

WHILE steelbands boycotted CDC shows in Port of Spain and San Fernando the Lucky Jordan competition was all system go.

The contest at the corner of Prince and George Streets, Port of Spain which is privately sponsored and has been getting bigger each year proved quite a draw for revellers and panatics.



DJs TO SUPPLY MUSIC FOR MAS AT THE PARK

THE San Fernando Carnival Development Committee has taken steps to ensure continuous music on stage at the main competition area to Skinner Park in the light of the boycott of CDC competitions by steelbandsmen.

San Fernando CDC chairman, Councillor Bury Clifford announced that two brass bands and a disc jockey would be supplying music to mas bands affected by the steelband boycott.

Speaking shortly after the Jour Ouvert competition was called off, Councillor Clifford said carnival in the South would go on as usual and he appealed to masqueraders to come on stage at Skinner Park.

The South CDC chairman said the committee was determined to have a successful carnival.

He said incentives offered by the CDC for bands entering the Park between 1 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. had not changed. An incentive of \$150 will be paid to each band.

Councillor Clifford said at least 25 carnival bands would cross the stage at Skinner Park today.



THE sound of silence was deafening as panmen folded their arms and rolled past the San Fernando Town Hall. CDC officials heard them loud and clear and called off the Jour Ouvert competition in south.
Picture: VERNON BOUSIGNAC

THEY CAME CHANTING: NO PAN FOR CDC!

"HOOP, Hoop no pan for CDC", was the cry thousands of happy revellers as steelbandsmen in the South continued the boycott of Carnival Development Committee CDC shows and forced the cancellation of Jour Ouvert judging at San Fernando yesterday morning.

Nine steelbands paraded the streets of the southern borough beating out Kitchener's "Symphony in G" but as they approached the Jour Ouvert competition area in front of the Town Hall the bands switched over to simple rhythm, beating the edge of pans.

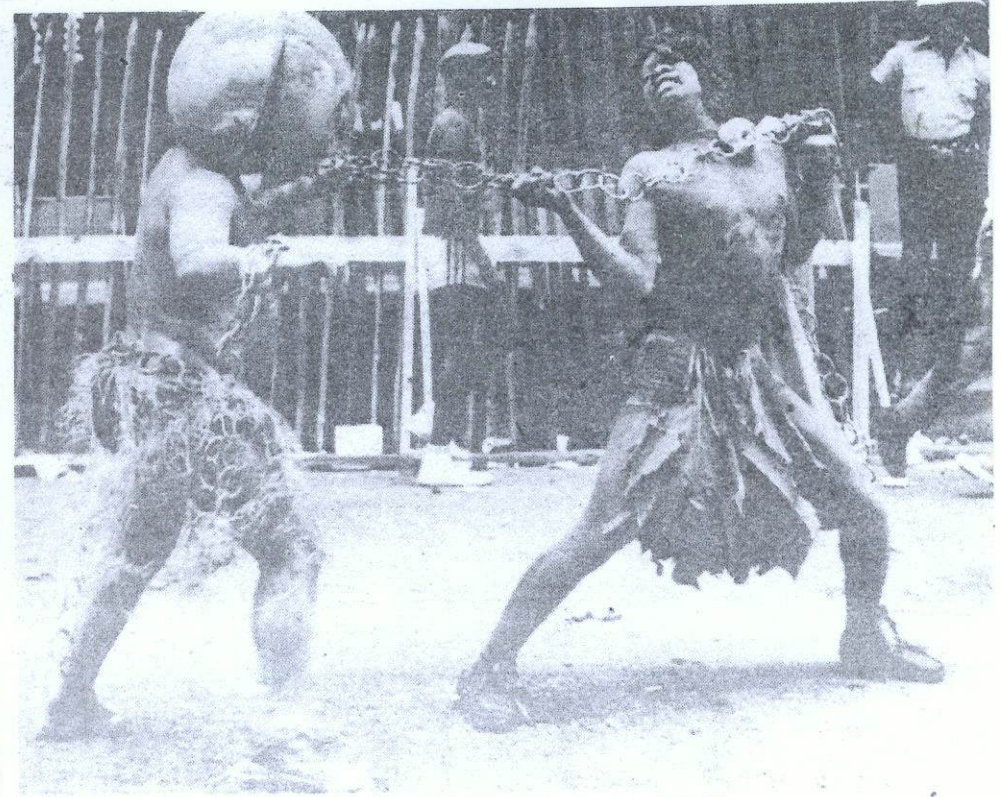
One band, Antillean All Stars, passed in front of the judges as a funeral cortege, in complete silence. It was the band with the largest number of revellers.

Some of the bands which folded their banners and turned to rhythm on Harris Promenade were, Motowns, Damus Organettes, Hoytonians, Imperial Skiffle Bunch, OWTU Free French South Seas, Chocolate City and a make shift steelband side under the banner of Marketeers Limited.

Motowns made a detour down Penitence Street adjacent to the Town Hall.

Spectators started an exodus from the Town Hall when it became obvious that the bands had boycotted the CDC. Crowds then swelled on Coffee and High Streets.

At 5 a.m. Mayor Alderman Gertrude Kirton, declared the celebrations open by calling on revellers and masqueraders to respect the right of the child.



THOUGH the steelbands stayed away the revellers, though not in the numbers as last year, tried to make the most of it. At right these two characters could only get away with this bizarre act at Carnival. At left girls jumping to the beat of drummers.