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# Solicitor: Why our panmen can't make a note

EXPRESS REPORTER

"BUSINESSMEN should not be so easily made scapegoats for project failures in this country." Southern solicitor and company director, Mr Krishna Narinesingh said he wished to emphasise this point following his exposure in yesterday's EXPRESS of a local pan manufacturing proposal that never came through.

Mr. Narinesingh said he did not set out to "blame the Government or anyone for the failure of the local steel pan industry. "I merely gave the facts as they are in challenging a statement in the Opinion in Monday's EXPRESS. Of course people are free to draw their own conclusions."

The Opinion commented: "Businessmen in this country should study with shame, the exemplary co-operation the British pan enthusiasts got from the Croydon Light Engineering firm."

Observed Mr. Narinesingh: This assertion is a classic manifestation of

that has caused the virtual surrender and low profile of the local entrepreneur and the consequential manpower paralysis in this tour of crisis."

The southern solicitor agreed with the EXPRESS that the idea of a foreign pan industry was enough to provoke anger.

## Invention

Said Mr. Narinesingh: "Yes, it is indeed enough to provoke anger, nay, horse-whipping, t h a t while people continue to be taught how to hate other nations and to swallow the synthetic diet t h a t 'economic nationalism' is (as the great independent nations of North America and Europe have just been taught by the energy crisis).

We shall no doubt be spending our scarce foreign exchange to support the manufacture of an indigenous invention with foreign labour while our unemployed steelbandmen can't make a note, except to play second fiddle to the Croydon people who will no doubt be deemed foreign exploiters!"