

Picturesque San Juan, capital of Puerto Rico, site of eight-day Crusade beginning March 19

Flight Leaving for Puerto Rico

Al of a sudden a whole hemisphere is converging on a tiny island in the Greater Antilles! That is the way it seems, at any rate, as the Puerto Rico Crusade, which opened last month, moves into its final phase March 19 through 26 in San Juan's Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

From Caracas, from Mexico City, from New York City, from Tegucigalpa, from Santo Domingo, from Chicago, from Miami, hundreds of Spanish-speaking Christian volunteers will be winging their way to Puerto Rico to help in the reaping of a spiritual harvest.

From Buenos Aires a distinguished musician, the Rev. Robert Byler, has been called by Crusade Director Efraim Santiago to direct a choir of 500 voices in the Ponce Crusade and possibly of 2,000 in the San Juan campaign. The first choir practice was held January 16. From Los

Angeles, soloist Ray Robles will come to sing—in Spanish.

In New York City a committee of Spanish-speaking Christian leaders headed by Mrs. Aimee Garcia (see page 10) and Rev. José Camacho has been training personnel to act as counselors in San Juan, and organizing prayer cells among the 600,000 Puerto Ricans in the area. Three plane loads of Puerto Ricans will fly from New York to San Juan for the meetings.

On the island 5,000 prayer cells have been active daily for two months, preparing Christians for this unique evangelistic opportunity. On January 23 counselor training classes began in San Juan, taught by Mr. Jim Cochran.

Cooperation from civic and church groups has been enthusiastic. The mayor of San Juan and the president of the Inter-American University in San Germán are on the Crusade committee. The Puerto Rico Council of Churches is giving its support. Chairman of the finance committee is Dr. Carlos Lastra, former Secretary of State for Puerto Rico.

A special "English" committee to work with the English-speaking community in San Juan has been organized, with two leading pastors, Dr. George Hilson of the Community Church and the Rev. Max Brennenman of the Brethren Church, serving on it.

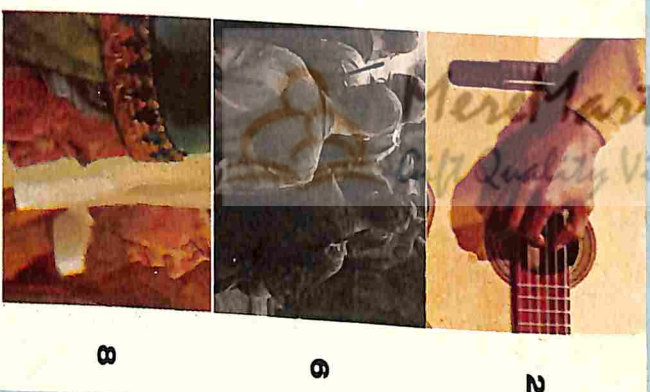
Three associate evangelists, Fernando Vangioni, José Camacho and Paul Finkenbinder, with soloist Ray Robles, began meetings last month in cities and towns all over the island. (See DECISION, February, 1967.) An English-speaking Crusade is scheduled for March 14 to 17 in Charlotte Amalie baseball park, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, conducted by Associate Evangelist Lane Adams. Mr. Santiago and Mr. Vangioni have also visited another part of the West Indies — the tiny Dutch island of Aruba, off Venezuela, where they held an evangelistic mission last month. Special youth participation in the San Juan Crusade is being headed up by Mr. Roberto Santiago. The program "Operation Others" is under the direction of the Rev. John Thomas, with plans for visits to 400,000 homes.

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Mr. Graham will speak in Ponce, Paguito Montaner Stadium, Saturday, March 18, at 8:00 p.m.

He will speak in San Juan, Hiram Bithorn Stadium, Sunday afternoons, March 19 and 26, at 2 o'clock, and nightly, March 20 to 25, at 8 o'clock.

A special tour led by Associate Evangelist Roy Gustafson will visit the Crusade and other West Indies points March 14 to 25.

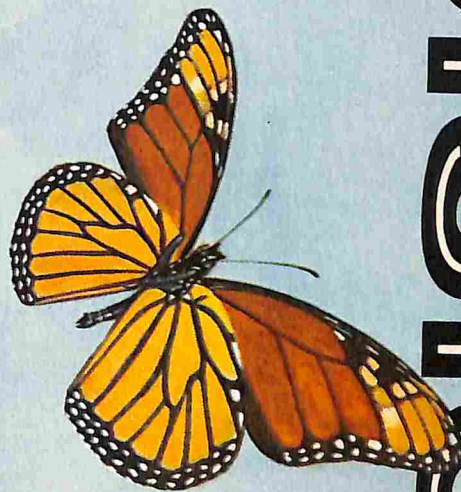
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Efraim Santiago, Crusade director (left), and Fernando Vangioni, associate evangelist



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by BILLY GRAHAM

Is There Life After Death?

When Pepper Martin was the hero of the World Series for the St. Louis Cardinals, he was asked what was his greatest ambition in life, and he replied, "To go to heaven." The great question of the centuries has been: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Men have speculated about a future life, they have analyzed the pros *continued on page 14*

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