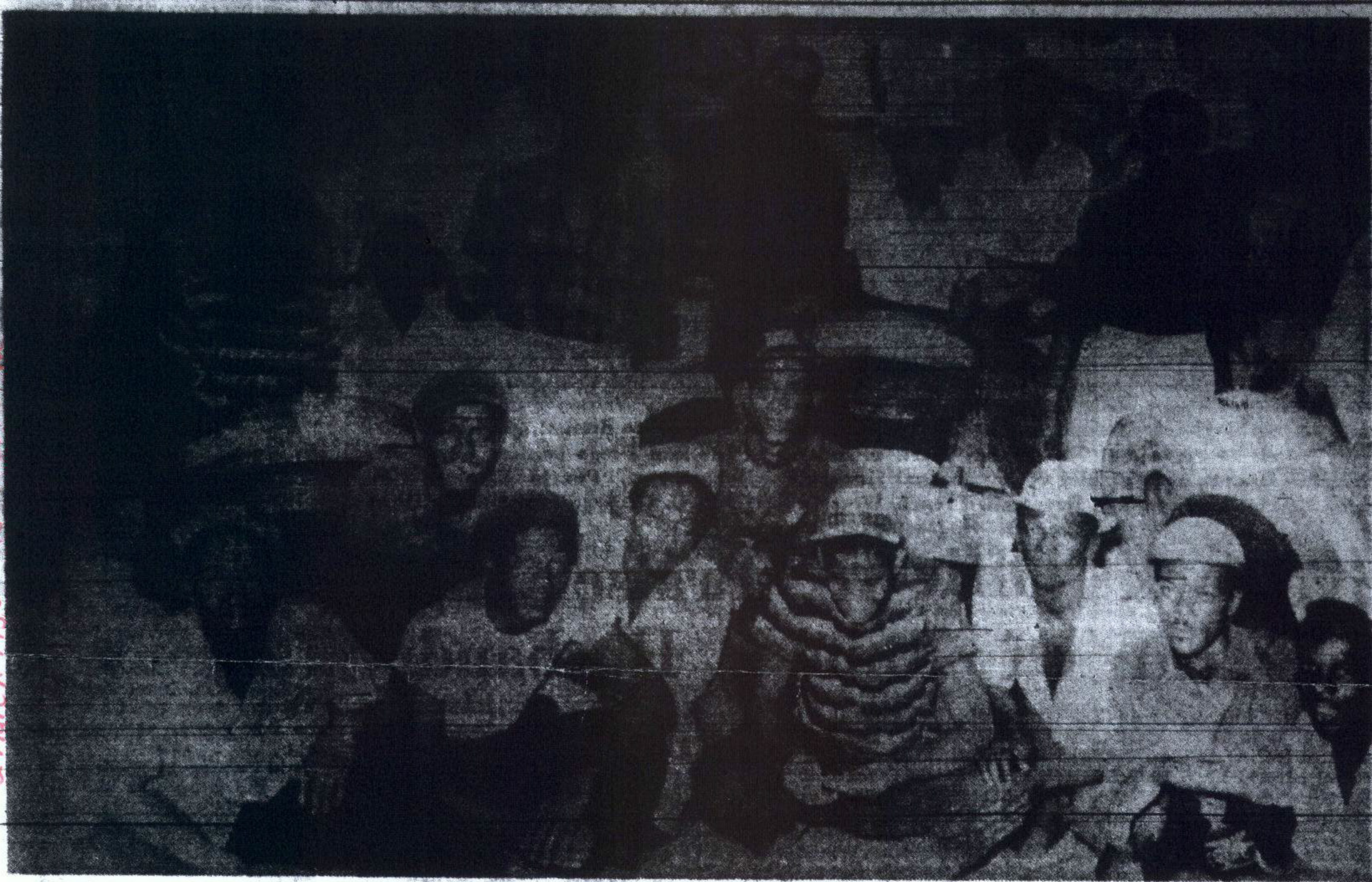


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A REPRESENTATIVE group of three steel bands, Invaders, Casablanca and Tokyo, who met yesterday afternoon at the Invaders' headquarters in Port-of-Spain, to celebrate the successful conclusion of their tri-partite pact of non-aggression.

P-of-S Steelbands Sign 'Non-Aggression Pact' After 2 Weeks' Talks

Invaders and Casablanca steelbands signed a "non-aggression pact" yesterday. Venue was the Black Lion rumshop, where a two-conference preceded the signing. Members of the two bands are now pledged to end all jealousy, strife and prejudices between them. They have promised that there shall be no more clashes.

As a token of good faith, members of both parties met from 10.30 a.m. to early afternoon and drank to the health of each other.

A spokesman told the "Trinidad Guardian" yesterday "the whole point behind it is that we want to do away with steel band riots for all time. We were friends before and we want to be friends again."

They also agreed to have all cases against members of the band, settled, and establish an all-time friendship.

The Casablanca boys were guests of the Invaders band later in the afternoon when they were entertained at the camp of their hosts on Tragarete Road. They climaxed the event by "beating out" their differences on their "ping pongs."

TWO WEEKS NEGOTIATIONS

Signing of this "peace treaty" followed two weeks of negotiations with leaders of the two bands. An informal meeting was held at the Trinidad Public Library on Tuesday afternoon by a sub-committee of the Farquhar Committee investigating the development of the steel band movement and representatives of the two bands, including Elie Mannet, leader of Invaders, Woodbrock, and Oscar Pyle, leader of Casablanca, of East Dry River.

After a two-hour discussion, representatives decided to put an end to the feud which had existed between the two bands for more than two years and undertook that no further clashes will occur between them.

During the meeting all phases of the feud were discussed frankly.

At the tea party in the Invaders tent last night, the boys mixed as if they had been friends all their lives. Invaders gave their "pans" to members of "Casablanca" to "beat." The tone and timing were different. Soon, however, the rhythm improved and the playing was better than ever before.