



\$20,000 lure to bring pans out for Las' Lap

BERGER Paints Trinidad Limited last week announced plans to revive Las' Lap in Port of Spain with a steelband competition at Harvard Roundabout on Carnival Tuesday.

Selwyn Drayton, Berger's General Manager, has announced that his company will be awarding a total of \$20,000 in prizes for the best beating steelband, the best beating pan-around-the-neck band and the first band to

reach the roundabout.

Drayton explained that his company had heard the many calls for a revival of Las' Lap, and felt the idea one well worth pursuing. A decision had therefore been taken to change from their J'Ouvert Competition at the Harvard Roundabout to a Las' Lap Competition with prize money that would be a real incentive to steelbands to participate.

The response from Pan Trinbago has been

enthusiastic and already bands have started to register with Berger Paints at Sea Lots.

The competition takes place at the Harvard Roundabout on Carnival Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 1 p.m.

According to Drayton, his company is confident that with the kind of prizes offered and the response so far, Las' Lap will be back with us from this year on. Bands that have registered so far are:

Blue Diamonds, Belmont New Dimensions, Laventille Sound Specialists, Starlift, Phase Two Pan Groove, Invaders, Power Stars, Boys Town, Renegades, Valley Harps, Jadapt, World Wide, Hi-Larks, Casablanca, Desperados, Exodus.

In composite picture, Drayton (right arm raised) discusses plans for the roundabout Las' Lap competition with Harvard officials and members of his staff.