

NO CONFIDENCE VOTE PASSED ON PAN OFFICIALS

EXPRESS REPORTER

EXECUTIVE of Pan Trinbago was dramatically thrown out of office yesterday in a no confidence motion moved by Mr. George Goddard, veteran steelbandsman.

The end of the executive's term of office came some six hours after Mr. Goddard, recently-retired treasurer of the steelband body, got members to support his claim that the organisation's finances were in a dreadful state because of what he called "the incompetence of the executive."

The climax of incessant criticisms from Mr. Goddard, came at the organisation's convention at the Port Services Club on Wrightson Road, which was attended by about 60 steelbandmen representing five branches of the national organisation.

The meeting almost broke up in disorder during the morning session, and at one point members threatened to walk out after Mr. Goddard criticised the central executive of the body for its "shocking" and disgraceful performance in 1974.

Threatened

After a series of broadsides, specifically against Mr. Roy Augustus, the president, Mr. Goddard called for the motion, but Mr. Augustus refused to entertain it unless notice was given within a prescribed period. It was then that members threatened to walk out.

Mr. Augustus further stated that Mr. Goddard's report on the state of the finances of the organisation, circularised to members, was not properly before the meeting and could not be discussed.

Members, however, pressed that the issue be gone into, especially because no audited financial report had been tabled for four years, including the period since the current executive took office in April this year.

Mr. Augustus, under constant pressure from Mr. Goddard and other floor members, gave way and decided to have the motion heard. By a majority vote, the executive's six-month term of office came to an end.

Three members of the executive were allowed to remain in office for the next two weeks when the convention will be reconvened and a new executive voted into office.