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"LET US ARISE AND GO TO BETHEL" was the theme for the week of prayer at Montemorelos University March 19-27, with B. L. Archbold, president of the Inter-American Division, as speaker, and Dionisio Christian, Division youth director, as translator and counselor. At each meeting one of the steps to Bethel was discussed and a decision was reached to take the next step. The entire campus during the week was a scene of young people praying and making things right. It was a richly rewarding experience, and 38 precious young people were baptized.—*D. Christian.*



THE MARTINIQUE CONFERENCE is providing a nursing home for its well-deserving elderly people who need special care in their retirement years. The ground-breaking ceremony took place at Rama on June 28, and construction is going forward rapidly.—*M. Linzau.*



WITH A GOAL OF 1,000 BAPTISMS for the first six months of 1976, the Central Dominican Conference reached 1,114 during this period. Typical of the work of pastors, pictured at right is Ernesto Aeschlimann as he examines 2 of his 58 candidates, and at left Rafael Familia who baptized 68.—*D. Suero.*



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION, a seminar for educational administrators was held on the campus of CADES in San Jose, Costa Rica April 11-18, 1976. Counselors in their areas of specialization from the Inter-American Division were Robert Drachenberg, treasurer, and David H. Rhys, educational director; and from the Central American Union Pastors Robert Folkenberg, Aristides Gonzales and Juan de Armas. By special invitation, the following administrators were present from outside this union: Dr. Jaime Castrejon, rector of the Montemorelos University in Mexico; Dr. Israel Recio and Angel Rodriguez, president and business manager of Antillan College in Puerto Rico; and Esteban Beleño and Samuel de Angel, president and business manager of Colombia-Venezuela Union College. D. G. y Poyato, educational director of the Central American Union, directed the Seminar, and the faculty and staff of Central American Union College served as hosts to the 39 administrators present.—*Luis Alaña.*



MEXICO'S PRESIDENT ELECT, JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, granted an interview for more than an hour in his official van to Pedro Arano (pictured above speaking), president of the North Mexican Mission, and Felipe Presenda and Jaime Cruz of the Montemorelos University. This was an opportune time to visit with the president elect (right corner of photo) as well as the governor of the state of Nuevo Leon, the senator and other government officials regarding the Montemorelos University and the educational and philanthropic program of the Adventist church.—*Pedro Arano*.

A YOUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE recently conducted in Guyana was attended by 100 delegates. Edson Weithers, conference youth director, reports that the study of Revelation with B. N. Josiah, education director of the Caribbean Union, as moderator, brought much spiritual nourishment to the young people.

Three youth federations were organized during the congress which followed the Bible conference. On the Sunday of the congress 300 youth walked the streets of Guyana with posters, banners, and placards depicting healthful living and calling upon their countrymen to stay away from alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

A successful food exhibition was a part of that weekend's activities.

—*Everette W. Howell*.



A SCHOOL BUILDING is being used by John Parchment, educational director of the Panama Conference, as the site of his evangelistic series in Panama City. Many parents and youth are preparing for baptism in this educational center.—*Luis Alaña*.

WEST PUERTO RICO



700 Pathfinders participated in "The Fair of Love and Unity" in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, April 16-18, 1976.



Campers pitched their tents on the grounds of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.



The college gymnasium was used for the general assemblies, and the Olympic-sized swimming pool for the water events.



This outstanding Pathfinder Fair was ably directed by Pablo Ayala (left) and Fred Hernandez (center), youth director and president respectively of the West Puerto Rico Conference; and Jose Hernandez (right), director of the Dominican Academy, was the principal speaker at the devotional meetings. Pathfinders reported three wonderful days of recreation and spiritual inspiration.—*Dionisio Christian*.