

Steelbands receive appearance fees

THE ASSISTANT Manager of the National Steelband, John Hoyte, on Monday received the appearance fees for steelbands which participated in the Pan On D' Move event, held as part of the City Week celebrations last month.

The Mayor of San Fernando, Gerard Ferreira, presented 15 cheques, each in the sum of \$1,500, to Hoyte at a simple function held at City Hall. Although 17 bands participated in the event, two had already received their cheques.

Ferreira revealed that one of the bands, Southern Marines, had received a little more money to assist with the funeral arrangements for one of their members, Keith Kerr, who had died in a tragic accident at his work site last month. The other band which also received its cheque earlier was Exodus.

Ferreira indicated that it was the first time that the North bands played in San Fernando and he believed that it was an historic moment. He said that it was a "very expensive exercise" and even though it was a pilot project it was a tremendous success.

Deputy City Clerk, Deonath Ragkumar, pointed

out that an additional \$300 was received by each band for refreshments. He said that \$600 was received by each band out of the city for transportation and also an additional \$2100 each to pull their instruments. However, each band within the city received \$1500 for transportation.

The steelbands which participated in the parade were: Carib Tokyo, Woodbrook Playboys, Moods, Le Choy's Pan Glo, Self Help Marines, San City Steel Orchestra, Panasonic Connection, Jah Roots, Electro Sounds, Mt Moriah Pan Movement, Super Vibes, Southern All Stars, Petrotrin Deltones and San Juan Engine Room.