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TEACHERS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA—The photograph above shows the group which attended the summer school classes organized by the Department of Education of the Central American Union on the campus of our college in Costa Rica. There were 40 teachers, 11 pastors and 20 nursing students in the group. The main classes were taught by Elder Carlos Aeschlimann, president of the Central American Union; Prof. D. G. y Poyato, director of the union Department of Education; Elder Rodolfo Hein, director of the Theology Department at the college, and Prof. Samuel Ortiz, director of the Normal Department. At the end of the course, the teachers received a diploma granted jointly by the college and the University of Costa Rica. This group was the first to receive this diploma.
—*Carlos E. Aeschlimann.*

EVANGELISM '74 - FINAL REPORT

UNION	GOAL	REACHED	PER CENT
Antillian	6,776	5,799	86
Caribbean	6,776	6,089	90
Central America	6,224	5,183	83
Col.-Venezuela	6,760	5,678	84
Franco-Haitian	7,280	6,591	91
Mexican	8,800	9,803	111
West Indies	9,500	5,907	62
Cuba	1,114	737	64
Division	53,260	45,787	86



NEW ACCOUNTANT JOINS DIVISION STAFF—Estela Villarreal arrived in Miami on January 16 to work in the Treasury Department at the Inter-American Division office. For the past two years, Estela has been the business manager at the Montemorelos Hospital in Mexico. She is one of three women who have held the position of hospital busi-

ness manager in this division. Previous to her work at Montemorelos, Estela worked at Kettering Hospital in Ohio. She is a graduate of what is now Montemorelos University and of Southern Missionary College. The office staff is happy to have a representative of the progressive Mexican Union join the working force.

SOUTH MEXICAN CONFERENCE CELEBRATES FIRST SESSION—The first session for this newly-organized conference was held in Tuxtla Gutierrez in January. The South Mexican Conference was at the head of all the local fields in the entire division in baptisms for 1974 with 4,023. The 850 congregations of this conference have pledged to win 6,000 souls for Christ in 1975. At the session, the following persons were elected to serve the conference during the next three years: Jacob Saviñon, president; Daniel Sosa, secretary; Sergio Mejia, treasurer; Santiago Gomez, auditor; B. J. Peregrino, Lay Activities, Sabbath School and Communication; Eliseo Santos, MV and Education; Daniel Sosa, Temperance and Health, and A. Murillo, Publishing. The Stewardship Department does not yet have a secretary.—*B. L. Archbold.*

SIXTH TRIENNIAL SESSION OF UPPER MAGDALENA CONFERENCE—The weekend services for this session were held in the St. Bartholomew Theater in Bogota, Colombia, where the keynote message was given by the writer on Friday evening, January 17. The business session opened on Sunday morning in the Colegio Emmanuel auditorium. The three officers were re-elected. The delegates voted to separate the MV and Education departments, so a call was placed for an Education secretary. The conference membership was 25,128 at the close of 1974. These members are in 68 organized churches and 150 groups. The 46 workers of this conference cooperate in its strong evangelistic program.—*A. Ray Norcliffe.*

FIRST CONFERENCE SESSION FOR SOUTHEAST MEXICO—Of the 460 congregations in this conference, 75 are organized churches. The Southeast Mexican Conference is second in the Mexican Union in baptisms, with 2,332 in 1974. Its workers have set a goal of 3,000 souls for 1975. At the recent conference session the following staff members were elected: Israel Guizar, president; Tomas Luna, secretary and Sabbath School; Joaquin Balboa, treasurer; N. Hernandez, auditor; Rafael Chan, Lay Activities and Communication; Isaias Hernandez, Temperance and Stewardship; Guillermo Illingworth, MV and Education, and Rafael Graded, Publishing.—*B. L. Archbold.*

BRINKMAN SPEAKS TO ELITE ON TEMPERANCE—After a reception at a Jewish feast, Elder Jan Brinkman, president of the Netherlands Antilles Mission, was invited to explain the reasons behind the principles of healthful living advocated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The guests, who were the elite of the island of Curacao, went to their homes with a good impression of the message.—*I. Leito.*

PACIFIC COLOMBIAN MISSION HOLDS TRIENNIAL SESSION—The keynote message for the second triennial session of the Pacific Colombian Mission held in Cali, beginning on January 15, was given by Colombia-Venezuela Union president George Carambot. The excellent reports given highlighted the outstanding progress made by this mission both in soul winning and in finances. The membership of the mission stood at 7,898 on December 31, 1974. During the last two years 2,446 members have been added to this mission by baptism. Only one change was made in the departmental staff. Pastor D. Larsen, who had been carrying five departments, was left with three when M. A. Puentes was asked to take charge of Sabbath School and Lay Activities.—*A. Ray Norcliffe.*

3,500 PEOPLE LISTEN TO ELDER PIERSON IN MARTINIQUE—During his three-day visit to Martinique, Elder Pierson dedicated two new churches, held a television interview and visited the new boarding academy where over 100 students were thrilled to talk with the president of the General Conference. His visit concluded with a mass meeting of 3,500 people who listened to his message on the oneness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.—*L. Marcel Abel.*

CURACAO HOSPITAL OPENS VEGETARIAN FOODS STORE—In response to public interest in vegetarian foods served in the hospital dining room, Antillian Adventist Hospital has recently opened a store for the selling of these products to the public.—*I. Leito.*

MV CAMP HOSTS MISSION SESSION—President Joel Leiva of the Atlantic Colombian Mission welcomed the 73 delegates gathered at the MV camp "La Floresta" for the triennial session on Wednesday evening, January 22. The financial reports both for the mission and the Adventist Book Center were very encouraging. During the past triennium, 1,728 souls were baptized in this mission, and tithes and offerings showed a good increase.—*A. Ray Norcliffe.*

ORDINATIONS IN PANAMA CONFERENCE—On Sabbath, January 18, during the Panama Conference session, Israel Williams, conference treasurer, and John Parchment, MV and Education director, were ordained to the gospel ministry. Inter-American Division auditor R. R. Drachenberg preached the ordination sermon. Central American Union president Carlos Aeschlimann offered the prayer, and the union secretary, R. S. Folkenberg gave the charge. Elder Aristides Gonzalez, president of the Panama Conference welcomed these two workers into the ministry. In the photograph Elder and Mrs. Williams are on the left and Elder and Mrs. Parchment on the right.—*R. R. Drachenberg.*

