

Players, pan pushers and a

million T-shirts



SOME people say Panorama is the real mas of the people of Trinidad and Tobago. No costumes only T-Shirts with a million messages.

In the true sense there are no spectators at Panorama. There are players, pan pushers, supporters and jumpers. In any case everybody jumps in some band.

This year, following last year's boycott and fiasco over money, Panorama follows a new format.

Instead of endless pan, on one day at the Preliminaries at the Queen's Park Savannah, we will now have a two-in-one competition, preliminaries on a zonal basis, 37 conventional and 10 Pan around-the-neck bands will compete in North and East zonal Preliminaries today at Queen's Park Savannah starting at 9 a.m., South and Central zonal preliminaries on Sunday February 10 at Skinner Park San Fernando also at 9 a.m.

Tobago will see 24 conventional and 2 pan-around-the-neck bands.

Preliminaries take place on Monday February 11 at 8.00 p.m.

All bands in the preliminaries will be competing at the same time for places in the finals of their zones and in National semi finals.



Six old time Pan-around-the-neck steelbands will also be selected from the three preliminaries to appear at the National Steelband Finals at the Queen's Park Savannah on Saturday February 16, 1980.

On Thursday February 14 will be the top bands securing the most points from a combined list of all three zonal preliminaries.

Eight bands will be selected from each of the preliminaries on the basis of points awarded to take part in their respective Zonal Finals.

Judging of Steelband and Panorama competitions has always been the subject of much controversy. This year the Joint Management Committee responsible for carrying on Panorama 1980 in a long list of rules which has already stated that the decision of the judges will be final and binding and the JMC will not entertain any protests with respect to judging.



The points are to be awarded to competing steelbands for interpretation 35 points, arrangements 35 points, Quality of sound (tone) 15 points, balance 10 points, spirit of carnival 5 points.

The row over money has been settled very much to the satisfaction of steelbands men and the National Panorama Champs stand to collect as much as \$33,000 in



prize money appearance fees and assistance.

All competing conventional steelbands, with not less than 40 players will each receive appearance fees of \$1,000 and assistance of \$4,000 in addition to special assistance with the cost of transportation.

For the National Semi Finals the 16 competing bands will each receive a \$1,500 Appearance Fee

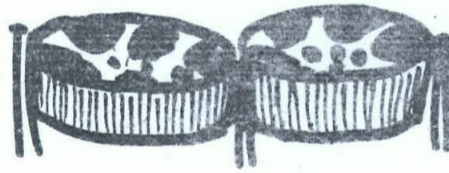
7.00 p.m. — North & East Finals — P.O.S.

Sunday 10th February — 9.00 a.m. —

South/Central Preliminaries — San F'do.

Monday 11th February — 8.00 p.m. — Tobago Preliminaries — Shaw Park.

Tuesday 12th February — 8.00 p.m. — South Finals — San Fernando



and assistance amounting to \$2,000.

First prize for National Panorama Champs is \$19,800 and for Zonal champs \$5,280.

Sunday 3rd February — 9.00 a.m. — North & East Preliminaries — P.O.S.

Friday 8th February —

Thursday 14th February — 7.00 p.m. — National Semi-Finals — P.O.S.

Saturday 16th February — 7.00 p.m. — National Finals — P.O.S.

Wednesday 13th February — 8.00 p.m. — Tobago Finals — Shaw Park.