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# TRINIDAD ENGINEER PLUGGING THE PAN

TRINIDADIANs all over world are trying to sell their country. In New York, no less a person than Mr. Horace L. Morancie, Research Engineer (Civil) with the New York Port Authority, has been doing his share, by promoting steelband music, as offered by the New York Sunjet Serenaders Steelband.

Mr. Morancie left Trinidad in 1954, and got his B.Sc in Civil Engineering from the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and the M.Sc. at Cornell University. He also did two years at a law school.

Married to an Arimian, the former Miss Yvonne Dennis, Mr. Morancie is the father of three children, and lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

A great lover of steelband music, he noticed the impact made on the Americans by the steelband which visited there two years ago, and thought it would be a good idea and of great promotional interest to Trinidad and Tobago to have a permanent steelband in the United States of America.

## Elected manager

With this in mind, Mr. Morancie got together 20 Trinidadians who are resident in New York, to form a band, and he was elected manager as well as being organiser.

He persuaded the B.W.I.A. offices in New York to sponsor the band, which has enabled him to get through some of the expenses incurred.

Since Mr. Morancie's return to Trinidad last Monday, he has been busy trying to get steel drums to take back for the New York Sunjet Serenaders. He leaves on Ash Wednesday.

He described the new long-playing record to be released on a Columbia label on April 1, as the biggest step towards getting the American market for our steelband music.

Mr. Morancie hopes the Trinidad Government will help in promoting the steelband in the U.S., as he says, it will be a big boost towards a bigger tourist trade and in helping to put the right identity of the "Land of Steelband and Calypso."

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