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BAPTISM AT COLLEGE IN COSTA RICA—At the close of the inspiring Week of Prayer conducted by Elder Alfredo Gaona at the college in Costa Rica, 28 students were baptized. These students appear in the photograph with (left to right) Elders Albino Ixcot, Alfredo Gaona, Wesley Taylor and Rodolfo Hein.

PANAMA CRUSADE OFF TO GOOD START—The Carasquilla SDA church in Panama was packed on Sunday night, February 2, at the opening meeting of the big crusade and school of evangelism being conducted by Carlos E. Aeschlimann, president of the Central American Union. This is the beginning of a three-pronged effort among the Spanish-speaking population of Panama City. With the help of Elder E. Lopez Porras, two other simultaneous series are being carried on in Betania and San Miguelito. Seventy persons have already been baptized from these meetings. Plans call for Elder K. S. Wiggins to join the team in March to hold an English crusade.—*Tito Weiss.*



SIDELIGHTS OF THE PANAMA CRUSADE—On Saturday night, February 1, diplomas were awarded to 1,903 Voice of Prophecy Bible students at a mass graduation in Panama City just prior to the launching of the evangelistic crusade. Two hundred and eighty three church members, who had recently received training as Missionary Mailmen, helped prepare these graduates. One woman had prepared 176 students. The two Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking held by Elder Robert Folkenberg and Dr. Frank McNeil in connection with the effort were sponsored by the ministers of Health and Education and the attendance was good. One was in English and one in Spanish. The principal newspapers of Panama as well as radio and television stations have given wide free publicity to the Five-Day Plans and the crusade. In the photograph Elders C. Aeschlimann, D. G. Poyato, R. Folkenberg and A. Gonzalez and Dr. Frank McNeil meet with the officials mentioned.—*D. G. y Poyato.*



VOICE OF PROPHECY GRADUATION—A lady lay preacher, Mrs. De Pola of Tuxtla Gutierrez in the South Mexican Mission, dedicated a large part of her time last year acting as a Missionary Mailman, taking Voice of Prophecy Bible courses to many homes. She delivered the lessons personally, studied with the people, and always had prayer with them. God has blessed her efforts. In the photograph, Mrs. De Pola is standing second from the left with a group of 31 of her students who finished their courses, received their diplomas and are preparing for baptism. We hope many of our sisters throughout this division will follow her good example.—*A. H. Riffel.*



MEXICO LAUNCHES EVANGELISM '75—At the recent Mexican Union Departmental Council, which was attended by all the administrators and departmental directors from the union and local fields, ample plans were outlined for the participation of ministers, lay workers and members in the Evangelism '75 crusade, **THE YEAR OF THE HARVEST**. In the photograph Elder Velino Salazar, union president, and Xavier Soto Valle, union evangelist and Lay Activities director, present the union's goal of winning for the first time 10,000 souls in a single year. Everything indicates that Mexico will be the first union to reach this goal, since they baptized 9,803 souls in 1974.—*A. H. Riffel*.

EVANGELISM IN COLOMBIA—The Pacific Colombian Mission is carrying forward plans for the large evangelistic campaign that union evangelist Jose Osorio will begin in the city of Cali the first of March with 40 workers, students and laymen helping. The pastors of the city of Cali, the mission president and two departmental directors have been holding eight simultaneous efforts for several weeks as part of the preparation for the great crusade. Bible classes, Bible studies in private homes, and classes for Missionary Mailmen are being conducted.—*Nathaniel Garcia and Norberto Carmona*.

WEST INDIES CONDUCTS CRUSADES—Elder H. S. Walters, president of the West Indies Union, pointed the way for all his workers by launching a large tent effort in Montego Bay on Sunday night, February 2. The record attendance of around 6,000 the first night has leveled off to around 2,500 as the meetings continue. As a forerunner to Elder Walter's crusade, revival meetings were held all over the Montego Bay area by ten different pastors, among them Elder S. M. Reid, president of the West Jamaica Conference. The same night Bahamas Conference president S. N. McKinney began a tent series in Nassau.—*B. L. Archbold*.

ANTILLIAN COLLEGE EXTENSION SCHOOL ON DOMINICAN CAMPUS—Because of serious immigration problems arising in 1974, many Dominican students were unable to travel to Puerto Rico to study. Antillian College is offering some college-level ministerial courses on the new campus of the Dominican Academy, with an enrollment of twelve students.—*Charles R. Taylor*.



ORDINATION IN UPPER MAGDALENE CONFERENCE—On Sabbath afternoon, January 18, Jose Leal, MV and Education director of this conference, was ordained to the gospel ministry. The service took place in Bogota, Colombia in the St. Bartholomew Theater, which is seen in the photo. Elder George Carambot, president of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, preached the ordination sermon; the writer gave the ordination prayer; the charge was given by Jose Osorio, ministerial secretary of the union, and Brother Leal was welcomed into the fraternity of Adventist ministers by conference president Henry Niemann.—*A. Ray Norcliffe*.



MOTHER OF EL SALVADOR CONSUL BAPTIZED—Graciela Benavidez belongs to the Puerto Barrios Church in Guatemala. She is very active in missionary work with people belonging to different social classes. She began to make regular visits to the El Salvador consul's family, and a few months later the consul's nephew accepted the Advent message. Shortly after that the consul's mother was also baptized. In the photograph the consul's mother is seen with district pastor Abel Orozco who officiated at her baptism.—*Alfredo Gaona*.

OUTSTANDING ENROLLMENT AT ICOLVEN—The Colombia-Venezuela Institute began its new school year on February 4 with an enrollment of more than 1,300 not including primary. Students came from all parts of the Colombia-Venezuela Union as well as from other neighboring unions. The first year of Theology has 60 students.—*Nathaniel Garcia R.*