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THE KING'S HERALDS-Dr. Milton Peverini and the King's Heralds quartet visited Curacao, Venezuela, Colombia, and Central America November 13 -December 13, presenting 73 programs in 27 cities. It is calculated that 6,000 persons attended their personal appearance programs, including presidents, governors, mayors, and other civic leaders. Both Dr. Peverini and the quartet were praised and applauded in each city, and in some countries they were declared honorary citizens or special guests by the authorities. This was the first visit of Dr. Peverini, director and speaker of the Spanish Voice of Prophecy program, to Inter-America.-Tulio R. Haylock.

43 LAYMEN of the North Mexican Mission held evangelistic series in 1975.

YOUTH CONGRESS—An exceptional Youth Congress took place in the West Puerto Rico Conference December 5-6 when more than 2,000 youth gathered for the weekend in Mayaguez with the desire to have a closer relationship with Christ. Principal sermons were presented by Pastor David Baasch of the GC and Pastors J. H. Figueroa and Carlos Aeschlimann of the IAD. The congress was directed by Pastor Pablo Ayala, conference youth director.

-Oscar L. Gonzalez.



Winners of the Bible Quiz Contest held in the West Indies Union on December 23 are pictured with their leaders (left to right): Elder C. Holness, union youth director; Elder C. D. Christian, IAD youth director; Jeff Nicholson, first prize winner; Keith Lawrence, second prize winner; Edward Howson, third prize winner; and Elder K. G. Vaz. Bible Quiz leader.



BOXER BECOMES SOUL-WINNER-

Ruben Hernandez, a career boxer, engaged in 35 major bouts, winning 26 of them. Then he learned the message of a crucified Christ from an Adventist lady and became a literature evangelist. In just a short while since he started he has delivered US\$ 3,664, worth of Adventist literature. He has the appearance of a strong, well-dressed young man, and the joy of Christian service shines from his face, so it is not difficult for him to make sales. Just as in his boxing days, he strives for success, but instead of fighting, he endeavors to show others the way to happiness in Jesus.-M. H. Taracena.

ADRIEN SIBERT—We have received the sad news of the death of Brother Adrien Sibert, Assistant Publishing Director of the South Haiti Mission, which happened in a ship wreck while he was traveling from Jeremie to Portau-Prince after a successful promotional campaign. Our sympathy goes to his wife, his mother, and the South Haiti Mission Publishing Department affected by this loss.—Marcel Abel.



The community of Jalapaneca, Guatemala has the benefit of an ambulance, sponsored by the local Seventh-day Adventist church.

WORKERS' MEETINGS—The Franco-Haitian Union year-end meetings convened in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, from Dec. 8 - 14, 1975, with representatives attending from all the local fields of the territory. Representing the GC was Elder R. M. Reinhard, associate treasurer, and representing IAD were Elders R. R. Drachenberg, treasurer; and M. G. Nembhard, field secretary. Actions were taken that will be of farreaching importance to the expanding program in that very progressive field.

The new East Caribbean Conference began its annual workers' meeting in Bridgetown, Barbados January 4 with a mass evangelistic meeting with Elder E. E. Cleveland of the GC as guest speaker. Approximately 1,000 were present when Elder Cleveland gave a stirring message, and there was a good response. Elder M. G. Nembhard spoke at the devotional exercises when nearly all the ministerial workers and teachers were present from the new territory that has been added to the East Carib. Conf.: St. Vincent, Grenada, and the Grenadines. The plan of the conference is to have Elder Cleveland present a series of lectures on the Divine Call to the Ministry, with the view of making our workers far more productive in evangelism.-M. G. Nembhard.



Dr. Daniel Gonzalez and Pastor Elias Lopez recently conducted a successful Five-Day Plan at which 220 smokers broke the habit. Pastor Ernesto Santos (right), president of the Venezuela Temperance Society, and Dr. Crucita B. Gonzalez (left) explain to the young ladies attending the Plan the effects of nicotine on the lungs of Smoking



INAUGURATION OF NEW WING TO BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL—The new 70-bed wing of Bella Vista Hospital in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico was inaugurated December 8. Participating in the ceremony were (left to right) Pastor R. M. Reinhard, assistant treasurer of the General Conference; R. L. Pelton, assoc. director of the GC health department; the wife of the governor; Governor Rafael Hernandez; Mayor Benjamin Cole; Pastor David Baasch, assoc. secretary of the GC; Pastor Fred Hernandez, president of the West Puerto Rico Conference; Pastor Felix Rodriguez, president of the Antillian Union; Pastor J. H. Figueroa, secretary of IAD; Charles L. Christensen, comptroller for the development project; and (unseen in photo) Pastor R. R. Drachenberg, treasurer of IAD. The new wing increases the capacity of Bella Vista Hospital to 150 patients.—J. H. Figueroa (Editor's note: Elder David Baasch's report of inauguration and pictures of new wing will appear in Inter-American Edition of REVIEW & HERALD.)



INVESTITURE OF 1,000 PATHFINDERS IN EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE—On November 23 parents and friends assembled in the National Arena in Kingston for the investiture of 1,000 Pathfinders—the largest number to be invested at one time in the history of Jamaica. Governor Florizel Glasspole is shown in center of photo as Pastor H. A. Taffe, conference youth director, presents an honorary emblem. Beside him are Pastor H. S. Walters, president of the West Indies Union, and at right Bro. Carol Thomas, a Pathfinder director.



The newly-formed drum corps added spice to the occasion. The Governor praised the church's work in building, not mending, youth.—H. A. Taffe. (Editor's note: Watch for Elder Taffe's complete report of this tremendous Pathfinder event in IAD Edition of REVIEW & HERALD.)

J. JOSEPH SO'BRIEN, secretary-treas. of the Franco-Haitian Union, died suddenly of a heart attack Sabbath, Jan. 17, 1976, in Port-au-Prince. He was born in Trinidad Oct. 17, 1925 and entered denominational work as an accountant of the S. Carib. Conf. He has served also as sec'y-treas. of the French West Indies Mission, business manager of Port-of-Spain Hospital, and treasurer of West Indies College. We extend to his wife Joyce, his son Keith, his daughter Juliette, and other relatives our deepest sympathy. May they find consolation in the promises that if faithful they will meet him again in a joyous reunion on the glorious resurrection day.-B. L. Archbold.

NEW POSTS-

Elias Peralta, secretary-treasurer, Inter-Oceanic Mexican Mission.

Pablo Balboa, secretary-treasurer, North Mexican Mission.

Reyes Sosa, business manager, Montemorelos Hospital.

Edmundo Carreon, controller, University of Montemorelos.

Samuel Meza, business manager, Mexican Pacific Academy (Navojoa)

Joseph Kelley, secretary-treasurer, South Haiti Mission.

Max Charles, president, North Haiti Mission

Joas Helvetius, secretary, North Haiti Mission.

Isaac Suarez, president, East Puerto Rico Conference.

Benjamin Astacio, secretary-treasurer, East Puerto Rico Conference.

Sadiasept Guillont, publishing dept. director, West Puerto Rico Conference.

R. I. McGarrell, president & education dept. director, Guyana Mission.

Deryck Williams, secretary & stewardship dept. director, Guyana Mission.

H. Esmond, treasurer & auditor, Guyana Mission.

Edson Weithers, youth, temperance, & health dept. director, Guyana Mission.