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'Miss World' Meets The Pan Men

Queens mingle with Steelbandmen and United States Marines in "Carnival Panorama" at the Grand Stand, Queen's Park Savannah, tonight, the first major show in the Carnival Development Committee's quartet of presentations this Carnival.

One of the queens is "Miss World", Miss Carol Joan Crawford, of Jamaica, who arrived Wednesday night for the Carnival as guest of the CDC. She will present the Panorama Steelband Champion with a silver cup donated by Mr. Arthur Bentley.

In turn, she will be presented with a full size tenor pan mounted on a stand as a gift from the National Association of Steelbandmen, by the leader of the champion band.

Also appearing on Panorama tonight will be the United States Marines Drill Squad from the USS Newport News, U.S. Navy cruiser.

Jointly sponsored by the CDC and the National Association of Steelbandmen, Panorama features the eliminations for the "Queen of the Bands" contest for which 35 are entered, and the Steelband championships among eleven finalists.

\$1,000 PRIZE

Winner of the steelband contest will receive a top prize of \$1,000, plus a tape recorder and Mr. Bentley's trophy. Second prize is \$500 and third \$250. Each of the eleven finalists, winners or not, will receive a performance fee of \$100.

The bands will contest in the following order: City Symphony, Starlift, Sputnik Stars, West Side Symphony, Our Boys (Tobago), Guinness Cavaliers (San Fernando), Pan Am North Stars, Modern Sunland, Modern Crossfire, Nocturne Fascinators and Coca-Cola Gay Desperadoes.

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The Mighty Spitfire, a prolific "Road March King" of a decade ago, has picked Lord Kitchener and the Mighty Bomber as the strongest contenders for the Calypso King crown come Sunday night.

He has warned, however, that the reigning King, the Mighty Sparrow, will be mighty hard to dislodge from his throne.

Spitfire, due to illness, has been out of the calypso limelight for the past two years and has made just a few guest appearances at the Original Young Brigade tent at Wrightson Road this season.

But the man who gave the public "Post post another letter for Thelma," "29 Port-of-Spain" and "Bow, wow, wow" among many others, is planning a full scale return to the footlights for the 1965 season. Already he has some 12 new hits ready to "leggo."

Spitfire's choices for the Road March are Kitchener's "Mama, this is mas" and Sparrow's "Bullpistle gang." He believes that "Sookie" by King Fighter and "Ko-keo-ko" by Lord Blake will be popular with the string orchestras.

On the view expressed by some calypsonians that they would have their own tent next year, the old stager had doubts about its success, because the calypsonians of today did not unite as the old calypsonians like Lion, Growler, Atilla did.

His advice to the present day calypsonians was to form themselves into an Association or Union of calypsonians and other artists.

One of the few remaining calypsonians of the old school, Spitfire, said that following his illness, it was his intention to retire from singing and concentrate on writing for the young and promising calypsoists. He thought, however, that they would not be sufficiently appreciative and so he has decided to enter the ring again in 1965.

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the "Queen of the Bands" contest, only about 20 turned up for rehearsals on Wednesday afternoon.

Profits of the Panorama show will be split 50-50 between the CDC and the Steelband Association. A record number of tickets have been sold for this show, said Mr. Ronald Williams, CDC Chairman, yesterday.

The 4,000 seats of the Grand Stand are all sold out and 1,500 have been sold in the north stand which has a capacity of 3,500.

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