



"Sailors of the Orient" from *Trintoc Invaders* Tuesday presentation of 'Sailors of The Gods.' Picture by OSSIE CORDNER

This could be *Invaders'* year

WHEN photographer OSSIE CORDNER and I visited the panyard of the popular Woodbrook Band *Trintoc Invaders* last Wednesday night, there was an air of quiet and intense concentration from band and supporters as well. As is customary with band practice for Panorama, there was stopping, starting and repeating of runs, as *Invaders* fine-tuned their rendition of Bally's *Bacchannal Start* for the Savannah on Sunday coming.

The band's manager, Dr Ashton Professor, a University of the West Indies lecturer and Queen's Royal College graduate teacher Rudy Piggott, Public Relations Officer of the band, showed us the designs of the band's Tuesday mas *Sailors of The Gods* drawn by QRC student Sheldon Warner. Ranging in price from \$160 to \$230, sections of the 500 strong

band are 'Sailors of Uncle Sam, Roman Sailors, Sailors of the Orient, Cruisin The City, T&T Sailors, Buccaneers, Carib Sailors, Egyptian Sailors, Sailors of the Battle of Trafalgar'.

Invaders, the band which has the largest following in this country on Jouvert morning, has never won a Panorama, but "this year we should be better" said Dr Parris, who was involved with Sunland Steel Orchestra of Belmont before going to study in Washington where he also organised a band. On his return home 18 years ago "I found myself living near here and got invoved with this band."

At 9.20 p.m., I was told that the band which had been hard at work since 7.30 p.m., had not started practicing yet, "they just running over what they did last night."