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ADVISORY COUNCIL--"Living is Giving" was the motto for the Stewardship Advisory Council held from June 23 to 25 at the Inter-American Division office. Elders W. M. Starks and A. C. McKee of the General Conference met with the treasurers and stewardship secretaries from the seven unions and division administrative and departmental personnel. The inspiration received resulted in plans which will give new impetus to the cause of stewardship in Inter-America. In the accompanying photograph Elder Starks addresses the council.--*Gabriel Castro.*

CENTENNIAL COMMITMENT DAY--Sabbath, October 12, 1974 has been designated as Centennial Commitment Day. Special services are to be held in the churches throughout the Inter-American Division. Members are given the opportunity of joining workers and leaders in a renewed consecration and a renewed commitment to the task of preaching the gospel to all the world.

EVANGELISM '74

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1974





MID-YEAR COMMITTEE—Division headquarters was the scene of inspiring evangelism reports from the seven union presidents during the division mid-year committee held there June 26 and 27. Elder I. O. Iversen from the SDA Audio-Visual Center and Elders H. D. Johnson, A. C. McKee and W. M. Starks of the General Conference were present for the meetings. In the first photograph the division officers listen as Elder Felix Rodriguez, president of the Antillian Union, presents his evangelism report, and in the second, Elder Velino Salazar, president of the Mexican Union, gives his report as Dr. Taylor translates.

CONFERENCE STATUS FOR THREE LOCAL FIELDS IN MEXICO—At the division mid-year committee meeting, the Central, South and Southeast missions in the Mexican Union were granted conference status, effective January 1, 1975. This action was based on the reports of survey committees which examined very carefully the finances, staffing, church buildings, and many other aspects of the maturity of these fields in preparation for joining the eleven other local fields in the Inter-American Division which are now recognized as largely self-supporting and contributors to the growth of the work in less developed areas of our territory.—*R. R. Drachenberg.*

TWO NEW LOCAL FIELDS—The division mid-year committee authorized the organization of two new local fields in the Inter-American Division. The West Mexican Mission, to begin operating January 1, 1975, will have its headquarters in Guadalajara, Jalisco, and will include outlying territory comprised of Jalisco, Colima, Michoacan, Guanajuato and Queretaro formerly administered by the Central Mission; Aguascalientes and Zacatecas which belonged to the North Mission, and Nayarit from the Pacific Mission. Guadalajara is the second largest city in Mexico, and the new mission will have a population of 10,346,000 and a membership of 2,500. The North Caribbean Conference, which will begin to function January 1, 1976, will have its headquarters in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and will include all of the American and British Virgin Islands, Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla, Montserrat, St. Eustatius, Saba and the Dutch section of St. Maarten. Readjustment of the territory of existing fields in the Caribbean Union will place Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the East Caribbean Conference.—*B. L. Archbold.*

INTER-AMERICAN STUDENTS AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY—Students and their families who represented Latin America in centennial festivities at the university this spring. Left to right: front, Carmen Inquilla, Peru; Gustavo Garrido, Venezuela; Laura and Betty Yañez, Mexico; Ruth Garrido, Venezuela; Magaly and Gustavo Garrido, Venezuela; middle, Nancy Inquilla, Peru; Elena Pacheco, Colombia; Colombina Guillen, Dominican Republic; Aurea Araujo, Puerto Rico; Consuelo Villegas, Guatemala; Celeste Curran, Dominican Republic; back, Benjamin Inquilla, Peru; Luis Pacheco, Colombia; Silvia Flores, Mexico; and Estela Yañez, Mexico.—*Andrews University.*

