

Goddard promises to expose mal practices

MR. GEORGE GODDARD, who in 1971 resigned as President-General of the now defunct National Association of Trinidad and Tobago Steelbandmen (NATTS), is back in the steelband movement as an official.

Mr. Goddard, who then vowed to "quit public life," was elected treasurer of Pan Trinbago—which succeeded NATTS—at Pan Trinbago's annual convention on Sunday.

Asked what motivated his return he replied:

"Only one reason—a desire to seek the all-round welfare of steelbandmen, wherever they may be.

"It is also my intention not to cover up for anybody in Pan Trinbago or elsewhere, any malpractices I discover. Through the media, I am going to expose any wrong deeds, and who get burn, get burn... that is their business.

"A request was made that we keep away from the Press, but I am not going to be guided by this request, because I believe in morality in public affairs."

Mr. Goddard was defeated for the post of President of Pan Trinbago by Mr. Roy Augustus, who was returned.

With the exception of Mr. Goddard and Mr. Abdul Ahmeed, all members of the old executive were returned. Mr. Ahmeed was elected public relations officer, replacing Mr. Peter Aleong.

Mr. Goddard said that the weekend convention also rejected the secretary's report, the financial statement, and Pan Trinbago's draft constitution.

He explained that members threw out the secretary's report, claiming that it was not prepared by the secretary, Mr. Damian Holder, reportedly out of the country.

Mr. Goddard said that outgoing executive members openly accused each other of improprieties, and as a result, a resolution was passed, demanding that the new executive investigate the old executive and take whatever action deemed necessary, at the end of the probe.

Mr. Goddard predicted that this exercise would prove difficult, because, with the exception of Mr. Ahmeed and himself, the new body comprised members of the old executive.