

Texaco's big 3 winners on steel

DIXIELAND SETTING A HIGH STANDARD IN THE NORTH

Trinidad's Carnival of 1950 saw for the first time, a band of College students armed with an assortment of

steel pans, dustbins and brake drums parading through the streets. On-lookers were shocked, yet — amid understandable protests from relatives and friends — these boys went on to become the now famous Dixieland Steel Orchestra, winners of the 1960 Music Festival, 3rd prize winners in 1968 Steelband Panorama and standing head and shoulders

above the rest, in a land where good steelbands are a dime a dozen.

Their unique style has won for them, the admiration of thousands who have heard them perform in New York, Miami, Boston, Montreal, London, Paris, Rome, Switzerland, Rhodesia, Nassau, Haiti, Curacao and several of the smaller West Indian Islands.



WEST STARS CONSISTENT HIGH PERFORMANCES IN THE SOUTH

The West Stars had an unusual birth, in March 1964 — as the Cultural Section of a South Trinidad youth movement — and in August 1964, just five months later they entered, and won, the first Independence Steelband Competition in San Fernando, a performance which they repeated with little difficulty the following year.

Texaco have been sponsoring the band since January 1965, and have been of great assistance to them. The West Stars have, since then, won many first and second prizes in Carnival Competitions, and apart from performing at several Company engagements and charitable organisations, were the first band to play in St. Paul's Anglican Church and the General Hospital in San Fernando.

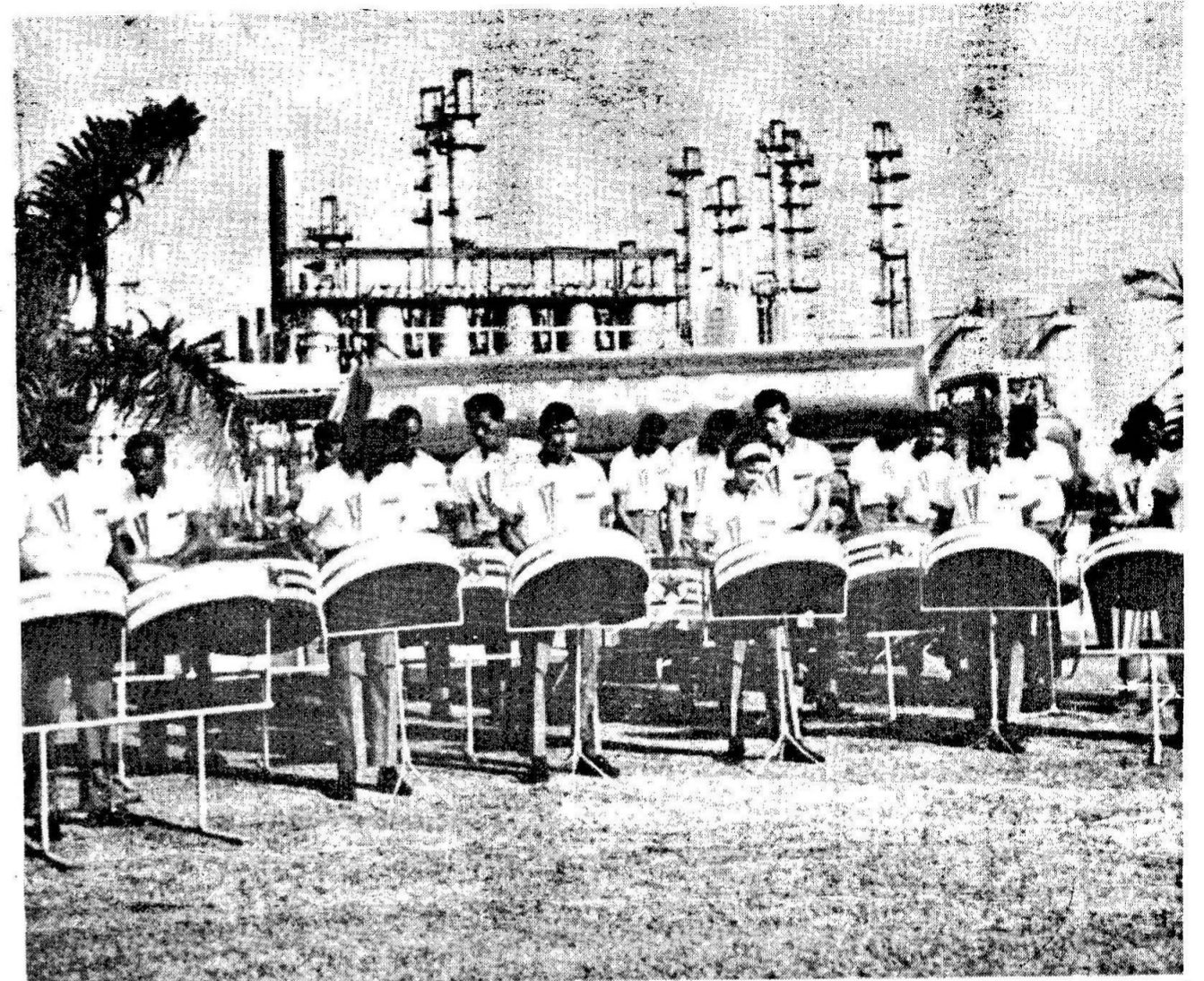


KATZENJAMMERS TOPS IN TOBAGO

Undoubtedly the best Steelband in Tobago today, the Katzenjammers started in 1952 with just twelve members. Texaco assumed sponsorship of the band in 1962 and its members have since increased to 30.

The Katzenjammers have won most prizes among steelbands. They were winners of the Prime Minister's Trophy for 'Best Tobago Steelband', as well as winners of the 'Best Tune of Choice' award at the 1967 Music Festival, when they did their unique rendition of "Funiculi Funicula."

The Katzenjammers have topped it all by appearing on the 15c. stamp of the Special 1968 Carnival issue.



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