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NEW HEADQUARTERS--Sunday, March 25, 1973, was a historic date for the East Puerto Rico Conference for that day the first stone of its new headquarters was laid. West Puerto Rico Conference president Fred E. Hernandez opened the ceremony with a prayer; East Puerto Rico Conference president Ernesto C. Santos made some timely remarks, and Antil lian Union president Felix Rodriguez offered the closing prayer,--Luis E. Leonor.

MV RALLY--On April 1, 1973, the Adventist Youth Federations in the North Dominican Mis sion had a get together at the Agricultural Institute located in the outskirts of Santiago. The excellent program was geared to satisfy both the spiritual and recreational needs of the attending young people.--Samuel Otozco.

TRAINING COURSES FOR SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS--Recently Mrs.Esther A. Barrios conducted these courses at the Colonia Kennedy church in Tegucigalpa, and in the south district of Choluteca, Honduras.--R. S. Folkenberg.

RECORD-BREAKING INVESTITURE TAKES PLACE AT ANTILLIAN COLLEGE--The West Puerto Rico Con ference made history on Sunday, April 29, 1973, when 222 Missionary Volunteers were in vested in various MV classes. The colorful display of uniformed Master Guides, Pathfinders and Medical Cadets took place in the auditorium of Antillian College under the direction of Pablo Ayala, youth director of the West Puerto Rico Conference. Sixteen young people were awarded the Silver Award medallions and three Gold Award medallions, for physical, cultural and spiritual excellence. Assisting in this large investiture service were youth leaders John H. Hancock of the General Conference, George W. Brown of the Inter-American Division, and Jose Hernandez of the Antillian Union.--G.W.Brown.

LAY ACTIVITIES AND SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP--March 23-25 a brief workshop was conducted in the beautiful city of Acapulco, Mexico. Instructors were Elders Rodrigo Bustillos and Mauro Reyes, president and departmental secretary respectively of the Inter-Oceanic Mission, and Loren Gallardo, union departmental secretary.--Loren Gallardo.



EVANGELISTIC CENTER INAUGURATED--The handsome evangelistic center inaugurated March 3, 1973, in Mexico City helps to fill a long-felt need. In addition to the main auditorium with seating capacity for 1,100, the building houses offices a youth hall, and childrens' rooms.

Southwestern Union president B. A. Leach preached the sermon, and IAD president B. L. Archbold offered the prayer. Others participating in the program were division auditor R. R. Drachenberg; Elders Velino Salazar, Enrique Gil and Samuel Guizar, Mexican Union president,

treasurer and secretary respectively; Central Mission president Jorge Campos, and mission treasurer Manuel Varela. As these lines are written, Spanish VOP speaker Braulio Perez Marcio is holding a campaign there. Our picture shows the presentation of the key.--Velino Salazar.

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LAY CONGRESS--During the recent lay congress held at the Adventist Educational Center in Pena Blanca, Honduras, 100 lay workers received certificates qualifying them to conduct baptismal classes.--C. E. Aeschlimann.

SABBATH SCHOOL TRAINING COURSE IN THE NORTH DOMINICAN MISSION--Under the direction of Elders L. B. Reynolds of the General Conference; T. R. Haylock of the IAD; Cesar Funes of the Antillian Union; and Jorge Suarez and Jose Espinosa of the North Dominican Mission, a training course was held April 1



and 2 for Sabbath school officers and teachers of the mission .-- Samuel Orozco.

CAMPOREE--Approximately 50 campers participated recently in a weekend camporee held by the Pathfinder Club of the Brown's Town SDA church in Central Jamaica. In attend ance were D. G. King, current church pastor and camporee co-ordinator; K. C. Henry, conference youth leader, and B. Anderson, Pathfinder and camporee director.--D.G. King.



IAD OFFICE SECRETARIES HONORED-April 23-27 was National Secretaries Week in U. S. A. As has been customary for some years, the office secretaries at IAD headquarters were honored by the staff members. Each secretary received a beautiful corsage and a booklet with choice poems. Furthermore, they were treated to candy and refreshments every day. The big day was Wednesday, April 25, Secretaries Day, when they attended a fashion show at one of the nicest department stores in town while munching on their vegetarian lunch consisting of egg sand-

wiches, cake and milk, provided especially for them by the store. Out of 30 valuable door prizes distribured among the 200 secretaries attending the event, five went to our girls.

FAREWELL--As much as we like to see our division family grow, it makes us sad when some of our members leave us. This is the case of Elisa Elias, who was called to world headquarters in Washington, D. C. after spending six years with us. We'll miss her friendly ways, but are comforted by the thought that our loss will be the General Conference's gain.

*We are losing another of our good secretaries, Nisselina Pupo, who has helped us out in the MV Department for the last nine months. After traveling a little in Europe, she will study at the University of Madrid, Spain. Bon voyage, Nisselina, and don't forget to keep us posted of your activities.

WELCOME--It gives us great pleasure to welcome the youngest addition to the group of our office secretaries in the person of Pearl Inchaurrondo. Born in Havana, Cuba, she adopted San Antonio, Texas, for her home. She studied modern languages at Walla Walla College and came to us last April, shortly after graduating. We wish her a long and happy sojourn among us.

*The latest arrival to our secretarial ranks is Mrs. Wanda Sample, who will be replacing Elisa in the Transportation Department. We welcome her and wish her many years of fruitful service in behalf of our denominational travelers.