

Maritime Life Hatters...champion steelband.

Bacchanal in South

Hatters, Surpriser cop finals at Skinner Park

THE 1971 "Bacchanal in South" as Lord Kitchener described it, promises to be no less spectacular nor enjoyable to that of former years.

The shows which have already been staged have generated a feeling unequalled in Southern pre-Carnival history.

The South Steelband Panorama semi-finals has gone down in history as attracting the largest ever crowd into Skinner Park, and, the Prime Minister's promises to return, if possible, on Carnival Monday is tantamount of the keen spirit of camaradie.

On Tuesday night, Mayaro-born Clevis Romeo - "Doctor Surpriser" - was crowned the 1971 South Calypso King, and Maritime Life Hatters, one of San Fernando's oldest steel orchestras, the champion steelband.

They were adjudged winners at Tuesday night's finals of the San Fernando Carnival Development Committee's 1971 Calypso and Steelband Panorama finals at Skinner Park.

Surpriser was an instant hit with the large crowd. His compositions were entitled "Dr. Surpriser" and "The 1970 Black Power Review."

Calypso King runners-up were the Mighty Tangler, last year's South King, the

Mighty Durango and the Mighty Rambler.

Lord Kitchener's rendition of "M a s i n M a d i s o n" earned Maritime Life Hatters the Panorama first prize of \$600.

ESCORTED

Runners-up were Mosco Tiles Fonclaire Steel Orchestra, WASA Silvertones and Guinness C a v a l i e r s Steel Orchestra.

The calypso results, like that of the steelband competition, were greeted with mixed feelings.

Chief judge, Dr. Anslem



Surpriser...Calypso King 1971.

St. George, had to be escorted from the pavilion to his car by uniformed policemen.

Protesters charged that the adjudicators "did not know what they were doing."

Calypsonians T a n g l e r a n d Rambler also protested.

RAW DEAL

Tangler said that he was given "a raw deal", while Rambler charged that preference was given to smutty calypsoes.

On Saturday, P o i n t Fortin will crown its King and Queen of Carnival while Moruga will hold its Carnival Queen and Calypso King Competitions at the Basseterre R.C. School.

On Sunday there will be Kiddies Carnival shows at Skinner Park, U n i o n Park, Moruga, and New Grant.

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Mosco Tiles Fonclaire...1st runner-up steelband finals.