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TRIENNIAL SESSION HELD IN BAHAMAS--The Bahamas Conference triennial session convened in the Grants Town church from January 10-17, 1974. A. R. Norcliffe, treasurer of the Inter-American Division, gave the opening address in which he stressed the seriousness of the times and the necessity of finishing the work. The following persons were elected to serve for the ensuing term: S. N. McKinney, president and Communication Department; R. I. Hanna, secretary and Lay Activities Department; Ronnie Henry, treasurer; N. E. Scavella, Stewardship and Sabbath school departments and S. G. Cole, MV and Education.--M. G. Nembhard.

WORKERS' MEETING--A workers' meeting for the pastors of the North Dominican Mission was held at the Hotel Montana in Santiago on the 15th and 16th of January. The pastors in attendance set a goal of 2,550 souls for the year 1974.--Luis E. Leonor.

PUBLIC EFFORT--Sergio Ortiz, West Puerto Rico Conference evangelist, has just concluded an effort in the town of Utuado, in the interior of the island of Puerto Rico. One hundred souls were baptized.--Fred Hernandez.

FINAL BAPTISMAL REPORT FOR 1973

UNION	GOAL	BAPTISMS	PERCENTAGE
Antillian	6,460	4,797	74.26
Caribbean	5,820	5,911	101.56
Central America	5,360	5,541	103.38
Col.-Venezuela	5,780	5,705	99.48
Franco-Haiti	6,090	7,205	118.31
Mexico	7,260	8,450	116.39
West Indies	8,060	6,758	83.85
Cuba	<u>970</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>74.33</u>
Division	45,800	45,088	98.45



ADVENTISTS FOR HALF A CENTURY--A group of brethren from the two conferences in Puerto Rico who have been Adventists for more than 50 years appears in the accompanying photograph. Standing behind the group from left to right are Victor Díaz Castro, secretary-treasurer of the West Puerto Rico Conference; Fred Hernandez, president of that conference; Hector J. Brignoni, president of the East Puerto Rico Conference, and at the far right, Felix Rodríguez, president of the Antillian Union.--*Hector J. Brignoni.*

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO MEET PRINCESS--Seven SDA Antigua youth were invited to Government House to meet Princess Anne and her husband, Captain Mark Phillips on their visit to the island during their Caribbean honeymoon tour. Alpha Josiah, Antigua MV Federation president, led the group.--*Everette W. Howell.*

"JESUS CRUSADE" CLOSES WITH BAPTISM--With a life-size picture of Jesus in the background, the "Jesus Crusade" conducted by D. George King and L. Bailey in Madras, St. Ann, Jamaica, was brought to a close by an impressive baptismal ceremony. Of the 21 persons who were baptized, 1 came from the Roman Catholic Church, 3 from the Baptist and 4 each from the Church of God and the Anglican. Two of the converts were backsliders renewing their vows, and 7 were from no specific denomination.--*D. George King.*

EDUCATION FOR ONE DOLLAR--The book *Education*, which is the Spirit of Prophecy book of the year, can be ordered from your Adventist Book Center at the special price of one dollar. This book is acknowledged as a valuable one even by educators of the world. The government of Brazil recently printed 50,000 copies for the use of its teachers. Should we not do our part in distributing 21,500 copies among the 360,000 members of our division?--*C. R. Taylor.*

SABBATH SCHOOL EVANGELISM--The North Haiti Mission, with its 4,900 branch Sabbath schools, is at the head of all local fields in the Inter-American Division in this respect. The plan of using the Sabbath school class as an evangelistic unit is gaining ground in the West Puerto Rico Conference. Every adult, youth, earliteen and junior class in more than 60 Sabbath schools has set a minimum goal of winning one soul per quarter per class. The total of 1,291 souls surpasses the basic goal for the entire conference according to Rafael Colon Soto, Sabbath school secretary.--*T. R. Haylock.*

SECRETARY-TREASURERS' COUNCIL--Thirty-five workers including the secretaries, treasurers and auditing personnel from the union and local-field offices gathered at the Pemco Hotel in Montego Bay, Jamaica to hear H. S. Walters give the keynote address opening the West Indies Union Secretary-Treasurers' Council on February 4. Joe Laughlin of the General Conference Insurance Service, and J. H. Figueroa, R. R. Drachenberg and A. R. Norcliffe from the Inter-American Division were present. The meetings closed on February 7.--*A. R. Norcliffe.*

CAMPAIGN YIELDS 140 SOULS--At the close of an evangelistic series which lasted two months in Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico, 140 people were baptized and a new Sabbath school was organized. In the picture are the first fruits of the campaign along with union administrators and local workers.--*J. Arcadio Gonzalez.*

