

Pan Trinbago gets a new executive

MR. BERTIE FRASER, a 29-year-old anthropologist with the National Cultural Council, was yesterday elected President of Pan Trinbago.

The soft-spoken representative of L. J. Williams Nu Tones (Arima), headed a reformist group within the steelbandsmen organisation (TOPS), who almost made a clean sweep of the polls held at a special convention at Queen's Hall, Port-of-Spain.

Other successful TOPS candidates (Team of Progressive Steelbandsmen) were:

Mr. Hamilton Alexander (Catelli All Stars), Vice-President; Mr. Carlos Rose (Captain of Lever Brothers Gay Flamingoes) Education Officer;

Mr. Eustace Solomon (Damus Organettes), Public Relations Officer; Mr. Selwyn "Thackey" Donovan (Ju-C Antillean All Stars), and, Mr. Michael "Mickey" Greaves (Textel Amboys), trustees.

Mr. Melville Bryan, (Gay Crescendoes, Couva), a member of the former executive voted out of office through a no-confidence motion last month, defeated TOPS' candidate Mr. Owen Serrette, for the post of Secretary.

However, Mr. Serrette (Solo Harmonites) was elected unopposed as Assistant Secretary.

Another TOPS hopeful Mr. Percy Pitt, (CIBC Starlift), who contested the Treasurer's post, lost to Mr. Kenny Audain (Y. de Lima Blue Diamonds). Mr. Audain is also Treasurer of the Union of Foods, Hotels and Industrial Workers.

Mr George Goddard, who quit as Pan Trinbago's treasurer in June because of the state of the body's financial documents, and who was defeated in the race for the presidency yesterday, said after the results:

"I have accomplished my first

objective... to get rid of those who were set up to destroy me in 1971.

"I have gone down but they have also gone down with me," (referring to the old executive).

Mr. Fraser said that one of the first priorities of the new executive — elected after the stormy meeting of September 19, (which was adjourned for the

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election of officers), would be arrangements for the 1975 Carnival, coupled with the securing of arrangers and tuners; and also next year's Panorama.

He also said that Pan Trinbago's eastern region's special jamboree coming off at the St. Augustine campus of the University of the West Indies, on November 3, to assist unsponsored bands, will also be tackled.

Yesterday's meeting was not so stormy as last month's, even though one pan man had to remark to members after the moving of several undecided motions:

"I feel like the 'brown girl in a ring,' all I am hearing is only motion, motion motion."