

GUINNESS CAVALIERS, that exciting steelband from the south, have done it again.

With a superb arrangement of Lord Kitchener's "Sixty Seven," on Friday night they won the National Panorama Championship for the second time before a crowd of 10,000 on the Queen's Park Savannah.

The complete prize list

PANORAMA CHAMPIONS

(Calypso tune)

1. \$1,000, 2. \$750, 3. \$500, 4. \$350, 4. \$250.

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Added prize: Pepsi-Cola cooler donated by Bottler's Ltd; Electric coffee percolator donated by Mrs. Olga Stephen of the U.S.A.

1. Guinness Cavaliers (Tune: "67")
2. West Indian Gay Desperadoes (Tune: "Mr. Prospect")
3. Esso Tripoli (Tune: "No Money No Love")
4. Trinidad Hilton All Stars (Tune: "67")
5. Coca-Cola Silver Stars (Tune: "Dont Come Back Again")

BOMB COMPETITION

Tune of Choice

1. \$300, 2. \$200.

1. Esso Tripoli (Variations on a theme of Paganinity Rachmaninoff).

2. Coca-Cola Silver Stars (Theme from Dr Zhivago).

Tune from "Paris Burning"

1. A seven-day trip for 25 members of the winning band to any West Indian island, with accommodation and performing contract.

2. \$200; 3. \$100

1. Solo Harmonites.
2. West Indian Gay Desperadoes
3. Guinness Cavaliers.

BEST COSTUME

1. \$300; 2. \$200; 3. \$100.

1. Shell Invaders
2. West Indian Gay Desperadoes.
3. Solo Harmonites.

Each of the 12 finalists in the Steelband Panorama got an appearance fee of \$200.

Other steelbands taking part, besides those in the final results, were:

Angostura Starlift, Am Boys, Old Oak Casablanca, De Boehmler Silhouettes, Antillian All Stars.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

West Indian Gay Desperadoes were the People's Choice at Panorama The Laventille Hill steelband pooled 792 of the 2,025 votes cast, beating Guinness Cavaliers by 315 votes.

Third was Shell Invaders with 227, fourth Solo Harmonites with 185 and fifth Coca Cola Silver Stars with 185.

1. Texaco Trophy: \$150 from Chase Manhattan Bank.
2. \$100 from Federation Che-

Dressed in shirts of a leopard-skin pattern, blue pants and shining silver-blue headpieces, Cavaliers thrilled the crowd by their dramatic orchestration. They did bold and exciting things with the calypso revealing a remarkable musicality and a nice appreciation of the sectional values of the steelband.

Following up the Cavaliers for the Panorama Championship were West Indian Tobacco Gay Desperadoes (2nd), Esso Tripoli (3rd), Trinidad All Stars (4th), and Coca Cola Silver Stars (5th).

Formed only five years ago by former Presentation College boy Lennox Mohammed, Cavaliers and their rise to glory may be considered as somewhat phenomenal. Within a couple of years they were Southern champions, a title they have never lost.

An error

Two years ago, they created a sensation by outplaying the leading bands up North to win the Panorama Championship for the first time. Last year, they took second place to Despers in a controversial decision.

And on Friday night they buried all remaining doubts as to their supremacy.

But their moment of triumph on the Savannah was blurred by an error in the announcement of the results of the various competitions. Shell Invaders, who won the prize for the best dressed Steelband, was declared as Panorama winners, much to the delight of panmen who had gathered on stage to hear the judges' decision.

Shortly after, this mistake was corrected, but it was lost to a large section of the crowd, as a result of the confusion that reigned on stage.

Many left the Savannah believing that Invaders had won and several disputes arose afterwards.

No delay

Seen by a paying audience of some 9,000 persons, Panorama 1967 was certainly the most successful show organised by the Association of Steelbandmen. Featuring six separate competitions, the show, which ended shortly after midnight, was saved from dragging into the wee hours of the morning by the excellent stage management of director Arthur Bentley.

The steelbands, many of whom were more than 60 strong, were wheeled on and off the stage with the minimum of delay under Mr. Bentley's personal supervision.

In other departments, however, all did not go so smooth-