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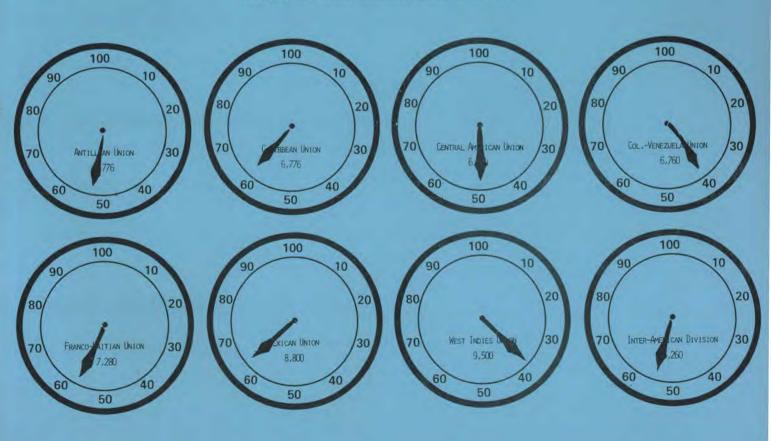
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INTERVIEW WITH DISTINGUISHED SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR IN PUERTO RICO-In the photograph Antillian Union evangelist, J. Pitino Valentin, accompanied by Elder Agustin Ayala, interviews Elisa Diaz Gonzalez, secretary of the Social Services Department in Puerto Rico. The interview was in the interest of the evangelistic lectures which will soon be conducted in the large Adventist Youth Center for the entire San Juan metropolitan area. -- Loren Gallardo.

## EVANGELISM

## PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST





"CARMEN" CAUSES EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE SCHOOL IN COROZAL -- Hurricane "Carmen" swept the coast of the Yucatan peninsula with 175-mile-an-hour winds on Sunday, September 1, causing serious damage to our Adventist school in Corozal, Belice. The above photos, taken in February during an inspection trip by the group pictured in front of the main building, will help you to visualize the damage. The cement roof of the administration building was cracked, and will have to be replaced. The girls' dormitory in the background of the photo was only slightly damaged, but the print shop building, where the boys in the picture are operating a press by muscle power, was totally destroyed, as was the boys' dormitory. Extensive damage to 1,000 books was caused by the water that flooded the library, and high winds blew off a fifth of the principal's roof. Damage to the electric plant left the campus without light or water, making it necessary to postpone the opening of school for a month.--C. R. Taylor.

MINISTERIAL RETREAT—From the 12th to the 18th of August, the first ministerial retreat ever held in the Pacific Colombian Mission took place on the Ebenezer del Llanito farm, with the presence of all the pastors with their wives and children. Elders Carambot, Osorio and Maury, president, evangelist, and treasurer of the Colombia-Venezuela Union respectively, attended. The director and church pastor from our college in Medellin were also present. The writer gave classes in Personal Evangelism, Professional Ethics, Human Relations, and Pastoral Problems. The group of ministers and their families and the visiting pastors is seen in the photograph.—Norberto Carmona.

QUADRENNIAL SESSION -- Elder Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference, and Elders Archbold, Figueroa, Norcliffe, Drachenberg and Aeschlimann from the Inter-American Division were present for the Caribbean Union Quadrennial Session held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad from August 27 to 31. Elder J. S. Laughlin from the General Conference Insurance Service was also present. Each morning at 11:00 and for the Sabbath worship service, Elder Pierson presented messages stressing the importance of putting the kingdom of God in first place and the great need that exists for repentance, revival and reformation. During the session the following officers and departmental men were elected: president, G. Ralph Thompson; secretary-treasurer, Eric John Murray; auditor and assistant treasurer, Joseph Grimshaw; Education and Religious Liberty, K. E. Forde; Lay Activities, Sabbath School and Communication, T. T. Billingy; Ministerial, K. S. Wiggins; Publishing, Charles Williams; Stewardship and Development, Leon Phillips; Trust Services, Joseph Grimshaw; Youth, Health and Temperance, E. W. Howell.--A. Aeschlimann.

TEMPERANCE RALLY—Under the direction of Elder Claudio Ingleton, head of the International Temperance Society in Central America, a temperance rally was conducted in the central church in San Salvador recently. Eight hundred persons attended the rally. Elder Ingleton also helped in laying the ground work for a city-wide ten-day crusade he will be conducting there in October.—Donald E. Crane.

DOMINICAN CONFERENCE SESSION -- The Central Dominican Conference Triennial Session was opened on Wednesday morning, August 21 with a powerful sermon by Elder B. L. Archbold, division president, on the certainty of the triumph of this message. The devotional messages on Thursday and Friday mornings were presented by Elders Felix Rodriguez and Alfredo Aeschlimann, Antillian Union president and division ministerial secretary respectively. The presence of the Spirit of the Lord was felt especially on Friday afternoon. The following officers and departmental men were elected: president, Jose Espinosa; secretary and Stewardship, Rafael Irsula; treasurer, Jose Piantini; Lay Activities and Sabbath School, Domingo Suero; Education and Youth, Samuel Acosta; Publishing, Fidel Ferrer; Health, Dr. Eugenio Valencia; and Book and Bible House, Carlos David Gonzalez .-- Jose H. Figueroa.

