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# GODDARD: LET'S HAVE PANORAMA



GEORGE GODDARD

**GEORGE GODDARD**, former president of the country's steelband movement, is appealing to the Carnival Development Committee [CDC] to shift Saturday's three-in-one Panorama, to Sunday. The show has been organised by Pan Trinbago and the CDC.

The planned Saturday programme will comprise of National preliminaries, pan-around-the-neck and zonal competitions. Originally, the National preliminaries had been scheduled to take place at the Queen's Park Savannah yesterday and the zonal finals on Wednesday.

These two dates were however, erased from Pan Trinbago's programme after it was told by the CDC that the North Stand would not be ready in time for yesterday's Panorama. The North Stand was however, utilised on Saturday for Saturday's Red Cross Children's Carnival.

Mr. Goddard said yesterday: "The Junior Carnival Competition, the Brassorama preliminaries and King of Carnival preliminaries, according to the CDC's programme are all billed for the Queen's Park Savannah next Sunday.

"I am appealing to the CDC to bring forward these three shows to next Saturday and instead stage the Panorama competitions on the following day."

He explained that a lot of headaches will be created for pansides "totalling some 60-odd, for Saturday will be a normal working day for around 90 per cent of their members."

## CHANGE IMPOSSIBLE

"You are also going to find transportation difficult for steelbands with that 9 a.m. start of Saturday's competitions. You can well imagine the chaos on the roads with bands trying to get to the savannah on time," he outlined.

Mr. Goddard also charged that in having the Junior Carnival Competition at the savannah (starting 9 a.m.) on Sunday "will be depriving children of their normal church services on that day."

"If Panorama is held on Saturday, apart from creating extremely hard physical conditions for panmen on one hand, it will also lead to a loss of thousand of dollars by panmen, because of the number of engagements the majority of these bands will have to fulfil on Saturday nights," Mr. Goddard said.

A spokesman for the CDC commenting on Mr. Goddard's appeal said: "I really can't see what Mr. Goddard is speaking about. Pan Trinbago, the official organ of panmen, applied for this date in the first place.

"Any way at this stage any such change is impossible."

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*...OR FACE CHAOS ON THE ROADS*