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**FROM PANAMA**--On Sabbath, September 16, there was a concentration of young people at Panama Adventist Institute during which four youth federations were officially inaugurated. The morning sermon was preached by conference president Aristides Gonzalez and conference youth leader John Parchment swore in the new federation officers. The "Dawn Choir" of Panama City offered special music for the meetings.

\*The Cerro Punta church held its first investiture of 45 Pathfinders on September 17. Conference president Aristides Gonzalez and MV secretary John Parchment led out in the service. The "Dawn Choir" conducted by Prof. Robert Robinson, enhanced the program.--Mrs. Mercedes Williams.

**ICOLVEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT**--On Sabbath, September 23, 35 Master Guides and 120 children were invested at Colombia-Venezuela Union College. Also 42 Sabbath school teachers received certificates for finishing the Teach course, and 35 laymen were awarded certificates for completing the Divine Blueprint course.

\*Both the teachers and students of Colombia-Venezuela Union College have been active in holding evangelistic meetings in the two Medellin churches. At the Bosque church there are 25 preparing for baptism, and at the central church 47. A new company is being organized in a nearby town as a result of the meetings. One of the interests is a stock broker who attended the Five-Day Plan earlier in the year. During the past academic year 42 young people were baptized. Thirteen teacher-student campaigns are planned for the next school year.--Luis Florez.

**CADES CHOIR ON TV**--The choir of Centro Educacional Adventista in Pena Blanca, Honduras, appeared on TV Channel 5 of San Pedro Sula, September 26 at 12:30 p.m. The program was very well received and several persons who saw it approached some of the choir members on the street. We are certain that this performance will be helpful in the evangelization of that city.--J. W. Zackrison.



**EVANGELISTIC EQUIPMENT**--The inflatable auditorium in which Elder B. L. Roberts held his crusade was recently donated to Honduras by the Chesapeake Conference and was delivered in the mission's new tractor-trailer acquired also as a result of donations. Thus Honduras has a complete set of evangelistic equipment including auditorium, diesel generator, collapsible benches to seat 1200, platform, organ and a truck in which to move all this equipment. Plans are to keep the "Air-a-torium" in continuous service in evangelistic meetings and congresses of the church, and to use the tractor-trailer in moving workers and hauling supplies for the soon-

to-be-built hospital.--R. S. Folkenberg.

**FIVE-DAY PLAN YIELDS FRUITAGE**--In July, 1972, five theology students of ICOLVEN went to the city of Bolivar, Colombia, to hold a Five-Day Plan. This awakened a deep in-



terest not only in the clinic but also in our doctrines. Two months later when the students went back to Bolivar for another visit, they have found that a merchant was already closing his shop on the Sabbath day and traveled two hours each week to the nearest Sabbath school. When unable to travel, he meets in his home with three of his friends who are also keeping the Sabbath. A lawyer who attended the Five-Day Plan conducted by Dr. H. A. Habenicht is taking Bible studies and he volunteered to drive college personnel to his home located at a three-hour drive to study the message with his family.--*Luis Florez.*



**ACTIVE LAY PREACHERS**--The laymen of St. Lucia have already provided their pastors with over 125 souls for baptism this year. Gerald Alcide and a team of the L'Abayee church conducted a tent effort from which 54 have been baptized. Allan Chalmers of Castries and his team launched forth at Grand Riviere and Millet. Preaching five nights a week for several weeks, they baptized 44 souls. At Desruisseaux, Elkanah Hunte (extreme right), who was home from the Virgin Islands where he works, conducted a short crusade and 27 have been baptized.--*W. W. Thomson.*



**DESRUISSEAU CHURCH ORGANIZED**--Caribbean Union president G. Ralph Thompson and East Caribbean Conference president W. W. Thomson joined Pastor Oscar C. Bovell in the organization of the Desruisseaux, St. Lucia, church. After Elder Thompson outlined the main doctrines of the church and the members voiced their belief in same, the act of organization took place and the nominating committee returned to office all who were already functioning. The communion service climaxed the morning.--*W. W. Thomson.*

**FALL COUNCIL NEWS**--Sabbath, October 14, was Inter-America's day. At the 11 o'clock service division president B. L. Archbold brought an inspiring message to the delegates challenging them to arise and finish the work.

In the afternoon the IAD and the Mexican Union presented a colorful Golden Anniversary program depicting the history and progress of the work in Inter-America during the past 50 years. During the program, Elder Archbold and Mexican Union president Velino Salazar presented anniversary gifts to world president R. H. Pierson, the division presidents and the union presidents from North America. A token was given by Elder Archbold to Mrs. Arthur Roth symbolizing the gifts that all delegates were to receive.--*B. L. Archbold.*

\*On October 17, Elder C. Dunbar Henri, at present serving as president of the East African Union, was elected General Conference vice-president to replace Elder F. L. Bland who is retiring for health reasons.

\*Elder J. N. Hunt, publishing secretary for the Central Union, was elected General Conference publishing associate secretary to replace Elder W. A. Higgins who is retiring.

\*Elder L. A. Ramirez was nominated IAD publishing secretary to take the place of Elder Nicolas Chaij who is retiring January 1, 1973, after having faithfully served the cause of God for over 40 years.

\*It was voted to merge the Public Relations and Radio-TV departments. Elder W. R. Scragg, formerly General Conference Radio-TV secretary, was elected secretary for the merged departments, with Elder E. W. Tarr as associate until his retirement on August 31, 1973.--*Marcel Abel.*