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Antillean All Stars sounds warning to North

ROSS and Sons Antillean All Stars has sounded a warning to North steelbands. At the preliminaries of the South Panorama competition organised by Pan Trinbago and held at Skinner Park, San Fernando, at the weekend, the Carib Street band scored 509 points in a top class performance.

A big surprise was the low standard of 1975 national champions and last year's runner's up in the national finals, Maritime Life Hatters, which just managed to make it into the semi-finals which come off February 5. Hatters, led by Steve Achaiba, played Lord Kitchener's "Republic Dance" and received only 365 points, placing 13th among the more than 20 bands taking part.

Antillean All Stars, formerly called Ju-C Antilleans, played Lord Short Shirt's "Tourist Leggo" and was a big hit with the crowd. The tune was arranged by Henry Cumberbatch and the band is led by Earl Pilgrim.

When the band approached

the judges enclosure, thousands were seen jumping behind the band. They were undoubtedly the most popular band.

Also among the semi-finalists is last year's south champions, Stag Fonclaire, which scored 402 points for eleventh place.

The judges were Fr. John Sewell, Hugh Borde, Supt.

Anthony Prospect, Esmond Walters and Pat Bishop.

The finals take place February 10, also at Skinner Park.

The semi-finalists and their points:

Ramoutarsingh Olympians — 476; Texaco Deltones — 447; Maritime Life Hatters — 365; Tesoro Third World — 447; OWTU Free French — 433; Ross and Sons Antillean — 509; Hillside Symphony (unsponsored) 390; Golden Glow Tropical Symphony — 415; Silver Harps — 448; Gay Crescendoes — 448; TTEC Motown — 477; Trintoc Sun Valley — 404; Point D'Or Nightingales — 386; NBC Stag Fonclaire — 402, and West Stars — 412.