

Pan Trinbago calls on minister to clear its name

THE WAR OF WORDS between Pan Trinbago and the Minister of Culture and Women Affairs Dr Daphne Phillips continues with Pan Trinbago calling on the minister to clear its name of any wrongdoing. Pan Trinbago has refuted a claim by the minister that the organisation "has been refusing" to submit their books to audit.

Fed up with the hurt and damage

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caused to the organisation's image by the minister's remarks, Pan Trinbago's treasurer Melville Bryan, has issued a press release stating that in recent times the minister made statements that has conveyed to the general public "grave misinformation". The treasurer said, "At no time before Monday August 23, 1999 did I receive notice, verbal or otherwise, that the Ministry of Culture

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auditors were ready to audit the Panorama 1999 accounts. It was on that very day I received verbal notice that the ministry's auditors were ready to commence the audit of Pan Trinbago's Panorama 1999 accounts." The treasurer went on to state that, immediately after Carnival, Pan Trinbago requested the firm of Parnell Kerr Foster to commence an audit exercise and proceeded to

pass over all relevant documents and he was not aware that at anytime he refused to accommodate an audit by the ministry's auditors. The treasurer ended by saying that Pan Trinbago's accounts are accessible to the ministry's auditors whenever they are ready. The treasurer hopes that the Honourable Senator would make corrections to her unfortunate statements.