

Explainer is in, Arnim Smith is back

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EXPLAINER will take the place of the abdicating Tobago Crusoe in Sunday night's Calypso Monarch Finals. And Arnim Smith is back as President of Pan Trinbago.

These were the major developments on the Carnival scene yesterday as the national festival swivelled towards its hectic two-day climax. A statement from the Carnival Development Committee yesterday confirmed that Explainer will be the eighth man in the finals on Sunday night.

Earlier this week Crusoe had formally abdicated when he wrote the CDC informing them of his decision not to contest this year's finals. Explainer will now join Baron, Blueboy, Johnny King, Chalk-

dust, All Rounder, Penguin and Crazy at the draw for positions on the stage of the Queen's Park Savannah at tonight's national Panorama semi-finals.

Tonight's semi-finals will take place under the guidance of Arnim Smith after he decided to withdraw his resignation from the presidency of the pan body. Smith had resigned after an avalanche of protests and legal letters had threatened to bring the Panorama competition to a halt.

However he was approached by the executive of Pan Trinbago who informed him that the protests had been withdrawn and panmen had expressed full confidence in the executive under his leadership after a meeting before Tuesday's draw for positions in tonight's semi-finals.

Rudolph Martin, lawyer for Players Symphony, one of the protesting bands, said yesterday that an ex-parte injunction seeking to stop the continuation of the Panorama was withdrawn after he advised the band that it was not in the interest of the national festival to pursue that course of action. Martin said that this advice was passed on after a meeting between Smith and himself.

East Zone Champions American Stores Exodus will lead off at 8 p.m. tonight at the Queen's Park Savannah.

The steelbands will appear in this order: Exodus; Hillside Symphony; Trintoc Sun Valley; Tesoro Starlift; Dunlop Tornadoes; Fertrin Pandemonium; Phase II Pan Groove; Catelli Trinidad All Stars; Amoco Renegades; Iscott Casablan-

ca; Silver Harps; Nu Tones; Birdsong; Solo Harmonites; Siparia Deltones and Vat 19 Fonclair.

Reigning champions WITCO Desperadoes will not take part as they have qualified for the finals by virtue of their 1983 victory.

CORRUPT MAGISTRATES

PNM Councillor Sheila Sandy charged at a statutory meeting of the Victoria County Council that some magistrates were indulging in corrupt practices which had the effect of encouraging crimes in the country. Councillor Sandy insisted that she knew what she was saying, but when Council Chairman Latchman Seecharan asked her to name the magistrates, she declined to do so.