

Pan boycott and bomb blast teach South CDC a lesson

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THE STEELBAND boycott and the bomb that shattered the Skinner Park stage dampened the two-day Carnival celebrations in San Fernando this year.

Bdt Councillor Bury Clifford, Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the San Fernando Carnival Development Committee, said they had learnt many lessons out of that for the future.

The bomb destroyed the stage at the Park on Carnival Tuesday, at the height of the parade of bands. This caused the bands to display their mas' on the cycle track.

Councillor Clifford said be-

cause of the switch bands were able to leave the Park quickly, the competition finished early, and people were able to play more mas' on the streets.

This gave the committee the idea that a stage was unnecessary and this would be tried out next year.

The steelbands' boycott frustrated the efforts of the committee to brighten the Monday celebrations, he added.

He said there was a competition arranged at the Park for the steelbands on Monday and incentives also were offered for parading bands during that day.

Councillor Clifford felt that with early planning San Fernando could have a first rate celebration next year.

Top prizes won in the competitions went to the following:

Band of the Year: 1. Its In a Dream — O. C. Hinds; 2. They Wished They Were — G. Maynard; 3. A Portrait of Carnival — R. Mohammed; 4. Wayside Vendors — G. V. Productions; 5. Amazons — M. Copeland; 6. Bursy of Beauty — S. Clarke; 7. U.S. Armed Forces in Kabuki — Earl Turpin, Ways of Communications — C Gibbs & Fonclaire (Tied);

Best Instrumental Band — 1. Santana Black Diamonds.

Best Steelband — 1. 2001 Sounds (Special Prize);

Largest Band — U.S. Armed Forces in Kabuki — Earl Turpin;

Best Wire Work — Its In A Dream — O. C. Hinds;

Masquerader of the Year: Male: 1. Marabuntas — D. Ali; 2. Tarantula — C. Mitchell; 3. T'dad & Tobago Money — A. Maynard; 4. Winged Dragon —

H. Poeran; 5. Nightbird — W. All.

Masquerader of the Year: Female: 1. Cascadura Vender — Agnes Charles; 2. Tidal Wave — Lystra Sebro; 3. Firefly — G. Meirez; 4. Roast Corn Vender — D. Lamsee; 5. Flight Into Sunset — J. Legall.