

OBEAH IN THE TENTS?

"YUH giving dem ah run for dey money!"

That is what folks have been telling the SUN people and this evening the SUN is as hot as ever:

° Too much Obeah in the tents the SUN takes you backstage.

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Arima pan

ARIMA Panorama finals will take place tonight at the Arima Public stand, at eight o'clock.

Nine bands will take part in the finals. They are: Nu-Tones, Angel Harps, Simple Songs, Golden Stars, Orange Grove Pan Symphony, Colgate Melodians, Arouca Ekklesia, Turban Starland and Nostalgic Pan Fair.

Prizes to be won are \$1,000, \$700 and \$500

MOVE TO STOP THREAT TO PANORAMA

PANMEN last night moved swiftly to avert a threat to tomorrow's Panorama semi-finals and Saturdays finals.

Judges who officiated at the preliminaries at the weekend have taken offense at charges that they cheated on behalf of certain steelbands.

And yesterday they demanded an apology in writing from the 16 steelbands in the semi-finals and Pan Trinbago for accusing them of cheating — or they would refuse to adjudicate.

If the judges do not get the apology this would mean the semi-finals and finals will have to be called off, for the Panorama regulations make it clear that the same judges must decide on the winning bands right through the competition.

At an emergency meeting last night after the draw for positions in the semi-finals, Pan Trinbago's executive decided to bow to the judges' wish and a spokesman for the organisation said every effort would be made to meet the 4 p.m. deadline today for the submission of written apologies.

Said chief judge Hugh Borde: "As usual panmen can-

not stand their losses. To accuse us of robbing some bands is to cast a slur on our characters.

"I am a top entertainer in the United States and I have invited scores of people down here for Carnival. For them to see my name in the Press linked in all this confusion is not nice at all.

"Panmen were the ones who said they had full confidence in the judges. We have to protect our integrity. They cannot just jump up and say we 'thief'. We are not afraid to put panmen in their place, Mr. Borde said.

He said the standard set by pan beaters this year was the highest ever.

"The bands did a lot of hard work in arrangement. It was the toughest competition in years to judge. It is going to be a very keenly contested finals. Definitely, it is no walkover for Desperadoes this year."

Among judges at the preliminaries apart from Mr. Borde were Steve Duprey, Curtis Pierre Merle Albino — all experts in the steelband field — and Capt. Arthur Watson of the Regiment.

Mr. Pierre is ill and Supt Anthony Prospect of the Police Band may replace him.

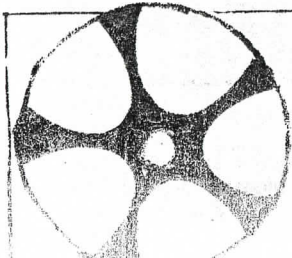
'Pilots won't need strike'

MAINTENANCE personnel at Piarco Airport were yesterday unconcerned about the pilots' threat to go on strike from 4p.m. today unless grounded 51-year-old Capt. Malcolm Hernandez was reinstated in his \$5,000 a month job.

The consensus among the scores of workers, represented by the Communication, Airport and General Workers' Trade Union (CATTU), was that a settlement would be reached in time to avert the strike.

At 10a.m. today British West Indian Airways (BWIWA) management will hold talks with the executive council of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) at a meeting to be chaired by Labour Minister Senator Desmond Cartey.

The Hernandez issue will be discussed.



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