

# Inter-American FLASHES

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**POST GENERAL CONFERENCE CHANGES**—Elder L. Herbert Fletcher, chosen at the time of the General Conference Session as director of the Youth Department of the Inter-American Division, has felt impressed to continue as president of the West Indies College, a post he has held for the past two years. The Inter-American Division Committee then recommended to the General Conference Committee that Elder C. D. Christian, elected at the session as director of the Lay Activities Department, fill this vacancy as director of the Youth Department; and that Elder Sergio Moctezuma carry both the Sabbath School Department, to which he was elected, and the Lay Activities Department.

Elder Angel Perez, formerly treasurer of the Antillian Union, will now be secretary-treasurer of that Union. Brother Juan Prestol, secretary-treasurer of the North Dominican Mission, has been named auditor of the Union; and Elder Wilson Roberts, who was attending Andrews University with bursary assistance, will be the director of the Youth and Education Departments of the Antillian Union Conference.

Elder Aristides Gonzalez, president of the Panama Conference, has been named secretary of the Central American Union, to join the other two officers previously announced: Elder Robert S. Folkenberg, president; and Elder Juan de Armas, treasurer.

In the West Indies Union, to fill the vacancy created by Elder M. G. Nembhard's appointment to the Inter-American Division, Elder S. N. McKinney, president of Bahamas Conference, has been appointed secretary of that Union.—*J. H. Figueroa.*

**IAD GRADUATE STUDENTS**—The three IAD students pictured in a business management class at Andrews University are working toward master of business education degrees. (L to R) Stafford W. Cargill and Alton B. Marshalleck are from the West Indies Union, and Jose R. Lizardo is from the Antillian Union.—*Public Rel. Dept., Andrews University.*

**NEW CONFERENCE ORGANIZED IN CARIBBEAN UNION**—On August 27, 1975, a new conference was born in the Caribbean Union and named the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Its territory consists of Anguilla, Antigua, Barbuda, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, St. Croix, St. Johns, St. Martin, St. Thomas, Tortolla and Virgin Gorda. The new conference is composed of 42 churches with a membership of over 7,000 believers.

The newly elected president of this conference is W. W. Thompson, formerly president of the East Caribbean Conference. Also elected as secretary-treasurer is Eugene Blackman, formerly secretary-treasurer of the East Caribbean Conference. The departmental directors are: publishing, Campbell Rogers; lay activities, Sabbath school and communication, J. C. Schillingford; youth, health and temperance, Oriel Fleming; stewardship and education, E. W. Carnegie; and ABC manager, Eugene A. Blackman.

The North Caribbean Conference has tremendous resources and potentials in terms of finances and man power. This new organization will undoubtedly add substantially to the strength of the Caribbean Union. Within recent years the region that now comprises the North Caribbean Conference has experienced a mushrooming growth in church membership through the Evangelistic Outreach that has swept throughout the territory. Over 50 percent of the total membership of the North Caribbean Conference are in the under 35 age group. The theme of the Conference, *Even So Come Lord Jesus*, seems to be the overwhelming passion of the believers in the North Caribbean Conference.—*George W. Brown.*







**NORTH MEXICAN MISSION EVANGELISM**—In the port city of Tampico the president of the North Mexican Mission is conducting evangelistic meetings (picture above) and simultaneously in Madero. Dr. Vernon W. Foster assisted in the campaign by conducting a *Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking*, which was well received. Soul-winning is on the march in the North Mexican Mission as departmental directors dedicate time to evangelism: Donato Ramírez in Saltillo, and Armando Mirando in El Terrero and Gómez Farías. Baptisms from the above-mentioned campaigns to date are as follows: 78, 19 and 35 souls respectively. Office secretary Cliseria Morales is also conducting evangelistic meetings, and with heaven's blessings hopes to see the first fruits soon.—*Pedro Arano Molina*

**IN MEMORIAM OF ELDER E. F. de GANNES**—

While in Vienna, Austria, Inter-American delegates were saddened to receive word that Elder E. F. de Gannes, Publishing Director of the South Caribbean Conference, was in the hospital as a consequence of serious injuries sustained in an auto accident. A few days later the sad news was received that Brother de Gannes had passed on to rest until the Master returns. Our deepest sympathies are with his beloved wife and dear son and daughters. Brother de Gannes started in the literature ministry as a colporteur about 35 years ago. His constant love and zeal for the colporteur ministry caused the conference brethren to depend on him to exert an increasingly important role in publishing leadership. Ministers of the Printed Page in Inter-America mourn the loss of this beloved brother, but let us comfort one another in the Blessed Hope.—*L. A. Ramirez.*

**COSTA RICAN YOUTH CAMP**—One hundred twelve Adventist youth enjoyed spiritual refreshment and recreation at the MV Camp Orotina, property of the Costa Rica Mission.—*Mario F. Muñoz.*



**SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS, TOLIMA, COLOMBIA**

—Those who completed the Sabbath school teachers' preparation course in Tolima, Colombia received their diplomas in a special graduation service pictured above. Several expressed appreciation for the instruction received to continue teaching, preparing their fellowmen for the Saviour's return.—*Raimundo Pardo Suarez.*

**EAST PUERTO RICO CONFERENCE**—During the first half of 1975, 900 souls were baptized in the East Puerto Rico Conference, representing 56 percent of the goal for the year. All departments of the churches are geared to evangelism, with dozens of Christian Culture classes in progress. —*Loren Gallardo.*



*Elder E. F. de Gannes*

**MV LEADERSHIP COURSE**—Mazatenango, Guatemala was the site of the MV Leadership Course for delegates from the South & Suchitepéquez districts. The course was directed by Pastors Elden Cruz & Diógenes Centeno, with Pastor Héctor Jurado, youth director of the Central American Union, as instructor. The pastors are pictured in front row of photo with youth leaders.—*Alfredo Gaona B.*

