

# San Fernandians pay tribute to pan heroes



"MEDICAL CENTRE" WAS ONE OF THE SAN FERNANDO J'OUVERT BANDS

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PARADISE PASTURE took on the look of a "Calypso Woodstock" in the early hours of yesterday morning as thousands of San Fernandians openly manifested their satisfaction of this year's national Panorama champions—Maritime Life Hatters.

Hatters only one week ago won the South Panorama championship at Skinner Park and with Sunday night's Dimanche Gras win made it a grand double.

Hours before the official start of J'Ouvert, fans thronged the band's headquarters at the Promenade tennis courts and even spilled into the adjacent compound of the Naparima Bowl, the San Fernando General Hospital and Broadway to toast the victories of Hatters and also Stag Fonclaire, the second place winner in both national and South competitions.

At 5.15 the mayor Coun-

cillor George Durity opened the start of the Carnival celebrations in the southern borough, though the first band, Gay Hoytonians, did not come along until 5:55 a.m.

Even the early morning showers and overcast skies failed to dampen the spirits of mas' loving San Fernandians. According to the mayor, yesterday's J'Ouvert, which attracted some 20,000 people, was one of the "grandest" in years.

Councillor Durity, commenting on the memorable double victories of San Fernando bands in the Brassorama contest, won by Imperial Brass, and the Panorama competition, said: "It was well deserved; not only did they beat well but they performed extremely well — a fitting reward for many hours of practice and dedication.

"They placed every sirew into their sessions and it was heartening to see that it did not go down in vain.

Indeed, it is a lesson for the entire nation: if one works hard and dedicates oneself to a task, victory will come," he added.

Later, the mayor left the Town Hall for the Promenade where he personally congratulated three Steel-

band captains — Steve Aclaiba, of Hatters; Milton Austin of Stag Fonclaire, and Owen Donovan, leader of the Ju-C Antillean All Stars which placed fourth in the national Panorama competition.

## THE RESULTS

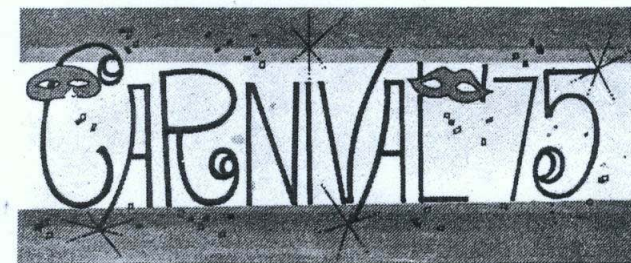
THE RESULTS of the J'Ouvert Competition, announced later in the day were:

BANDS (Large): First — "Year Of Food And Oil" led by R. Aimey; second — "Look How Dope Have Me" by R. Thomas and G. Headley; third — "All Ah Dis Is Carnival" by Tony Chin Fong; fourth — "The Fall Of the Rahinut Denomination" by Patrick Lively.

STEELBANDS: First — Maritime Life Hatters; second N.B.C. Stag Fonclaire; third — Ju-C Antillean All Stars, and fourth — Gay Philadelphians.

BANDS (Small): First — "Medical Centre" led by Second San Fernando Rangers; second — "Put Song" by Keith Baksh; third — "Bring Back The Old Days" by Christopher Superville.

The judges found no individuals meriting the position of King and Queen of J'Ouvert.



"L A D Y MARGA-RINE" AND "L O R D T A B L E B U T T E R" DEMONSTRATE HOW THE COST OF FOOD HAS RISEN IN "THE YEAR OF OIL AND FOOD", A POPULAR BAND



SIGN OF THINGS TO COME IN INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S YEAR, WHEN THE "CATS" WILL BE ON TOP AND MEN WILL BE LIVING "LIKE DOG" ACCORDING TO THIS MASQUERADER IN SAN FERNANDO, YESTERDAY.