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### THREE-STORY ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER IN HEART OF MEXICO CITY

Representatives of the General Conference, the Pacific Press, and the Inter-American Division, recently visited the building site of the new Mexican Union Adventist Book Center. The manager, Horacio Taracena, explained to the visitors that it is scheduled for inauguration in May, 1977. It will be the largest Adventist Book Center in the territory of the Inter-American Division.—L. A. Ramirez.

### DEDICATION OF FREDERIKSTED CHURCH EXTENSION

When the Frederiksted, St. Croix church was built in 1963 with a seating capacity of 200 it was considered more than adequate for the church membership stood at only 30.

By 1975 the membership had grown so much that expansion was imperative. Walls were knocked out, facilities shifted, additions made, and all was in readiness for the extension dedication on December 25, 1976. W. W. Thomson, president of the North Caribbean Conference, preached the dedicatory sermon, assisted in the program by Pastors J. C. Shillingford and O. Fleming.

The new seating capacity is 450 and the present church membership 382, but with the present rate of growth the church pastor, Lynford Williams, feels it will soon be too small again.—W. W. Thomson.

### TO NEW POSTS

VICTOR DIAS CASTRO, Secretary  
East Puerto Rico Conference

FELIX RODRIGUEZ, Stewardship & Temperance director, Mexican Union

### DRUG SEMINAR, TEMPERANCE MARCH, & FIVE-DAY PLAN

A Drug Seminar was conducted at the Arima, Trinidad Town Hall on January 8. The Seminar took the form of a panel discussion by medical, youth, and ministerial personnel on the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, caffeine, aspirin, etc.

The next day the Youth, Health, and Temperance departments sponsored a Temperance March through the streets of Arima. The uniformed youth carrying temperance placards were inspected by the mayor of the borough. That evening we began a Five-Day Plan at the Port-of-Spain Adventist Hospital. Officiating with me in the plan were N. F. Harris, Lay Activities director of the South Caribbean Conference, and Doctors Boyko and Chaffee of the hospital.

A follow-up program is planned.—Noemi Modeste.



### STONE LAYING FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION COLLEGE CHURCH

Friday, January 28, 1977 was a significant day for the personnel of the Adventist College in Alajuela, Costa Rica. A stone was placed on that date under the exact location where the pulpit will stand in the new church. Construction was officially initiated as the first shovels of cement anchored the stone in place.

This new church building is being financed almost entirely by donations from former teachers and alumni of the institution as well as current members of the college church who are sacrificing to make possible this monument to the honor and glory of God.—R. R. Drachenberg.

Inter-America's Slogans for 1977:

“ONE THOUSAND PER WEEK” “EVANGELISM FOR A FINISHED WORK”





**VISIT TO MARTYR'S GRAVE**—During the recent visit of J. N. Hunt, Publishing director of the General Conference, a visit was made to the remote village of El Cobre, Venezuela to pay respects to a fallen martyr, Rafael Lopez Miranda, a Puerto Rican literature evangelist assassinated on May 15, 1922. The grave is still well preserved.—L. A. Ramirez.

**PUERTO RICO CONFERENCE ENTERS LAST DARK CITY**

Hatillo, the only town remaining in the West Puerto Rico Conference where the Adventist message had not been preached, was entered January 19, 1977. A three-month evangelistic series began on that date in a rented hall with a seating capacity of 700. A house that will serve as a temporary church home for the new believers has been rented.—Fred Hernandez.

**NEW TEMPERANCE COURSES AVAILABLE AT ANDREWS**

A Master's Degree specializing in church temperance leadership is now available from the Graduate School of Religion at Andrews University.

Another course for four hours of credit called "Temperance Evangelism" will be offered June 12 - July 8, 1977. Ernest H. J. Steed of the General Conference Temperance Department will be one of the principal lecturers.

Andrews University and the GC Temperance Department are inviting conference leaders, workers, and qualified laymen to write for further information to: Temperance Courses, Academic Dean, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA, 49104.—Ernest H. J. Steed.

**SPANISH PASTOR JOINS ANDREWS CAMPUS MINISTRIES**

Luis Leonor, the full-time pastor of the Berrien Springs Spanish church, has been invited by Campus Ministries of Andrews University to serve the Spanish-speaking students in a special counseling program. Elder Leonor said "My purpose is to help the students not forget our mission."—Andrews University.

**WORLD RECORD FOR IAD**

The Inter-American Division district pastors baptized the highest number of persons of any world field, 79.2 baptisms per ordained pastor in 1975 and 80.4 in 1976. The Afro-Mideast Division was second with 61.3 in 1975. Examples of number of baptisms in local fields per ordained minister are: South Mexican 368, North Haiti 279, Southeast Mexican 226, El Salvador 189, West Puerto Rico 162, South Haiti 157, Upper Magdalena 155, Costa Rica 150, Mexican Inter-Oceanic 143, Guatemala 140, Central Dominican 127, Atlantic Colombian 123, Honduras 115.—James W. Zackrison.

**WEST VENEZUELA MISSION PREPARES FOR DISASTERS AT SAWS CONVENTION**

Ten Federations of Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services in the state of Lara recently participated in a convention. The Federation president, Isabel Sequera, and her associates arranged the program.

The medical personnel of the Adventist Clinic in Barquisimeto attended and gave their support, as did the Pathfinder clubs, the Medical Cadets, Dorcas societies and Good Samaritans, the Valencia choir, and the Musical Melody group. Attractive exhibits added to the interest.

Dorcas societies and Good Samaritans throughout the Mission are conducting weekly First Aid classes during the first quarter of 1977. More than 100 students have completed the course in Barquisimeto.—Iris M. Santos.



Ernesto C. Santos, president of the West Venezuela Mission, addressed the 800 in attendance at the SAWS convention.



Pastor Carlos Acosta received recognition for his work in organizing the first Medical Cadet Corps in Colombia-Venezuela Union.



Workers of the West Venezuela Mission donned their helmets at the convention to demonstrate their preparedness for first aid work in case of disaster.