



# Flashes

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## BAPTISMS

Henry Niemann, president of the Upper Magdalena Conference, reports that conference reached 30% of its goal for the year by the close of the first quarter, and the meetings of union evangelist Jose Osorio are continuing in that conference in the city of Ibague where 3,500 persons are attending the lectures in two sessions each night. Sabbath services are being held in Pastor Osorio's tent with approximately 700 newly-interested people attending; 600 are in the baptismal class. To date 462 have been baptized as a result of this series of meetings, and estimates are the number will be 600 by the end of the month.

Lay evangelism is surging forward in the Mexican Inter-Oceanic Mission. In the months of February and March there were three simultaneous evangelistic campaigns in progress, with the laymen giving their whole-hearted support. Lay activities director, Natan Werekeintzen, held a series of meetings in Veracruz, and 257 were baptized. Pastor Mauro Reyes held evangelistic meetings in Cordoba, and 161 were baptized. In the third series Pastor Carlos T. Salome fulfilled his pledge to God by baptizing 120 persons.



Porfirio Rodriguez (center of photo with microphone in hand), district leader of the Central Dominican Conference, prepared this group of 38 baptismal candidates with the help of laymen. Conference lay activities director, Diogenes Suero, states 1,200 newly-trained lay preachers in that field are uniting their efforts with those of the pastors for the evangelization of the southern region of the conference.

Pastor Werekeintzen conducted an inspirational lay congress in the city of Veracruz, with lay activities directors participating from the General Conference, Inter-American Division, and Mexican Union: Pastors Valentin W. Schoen, Sergio Moctezuma, and Xavier Soto. At this congress the laymen set a goal of 1,094 baptisms for the glory of God in 1976.

H. S. Walters, president of the West Indies Union, reports that E. R. E. Wright, president of the West Jamaica Conference, has been under a tent with an evangelistic team, and up to April 22 he had baptized 246. L. C.

Thomas, a pastor-evangelist in the same field, has also been engaged in tent evangelism, and has baptized 206 precious souls. During the first quarter of 1976, 900 new members were baptized in West Jamaica, which is the highest number to be baptized in any conference of the West Indies Union in a single quarter.

Pastor Walters also reports that L. V. McMillan, president of the Bahamas Conference, with his evangelistic team, baptized 273 new members one Sabbath in April—the highest number to be baptized in a single baptism in the West Indies Union. Ten ministers performed the rites in the sea, with some 3,000 people witnessing the sacred scene from a Nassau beach.

B. L. Archbold, president of the Inter-American Division, visited Nassau on April 24, and reports that as of that date 361 had been baptized as a result of Pastor McMillan's crusade. His goal is 400 by the close of the series. Some of those baptized have joined existing churches in the area, but 247 have become charter members of a newly-organized church which is meeting in the government school auditorium while endeavors are made to find some other location and a permanent church home can be provided.

We thank God for the success that has been attending these efforts, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless the efforts now in progress in the Inter-American Division.

—M. G. Nembhard



The theology students of Antillian College, under the direction of Pastor Salim Japas, have been organized into evangelistic teams, so that different talents are included in each group. One of the teams is composed of young ladies. The theology department is sponsoring the use of new audio-visual equipment (photo above), which may be the first of its kind to be used by an Inter-American Division college. The equipment serves as a training and evaluation tool for the ministerial students. Pictures on the life of Christ as well as social and health-related topics are featured.

On Sabbath, April 3, 33 persons were baptized as a result of the coordinated program of these theology students in 14 simultaneous campaigns in areas of West Puerto Rico, and 80 other candidates plan to be baptized by the close of the month. As a result of these student campaigns and with the cooperation of faculty members and laymen, two new churches (Boqueron and Barrio Cruces in Aguada) have been organized this year. —Israel Recio.



## OBITUARIES

—We regret to announce the death of Pastor E. H. SCHNEIDER March 28, 1976 after a brief illness. His connection with the Inter-American Division dates back to June, 1954 when he became lay activities and Sabbath school director of the West Indies Union. He also served efficiently as president of the East Jamaica, Bahamas, and Panama Conferences. We extend to the Schneider family our deepest sympathy, and pray that the Lord will sustain them in this hour of grief.

—The West Indies Union and Central Jamaica Conference lost a very valuable worker when Pastor BASIL L. HENRY, secretary and Sabbath school director, passed away on April 19, 1976. He formerly served as pastor-evangelist in the West Jamaica Conference, and was a productive evangelist in the Central Jamaica Conference. He will be greatly missed in that field. We extend to his wife and four children our deepest sympathy.—M. G. Nembhard.



**NEW RECORD**—Luis Florez, president of the East Venezuela Conference, reports that literature evangelist FERNANDO DIAZ (center in above photo) recently made a delivery of 400 sets of the 4-vol. medical encyclopedia, including a good message book in each set. Jose Ochoa (left), manager of the Adventist Book Center, and German Cortes (right), publishing director, calculate the value of the sale to be US\$ 40,000. The Lord has blessed the Inter-American Division literature evangelists with a new record in the sale of truth-filled publications.—L. A. Ramirez.

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**NEW TREASURER**—The Antillian Union Committee has named OLIVIA ARACENA as treasurer of the North Dominican Mission. Miss Aracena received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Antillian College, and began work in the mission first as cashier-accountant then as assistant treasurer.—Hector Acosta.

**PRESIDENTIAL VISIT**—The president of Costa Rica, Honorable Daniel Oduber, (second from left in above photo) visited Central American Union College at the invitation of Dr. F. G. Drachenberg and the college administration to inspect the soy food factory and other school industries. He was accompanied by the Minister of Education, the Minister of Government, and a presidential reporter. (See IAD Edition of *Review* for further news of this event.—Ramon Chow.

**BIBLES TO CONGRESSMEN**—The workers of the Central Dominican Conference have taken the Bible to the congress of the nation. The name of each senator or deputy was printed on his copy, along with the phrase "Compliments of the Seventh-day Adventist Church". At the same time copies of *El Centinela* magazines were presented to the legislators. One commented afterward, "This is the best gift I have been authorized to receive."—Diogenes Suero.



**SECRETARY** —The Inter-American Division youth director has a new secretary, GLADYS RODRIGUEZ. Mrs. Rodriguez graduated from Broadview Academy, and attended Southern Missionary College and Andrews University. She previously served in the White Memorial Hospital, the East Puerto Rico Conference, and Bella Vista Hospital.—Jose H. Figueroa.