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**LARGEST MEETING OF TEACHERS IN HISTORY OF INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION**—From April 10 to April 14th, 260 teachers from the four fields of the Caribbean Union Conference met at Camp Balandra on the eastern coast of Trinidad under the direction of Pastor K. E. Forde, acting secretary of education for the union. The minister of education for Trinidad and Tobago, the Hon. Carlton Gomes, was present as guest speaker on Thursday afternoon. The programme was distributed among the educational leaders in the union, and Dr. Ethel Young, associate secretary of education from the General Conference in charge of primary school education for our world church, led out in the instruction.—C. R. Taylor.

**GRADUATION FROM "TEACH" COURSE**—Eighty-seven persons received their certificates for the "Teach" course given by Elder Tulio Haylock in the central church of Barquisimeto in the West Venezuela Mission. Brethren from the five churches in the city attended the course.—Robinson Urdaneta.

**NEW PRESIDENT IN WEST VENEZUELA**—Elder Ernesto Santos, former president of the East Puerto Rico Conference, has been appointed president of the West Venezuela Mission. Elder Alfredo Gaona, who has been president in West Venezuela, has accepted a call to departmental work in the Guatemala Mission.



**VETERAN MISSIONARY RETIRES**—After serving for nearly thirty years in the work and twenty-six in the Inter-American Division, Elder W. T. Collins was honored at a farewell given by the division personnel on the 26th of June. Elder Collins and his wife Lettie have served in three unions in this division in educational, departmental and administrative work. After getting his start in the work as a printer in two schools in Texas, he was in charge of the Graphic Arts Department at our college in Medellin, Colombia, from 1948 to 1957. He was in departmental work in the Pacific Mission and the Colombia-Venezuela Union from 1958 to 1962. From 1962 to 1966 he was president of the Guatemala Mission, and from 1968 to 1972, president of the Antillian Union. For the last two years he has worked at division headquarters printing the publications that come from this office. As he leaves us, we wish him and his family God's blessing in their new activities.





**FORMER IAD OFFICER RECEIVES DEGREE**—The accompanying photograph shows Elder Clyde O. Franz (right), secretary of the General Conference, receiving an honorary doctor of divinity degree during the spring commencement at Andrews University. He is congratulated by Dr. Richard Hammill, university president. Elder Franz served as president of the Antillian Union and as secretary and treasurer of the Inter-American Division. He was cited by Dr. Hammill in recognition of the comprehensive nature and selfless dedication of his service in the development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.—*Andrews University.*

**MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES IN FOUR UNIONS**—As these lines are published, a series of four ministerial institutes in the Mexican Union, the West Indies Union, the Franco-Haitian Union and the Caribbean Union is being brought to a close. Beginning immediately at the close of the division mid-year committee meeting, Elders Alfredo Aeschlimann of the division and J. R. Spangler of the General Conference and Dr. Raoul Dederen of Andrews University, have brought inspiration to the ministerial force in these unions, starting the 28th of June in Mexico and closing the 20th of July with the centurions of the Caribbean Union in Tobago.—*C. R. Taylor.*

**NEW PRESIDENT FOR ANTILLIAN COLLEGE**—On July 1, Elder Conrado Visser, who has been a successful worker both in Argentina and the United States, took over the presidency of Antillian College in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Elder Visser is already appreciated by the youth of the Antillian Union from his contact with them when he held the Week of Prayer at Antillian College during the 1972-1973 school year. He replaces Elder R. H. Howlett, who is returning to the United States after giving seven years of dedicated service as president of the college.—*C. R. Taylor.*

**NEW ACADEMIC DEAN FOR ICOLVEN**—Dr. Donaldo J. Thomann has accepted the call of Colombia-Venezuela Union College to serve as academic dean. Dr. Thomann has been head of the Modern Languages Department at Pacific Union College since 1959. Previous to that, he and Mrs. Thomann spent many years in this division in the Central American, Mexican and Antillian unions in pastoral, departmental and educational work. Mrs. Thomann is an accomplished musician and teacher in the fields of languages and music. Dr. Thomann will fill the place left vacant when Miguel Angel López left to take advanced work in education at the Inter-American University in Puerto Rico.

**YOUTH BAPTISM**—The young people in the photograph below were baptized on Sabbath, April 27, at the close of the Week of Prayer directed by Elder W. E. Baxter (second row, far left) at our college in Montemorelos, Mexico. The pastor of the college church, Elder Marinkovic (first row, far right), also appears with the group.—*Pedro Arano Molina.*

