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INAUGURATION OF ADVENTIST WELFARE CENTER--Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Gloria Sanchez, the Dorcas and Good Samaritan groups of the El Comandante church in the East Puerto Rico Conference inaugurated their new welfare center recently. Elder Loren Gallardo, welfare director for the conference, and Mrs. Iris Santos, coordinator were present for this event along with Elder Jose Ayala who is pastor of the church and a large group of members and friends of the Dorcas and Good Samaritan societies.--*Iris M. Santos.*

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY--Sabbath, May 4, has been set apart throughout the world for the centennial celebration of the founding of Dorcas Societies. The entire day will be dedicated to honoring the faithful members of the Dorcas and Good Samaritan organizations. Then on Sabbath, May 11, a world offering for disaster relief will be taken up. Hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and fires are on the increase and God expects each believer to give liberally.*A. H. Riffel.*

NEW COLPORTEUR RECORD SET--Last year 875 student colporteurs throughout the Inter-American Division spent 230,052 hours during their school vacations selling our message-filled books and magazines from door to door. Their sales amounted to more than U.S. \$601,820.00 and 481 of these student colporteurs earned full or half scholarships. This is an increase of 50% over the previous year. Our goal for this quinquennium is 2,000 student colporteurs who will form part of the 5,000 the Division Publishing Department expects to have by March of 1975.--*C. R. Taylor.*

El Centinela AVAILABLE IN AIRPORTS--Elder Benjamin Riffel, sales promotor for Inter-American Publications, and Marcelo Hammerly, author of the *Enciclopedia Médica Moderna* secured permission for selling *El Centinela* in 10 international airports in Central America. During their visit to that union, they interviewed six ministers of Health and Welfare.--*Claudio Ingleton.*

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE IN HONDURAS--Elder Salim Japas, who is studying at Andrews University in Michigan arrived in San Pedro Sula, Honduras on March 14 to make arrangements for the evangelistic crusade he is to conduct there during July, August and September. He was met at the airport by the governor of the province and representatives from the Arabic community, the Central American Union, the academy, the local church, and the Honduras Mission. Elder Japas (wearing glasses) appears in the photograph with the mayor of the city.--*Claudio Ingleton.*



STEWARDSHIP LEADERS VISIT LOCAL FIELD--From the 6th to the 9th of March, Elders W. Stark, G. Castro and C. Puesan, stewardship secretaries of the General Conference, the Inter-American Division and the Antillian Union respectively, visited the North Dominican Mission to hold a seminar on Christian Stewardship. The topics presented were well received both by the workers from the field and by the church members who came in large numbers for the meetings which were held in the auditorium of the municipal palace in Santiago on Friday night and Sabbath. The effects of the seminar were felt immediately. The picture shows Elder Stark preaching to some one thousand persons on Sabbath morning. Beside him is Elder Dionisio Christian from the Antillian Union, who served as his translator.--*Hector Acosta.*



WORKERS' MEETING--The pastors of the Pacific Colombian Mission gathered in Cali recently for a workers' meeting. Their motto was "THE KING IS COMING" and their aim "LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW". The workers set a supergoal for baptisms of 1,228 souls for 1974.--*Norberto Carmona.*



JUNIOR CAMP IN CURACAO--Forty-five Pathfinders were invested, five asked for baptism, and four were baptized the same afternoon at a junior camp held recently on the island of Curacao. The photograph shows the different units lined up in front of their tents.--*Israel Leito.*

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP--From the 23rd to the 24th of March some 700 Sabbath school teachers and leaders of the different children's divisions met in the East Puerto Rico Conference Youth Center. Mrs. Karen Villanueva and her assistants, Mrs. Gisela Gutierrez and Mrs. Martha

Smith gave practical instruction and demonstrations. The sale of materials, which was greater than ever before, amounted to \$2,500. This was the largest Sabbath school workshop ever held in that conference.--*Loren Gallardo.*

GIGANTIC VOICE OF PROPHECY GRADUATION--On the 17th of March 2,183 students of different Voice of Prophecy courses received their diplomas at a huge graduation ceremony held in the National Music Conservatory in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. This was the largest graduation of this type to be held in the Antillian Union. Many workers attended, and the graduation speech was given by the writer.--*Cesar Funes.*

NEWS FROM EL SALVADOR--A Five Day Plan was conducted in the city of Santa Ana, El Salvador by Elder Robert Folkenberg, second from the right, and Dr. Frank McNeil, far right. The opening speech was given by the assistant secretary of health who appears in the center of the photograph. At the close of the Five Day Plan, a graduation ceremony for 324 Voice of Prophecy students was held, and on Sunday night, March 10 an evangelistic crusade was initiated by an introduction from the governor.--*D. G. Poyato.*

