IAD president B. L. Archbold; the prayer was offered by General Conference associate secretary D. W. Hunter and the charge was delivered by union president G.R. Thompson. Conference president W. W. Thomson welcomed the newly ordained ministers into the ranks of the SDA ministry.

SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE SESSION--The 29th session of the South Caribbean Conference met August 8-12 in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, and was presided over by conference president S. L. Gadsby. All officers were re-elected and the new Health Department was organized under the leadership of Naomi Modeste. The following will be heading the rest of the departments for the new period: Patrick Thomas, Lay Activities, Sabbath School and Radio-TV; Slimen Saliba, MV and Temperance; E. F. de Gannes, Publishing; Lawrence Modeste, Stewardship and Development; J. H. Callendar, Book and Bible House; Ruthven Prime, Education and Public Relations.

TWO WORKERS ORDAINED IN PORT OF SPAIN--On Sabbath, August 12, following the South Caribbean Conference session, Stephen L. Purcell and Patrick S. Thomas were ordained to the gospel ministry at Queen's Park Savannah, in Port of Spain, Trinidad. General Conference associate secretary D. W. Hunter delivered the ordination sermon; Elder B. L. Archbold offered the prayer; Elder G. R. Thompson presented the charge and Elder S.L. Gadsby welcomed the new ministers.

MORE ABOUT THE GUANAJA, BAY ISLANDS, EFFORT--We quote from a letter written by Central American Union president G. E. Maxson to Elder Archbold: "You will be interested to know that they have baptized 65 in Guanaja. This makes a total of 101 for the eight weeks we enjoyed the help of the Holley-Boling evangelistic team."