

Goddard: Stop Panorama

Threats and protest follow Sunday's show

THERE may be no Panorama show from next year, according to Mr. George Goddard, President of the Steelbands' Association. He made this statement after, he said, threats were made to his brother Julian, vice-president of the association, by members of an unplaced band yesterday.

Mr. Julian Goddard told the "Guardian" that four members of a steelband came to steelband headquarters, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain, and asked for the president who was out.

"They then asked to see the judges' score sheets from Sunday's Panorama preliminaries. (From this year they will not be shown to the bands). I told them to go to the C.D.C. One member used threats, left, and returned with a broken bottle. Fortunately there was a policeman here."

The man, it was stated, promised to 'get' the Goddard brothers any time.

Mr. George Goddard said: "For some years we have been getting trouble with this particular steelband after every Panorama." The association had anticipated such action this year and had posted policemen in the building.

Mr. Goddard said a check revealed that the four men were not registered panmen.

"I intend to discuss this matter with the sponsors of the band because we have to pay for the policemen and this is a very expensive exercise," he said.

Later yesterday, a 16-man delegation from the Johannesburg Fascinators Steelband called on Mr. Goddard and

lodge a nine-point protest on the conditions under which they had to perform on Sunday.

Mr. Goddard afterwards announced that an emergency meeting would be held today to deal with this matter.

The Carnival Development Committee and the Steelbands Association announced the 12 bands for the Panorama semifinals on Carnival Friday night.

The only non-sponsored band in the line-up is Trinidad All Stars. The other bands are Angostura Starlift, Chase Manhattan Savoys, Coca Cola Silver Stars, Esso Tripoli, Forsyth Hi-Landers, Old Oak Casablanca, Sandbach City Syncopators, Shell Invaders, Solo Harmonites, Texaco Dixieland and West Indian Tobacco Gay Desperadoes.

The finals will be held at the Dimanche Gras show.

The best dressed steelbands at Sunday's Panorama preliminaries were: 1. Esso Tripoli; 2. Coca Cola Silver Stars; 3. West Indian Tobacco Gay Desperadoes.

Baker for Tunapuna

The C.D.C. also announced names of the six calypsonians who will vie for the 1968 Calypso King title at the Dimanche Gras. They are: Lord Baker, Chalkdust, East St. George Calypso King, the Mighty Duke; the sole woman calypsonian, Calypso Rose; Lord Shorty, and 1965 Calypso King, the Mighty Sniper. Cypher will be defending his crown.

The finalists were chosen at the Naparima Bowl on Saturday night.

Kitchener and the Mighty Sparrow will make guest appearances at the Dimanche Gras show. They performed at the C.D.C. open-air shows in Tobago two weeks ago.