



SKULL'S PLAQUE: Pan pioneer, Ivan "Skull" Henry (right) receives his commemorative plaque from Prime Minister Basdeo Panday at the Steelband Awards Function. At centre is Keith Diaz, external relations officer of Pan Trinidad. **Photo by BRIAN NG FATT.**

Govt to build up pan technology

By DAVID CUFFY

GOVERNMENT is reviewing the whole question of music education with respect to music literacy and the process of development of pan technology

So said Prime Minister Basdeo Panday at the Steelband Awards Ceremony at the Central Bank Auditorium on Thursday night. The event formed part of the 4th annual Steelband Week activities presented by Pan Trinidad in commemoration of the declaration of the steelpan as the national musical instrument of Trinidad and Tobago.

"We cannot deny the positive attributes that pan has given to our country — a feeling of national pride, self-esteem for the pan-nists, and on the commercial side, we know of the vast export potential and versatility of the instrument,"

said the Prime Minister.

The programme, staged before an audience of selected individuals, paid special tribute to the steelband pioneers. Those selected for honour were Ivan "Skull" Henry, Wellington "Blues" Bostock, Norman "Youth" Curtis, Joseph "Jojo" David, and Sylvester "Vats" St Louis.

Additionally, honours, in some cases posthumously, were paid to the following persons who have contributed to the development of the instrument and its music:

Arrangers — Arthur De Coteau, Fitzgerald Jemmot, Arthur Shaw, Antonio Prospect, Clive Bradley and Beverly Griffith.

Tuners — Allan Gervais, Errol Moore, Seon Brewster, Joseph "Pops" Roseman, Leo Coker and Bertram "Bob" Thomas.

Media personnel —

Allison Hennessy and Phil Simmons.

Calypsonians — Sparrow (Slinger Francisco), Terror (Fitzgerald Henry) and Merchant (Dennis Williams).

The oldest players of the instrument — Chicky Chang, Lionel "Foots" David, Alfred "Sack" Mayers and Clayton "My Fan" Drayton.

Late executive officers of Pan Trinidad — Vere Green, Dennis Le Gendre and Ernest Greaves. Tobago personnel — Jonathan Scott and Patrick Arnold. Special presentation — Peter Minshall.