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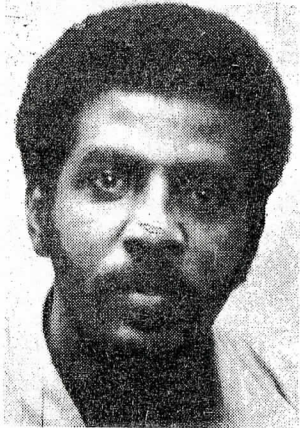
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## *DESPERS' BOSSMAN ON THAT PANORAMA SITUATION:*



RUDOLPH CHARLES

# STEELBAND CLASHES AVERTED

## DRY DAMS IN 4 MONTHS

NONE of the nation's main reservoirs has enough water to last for the next four months.

Figures released by the Water and Sewerage Authority yesterday show that the Navet Dam has enough for 95 days, Hollis 117 days and Hillsborough, 122 days. WASA has said this would probably be the "driest dry season" in 40 years

## **ANY decision to stop Panorama this year could have led to street violence and steelband clashes.**

This was the opinion of Rudolph Charles, captain of West Indian Tobacco Gay Desperadoes, the country's reigning champ, as he expressed his views about Panorama, which was being threatened by a boycott of steelbands this year.

However, the national Panorama shows will come off on January 28 and February 2 and 4 at the Queen's Park Savannah, Port of Spain. The shows will be preliminaries, semi-finals and finals respectively.

Last night members of the joint committee of Pan Trinbago and the Carnival Development Committee, were working out the "finer details of staging the shows.

Mr. Charles pointed out that the mentality of panmen was such that if they had no competition in which to beat out their anxiety and frustration, they would have done so on the streets.

He recalled the years when there were no competitions and the type of street battles that took place.

He said competitions gave the panmen an opportunity to be recognised and show off their skill. "There is no doubt in my mind that if there were no Panorama competitions this year there would have been street violence and clashes of bands," he added.

Mr. Charles also complimented the South panmen for a well-organised and successful show. He said: "Hats off to them:" he suggested that each zone should do the same and then have winners take part in the national finals.

He agreed that the finals should be kept one year in North and the following year in South.

Other points he raised were that there should be competitions to judge the best-tuned pans and the best musical arrangements. By having those competitions, he believed tuners and arrangers would have an incentive to produce better-tuned pans and musical arrangements.

Mr. Charles, who was responsible for swaying bandleaders into voting for Panorama this year at a meeting at Pan Trinbago's office on Tuesday night, emphasised that he was not trying to break up the organisation, but to help it into a direction that he saw beneficial to all.