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FIVE more steelbands
have been admitted to the
Panorama semi-finals.

The new bands were
added to the semi-
finalists late yesterday
after a 45-strong group
of panmen occupied the
festival Development
Committee's Queen Street
offices in the city for
several hours to protest
discrepancies in the
judges' score sheets.

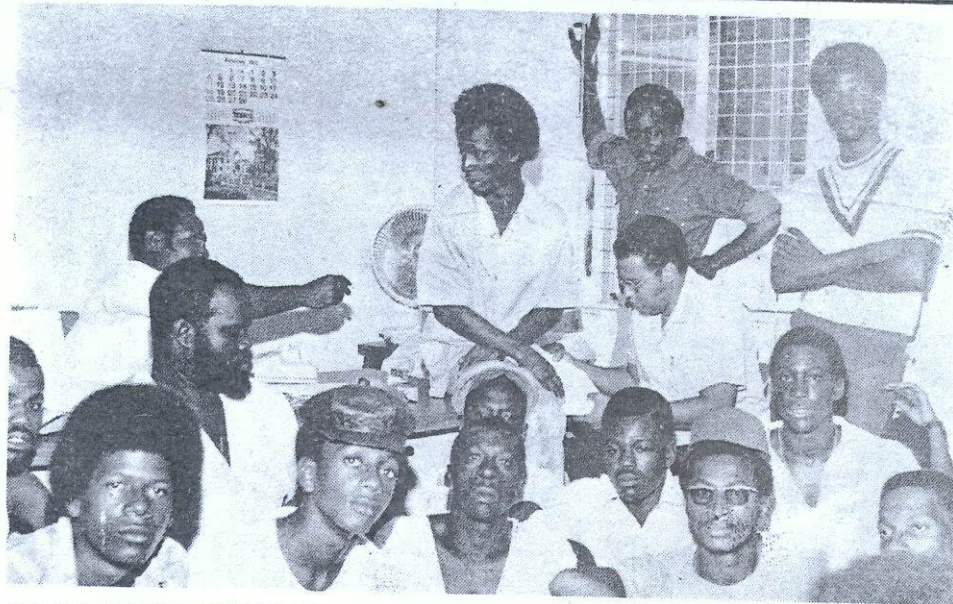
The unusual sit-in was
staged by members of the
Sylvania East Side Sym-
phony of San Juan who
wanted to know why they
were left out since the
score sheets did not tell
them why.

Score sheets

Now in the semi-finals
are: Sylvania East Side
Symphony, Third World
Symphony, New Town
Silverstars, Amoco Rene-
ades and Colgate Melo-
dians.

And the total number
of semi-finalists has gone
up to 19.

Decision to include the
additional bands was taken
after surprised CDC of-
ficials re-examined the
score sheets and held dis-



SYLVANIA EAST SIDE MEMBERS AT THE CDC OFFICE

PICTURE BY WAHID BAKSH

'Sit-in' — so 5 more in Panorama semis

cussions with the judges
and Pan Trinbago, the
steelbands association.

During the sit-in, Mr.
Gary Cedeno, sponsor-
manager of Sylvania East
Side explained that "the
score sheet we received
indicated that we obtained
70 points but do not tell
us why we failed."

He said: "The judges
are supposed to tell us
why they failed the band.
They do not say that any-
thing is wrong with the
band and we still do not
reach the semi-finals."

The original 14 semi-
finalists are: CIBC Star-
lift, Carib Tokyo, Catelli

All Stars, Lever Bros. Gay
Flamingoes, Mosco Tiles
Fonclaire, Parliament
Scherzando, Shell Inva-
ders, Shell Sun Valley,
Solo Harmonites, Texaco
Sky Chiefs, T&TEC Power
Stars, WASA Silvertones,
WITCO Gay Desperadoes
and Y. de Lima Blue Dia-
monds.