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# ***Cavaliers take time out from mas' to plan tours***

GUINNESS CAVALIERS, for many years standard bearers of the South in every major steelband contest, have decided to get out of local competitions and Carnival, and plan seriously for tours abroad.

Their absence is going to be greatly felt, because they are the most consistent steelband in the big competitions.

If they did not win they were the greatest threat to the

frontline bands.

There are steelbands which have mushroomed into prominence, and then faded away, but not so with the Cavaliers.

who stood the test of time and contested every national final since 1964.

The band believes that all this public acclaim has got them very little.

Of course they were pleased to play for the Queen and Emperor Haile Selassie, but their big grouse is that lesser known bands were chosen for tours while they had to remain at home.

They believe they can create an impact abroad.

So instead of preparing for competitions, they are straining all their energies towards promoting the steelband abroad.

As a result, they have already held discussions with impresarios in various countries, and these talks are rather encouraging.

Lennox Mohammed, the band's leader and arranger, said the band is playing better than ever.

But the members believe that further local competitions were a time-wasting venture, while there were greener pastures to be explored abroad.

The band would be sorely missed this Carnival, but San Fernando and the entire South hope that their ambitions would be so satisfied in the coming months that they would return for Carnival 1969.