

A BIG BOOST FOR OUR PANMEN

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- Identification of appropriate non-residential centres for the holding of courses in the five regional areas.

- Equipment required for conduct of the courses.

On employment opportunities; an immediate survey is to be conducted by Government in collaboration with Pan Trinbago to determine the number of people in the steelband movement.

Suitable

Preparatory work, it was disclosed, had been started in the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

A questionnaire is to be circulated to each band and "suitable" steelbandsmen are to be employed by government in special areas to move around to help bands with the questionnaire.

Pan Trinbago it was also disclosed, had held a meeting with the Co-operative division of the Ministry on the formation of a steelbandsmen's co-operative to undertake activities for the development of the steelband and in other types of "legitimate commercial and social activities."

Attention

In this they will make "full use of government's co-operative incentives.

The Ministry has been promised by sponsors "special attention" to members of bands they sponsor in the provision of employment and training opportunities.

The Chamber of Commerce, it was stated, had promised to consider this matter and take appropriate action.

A Standing Committee of representatives from several government ministries and Pan Trinbago has been set up to continue discussions.