

Panorama 1981: a post-mortem

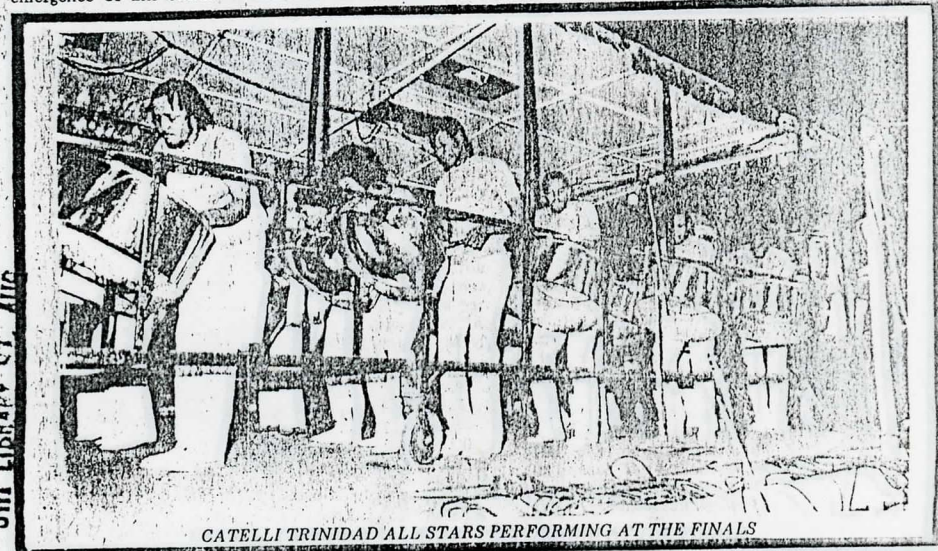
HAIL Catelli Trinidad
All Stars 1981 Steelband
Panorama Champions!
Congratulations are also
very much in order for
Amoco Renegades who
covered themselves in
glory by running a very
close second in the
national competition. The
performance of Laughlin
and De Gannes South
Stars has marked the re-
emergence of this South

in particular the North
and East Zonal prelimi-
naries. It is not fair to
judges to sit from 9.00
a.m. on Sunday morning
till 4.00 a.m. on Monday
morning to judge the
Panorama; nor can the
bands who had to wait
this inordinate length of
time be expected to give
their best performance.
In the circumstances we
therefore have to take a

bago to present its case
before this committee is
well established. We hope
that this mistake will not
be repeated by the
government officials in
1982.

A perennial source of
displeasure after each
panorama is the diffi-
culties many truckers ex-
perience in getting paid
for services performed at
panorama. There are still

Manager, Mr. Prince Cum-
berbatch, a rather cantan-
kerous stuff-shirt who by
his officious, bureaucratic
ways continually erects
artificial barriers to the
smoother functioning of
not only Panorama but
the Carnival as a whole.
This individual is the
chief executive of the
C.D.C. His whole life, his
training is in the bureau-
cratic, incompetent ways



CATELLI TRINIDAD ALL STARS PERFORMING AT THE FINALS

band as a powerful con-
tender in the National
Competition after a
rather lean period.
'Panyard Vibrations' also
takes this opportunity to
congratulate the winners
of the zonal competition:
Mello Harps in Tobago,
Colgate Melodians in the
East, Laughlin and De
Gannes South Stars in
South and Catelli Trini-
dad All Stars in the
North. But the highest
praise must be reserved
for the other eighty odd
bands who took part in
the panorama in spite of
all the difficulties and
made that show the great
one that it was.

LONG HOURS

Now that the carnival
is over we can sit back
and take a sober look at
the whole panorama and
attempt to detect areas
of organisational de-
ficiency. Perhaps one of
the most striking features
of this year's panorama
was the excessively long
hours of one of the shows

serious look at this show.
The Executive has al-
ready initiated moves to
separate the North and
East Zones in 1982. The
Princess Royal Park and
Arima Velodrome are
being looked at in an
effort to determine what
improvements would be
necessary to host the
Zonal preliminaries and
finals.

Another source of dis-
content with 1981 pan-
orama has been the un-
certainty up to the very
last minute as regards the
appearance fees and prize
monies. The mandate
from the general body to
the executive on this issue
is very clear, in no way
must such a situation be
allowed to develop in
1982. The main cause of
delay in 1981 was the
fact that initially panmen
were not allowed to pre-
sent their case to the
Barsotti Committee which
is charged with the res-
ponsibility of recommen-
ding increases to the
government. We believe
the need for Pan Trin-

cases of truckers who
have not yet been paid
for 1980 panorama. In
order to expedite these
payments in 1981 we are
appealing to bands to fill
out the necessary docu-
ments and have them for-
warded to Pan Trinbago
as early as possible. As
regards payments out-
standing from previous
years, the C.D.C. claims
to have a number of trans-
portation cheques in its
possession dating as far
back as 1977. The prob-
lem is that these cheques
are made out to various
people and bands are not
individually identified.
Pan Trinbago has request-
ed the list of such names
from the C.D.C. and
bands in arrears to truck
owners are asked to check
this list at Pan Trin-
bago's office.

INEFFICIENT C.D.C.

Finally the C.D.C. it-
self is one of the princi-
pal sources of frustra-
tion. Particularly guilty
is the Acting Secretary-

of the civil service. Is
such an individual suited
to play such an impor-
tant role in a festival that
calls for quick decisions,
that calls for imagination,
that calls for creativity?
The bungling and in-
efficiency that we almost
take for granted each
carnival answers that
question. Imagine these
people could not even
get starting times for
Panorama printed correct-
ly on the tickets. The
blame for the delay in
announcing the date of
the prize-distribution ce-
remony can be laid squarely
at the door-step of the
said individual. Since
September Pan Trinbago
made representations for
our own prize distribu-
tion ceremony. As far as
we know the C.D.C. has
taken a decision accord-
ing to the request yet
the Secretary has waited
more than two weeks
after carnival to set the
train in motion to have

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the money allocated. We
do not believe that pan-
men can endure the con-
tempt and inefficient
ways of this gentleman
for much longer.

JUDGES

Our review of the
panorama would surely
be incomplete without
expressing our thanks to
the judges for a job well
done under rather trying
circumstances. We feel

however that there is a
need for the judges to
come together not only
at carnival time but at
other instances during
the year when they will
be in a position to explain
in more detail to panmen
the meaning of the various
criteria and they them-
selves may arrive at a
more uniform interpre-
tation of these criteria.
Toward this end Pan
Trinbago intends to host
some sort of workshop
session at some point of
time well in advance of
the 1982 Panorama.