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SANTO DOMINGO—The Lay Activities Department of the Central Dominican Conference has initiated a community service course for members of the Dorcas Welfare Societies. The course is directed by Mrs. Sara Piantini (demonstrating head bandage in above photo) and Dr. Dario Romero. After the course the Dorcas ladies are prepared to give first aid, nutrition and Bible classes in their respective communities. —*Diogenes Suero.*

MONTEMORELOS—Jaime Castrejon, formerly president of the Pacific Mexican Mission, has been named rector of Montemorelos University.—*B. L. Archbold.*

IBAGUE—Gregorio Esquerra, a layman, was inspired by the evangelistic meetings of Pastor Jose Osorio to also hold a series of meetings. He secured a tent, pitched it in a small town near Ibague, and now has a nightly attendance of 300 persons. —*Nataníel García.*

ANDREWS—After the visit of the Prime Minister of Trinidad last fall, Andrews University was informed by Ambassador Cyril McIntyre that this university has been placed on the list of approved institutions to which Trinidadian students of academic promise may be granted scholarships.—*David Rhys.*



CURACAO—With the assistance of Dr. Simpson and Bro. Gorsira (left in photo) as translator, I. Leito (center of photo), temperance director of the Netherlands Antilles Mission, recently conducted a Five-Day Plan in the Holiday Inn of this city. Result: 113 persons stopped smoking.—*I. Leito.*

REMUDA RANCH—A Leadership Council was held here March 7 - 12 for the administrators and departmental directors of the Inter-American Division and the administrators of its seven unions. The seminar was conducted by D. W. Holbrook, president of the Home Study Institute, and R. R. Bietz, director of the Christian Leadership Seminar. Health and nutrition lectures were presented by Dr. J. Crawford of Loma Linda University. This council was the initial stage of a series of leadership courses which the division plans to conduct as a part of its leadership training program. —*George Brown.*



SANTIAGO—Samuel Acosta (at right in photo), director of Adventist Welfare Service in the North Dominican Mission, organized the distribution of food and clothing to those who lost their possessions in the fire which swept through the El Egido section of Santiago.—*Hector Acosta.*

PANAMA—Special Easter week services were held in the Panama Conference during which the "Bible Speaks" program was carried to 12,000 homes and preaching services were held every night in 198 different centers. Baptisms for 245 persons on April 27 climaxed the week.—*Luis Alana.*

SAN JUAN—The East Puerto Rico Conference has named two carefully-chosen workers to promote selected projects such as youth camps, welfare centers, hospitals, clinics, etc. Only one month after the initiation of the program a tract of land valued at \$100,000 was donated for a hospital or medical clinic.—*Loren Gallardo.*

HONDURAS—Thirty pastors and lay leaders attended a Hidden Treasures course taught by Alfredo Garcia, the newly-appointed stewardship director of the Honduras Mission. Stewardship was combined with revival meetings in the central church of Tegucigalpa. Eight persons were baptized and 24 made decisions for Christ.—*A. Garcia.*



CUERNAVACA—This group of Pathfinder leaders finished the first 30 hours of the Pathfinder Leaders' Training Course conducted here by Pastors Arcadio Gonzalez and Eliezer Melendez, MV directors of the Central Mexican Conference and Mexican Union respectively.



NICARAGUA—Samuel Leonor, administrator of the Nicaragua Adventist Hospital, reports some of the areas of progress which that institution is experiencing. A new sewage disposal system is being placed in operation. Because of the heavy patient load and the need for student nurses to have a wider experience, construction is under way to enlarge the hospital's capacity to 60 beds, which will be double its present capacity. In the foreground of picture are the footings for the new patients' rooms, and in the background the walls for the new surgical wing. Progress is also being made in the evangelistic outreach; 25 persons have been baptized so far this year (as of April 24) in the hospital chapel.—*V. C. Sparks.*



TULUA—A mini colporteur institute was held here March 24 - 28 under the direction of the publishing director of the Pacific Colombian Mission, Bernardo Rodriguez (center of above photo). At the close of the institute ten new literature evangelists began work, one of whom was baptized only that day.—*Alida Osorio.*

MEXICO CITY—Mario Collins, former director of the Mexican Pacific Academy, was recently appointed education and stewardship director of the Mexican Union.—*George W. Brown.*

ANDREWS—Dr. Joseph G. Smoot, vice-president of academic administration at Andrews University, has been elected by the board of that institution as president.—*Public Relations Office, Andrews Univ.*



PUEBLA—The Mexican Inter-Oceanic Mission recently had the pleasure of receiving the visit of the Inter-American Division Inspection Commission: Pastors B. L. Archbold, president; Jose H. Figueroa, secretary; and R. R. Drachenberg, treasurer. There were also representatives from the Mexican Union as part of the commission: Pastors Velino Salazar, president; Samuel Guizar, secretary; Enrique Gil, treasurer; and M. Horacio Taracena, manager of the Mexican Union Adventist Book Center. The commission is pictured above with the mission president and secretary-treasurer, Augustin Galicia and Samuel Mesa. The purpose of this commission was to survey the readiness of the Inter-Oceanic Mission to become a conference, and the report of the commission will be made to the Division Committee for final action.—*Natan C. Werekeintzen.*



CAP HAITIAN—More than 50 literature evangelists gave the 5,000 salute (signifying the goal of 5,000 colporteurs in Inter-America) at the annual institute of the North Haiti Mission. There was an excellent spirit all during the institute. Guest speakers were Pastors Sergio Collins from the Pacific Press, Victor Noel from the Franco-Haitian Union, and Raul Rojas from the Inter-American Division.—*Raul Rojas.*

SAN SALVADOR—180 delegates attended the recent Sabbath School Council in the central church. Timely instruction was given by Sergio Moctezuma (fourth from right in photo at right), lay activities and Sabbath school director of the Inter-American Division. Delegates left the council ready to put the "united evangelism" plan into practice in the El Salvador Mission.—*Camí B. Cruz.*

