

16 calypsonians selected to take part in semis of southern contest

SIXTEEN calypsonians were chosen over the weekend to take part in the semi-final of this year's southern calypso competition. Forty calypsonians competed in the preliminary round at Lion's Civic Centre, San Fernando.

The 16 semi-finalists are:

Mighty Prospector (Carl Robinson), Tallish (Francis Adams), Slickie (Kelvin Andrews), Count Robin, (Randolph Hilaire), Mighty Diamond (Lewis Patrick), Mighty Power (Sonny Francis), Lord Alligator (Robert Samson);

Iguana (Uril Hamilton), Lord Sarhaine (Clarence Butler), Young Exposer (Moses Munroe), The Entertainer (Stephen Drayton), Johnnie Calypso (Charles Felix), Mighty Durango (James Samuel), Lord Inspirator (Winston Antoine), Singing Anne (Anne Glouden) and Lady Sugar (Beryl Mayers).

The semi-finals will be held at the Thunderbird Terrace, San Fernando, on February 10.

The competition this year has been divided into two categories. The first is for calypsonians from the south only and is billed as the "King of the South Calypso Tents". Apart from the crown the "king" will receive \$300; the second place winner gets \$200 and the third \$100.

Prizes will be handed out at the finals on February 17, at Skinner Park.

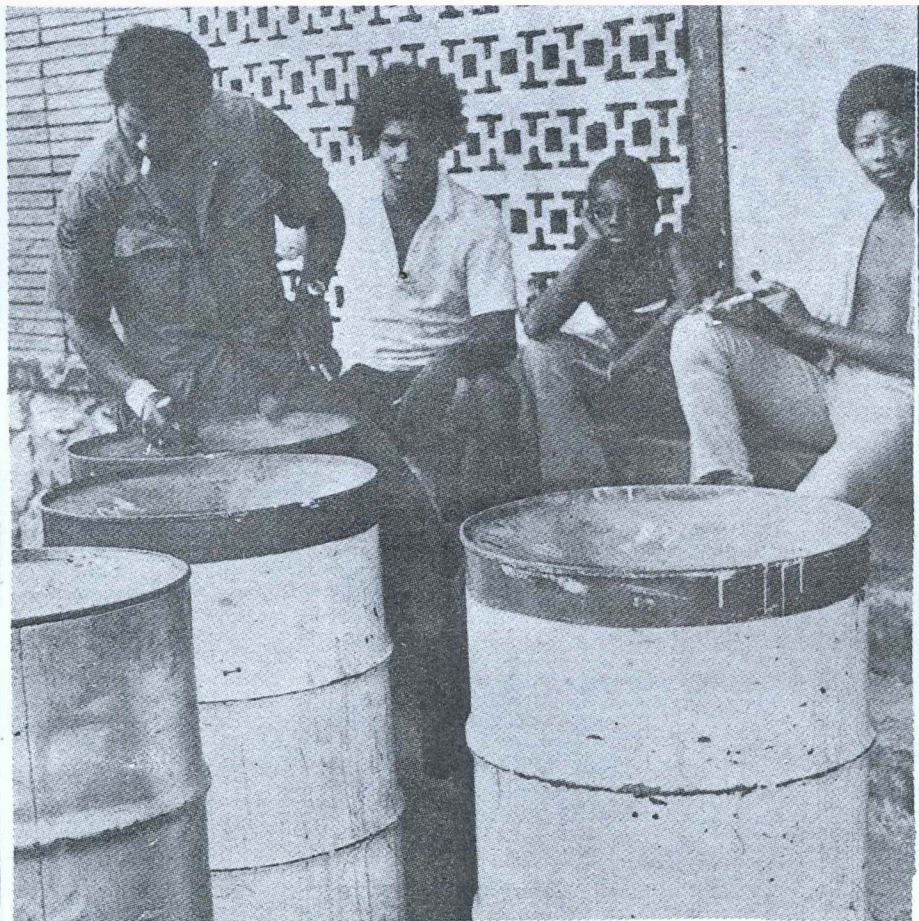
The second category entitles calypsonians who also sing at city calypso tents to enter. The prizes here are bigger.

The calypso king will get a first prize of \$750.

Runner-up prize is \$500, while second-runner-up will receive \$200.

This competition will also be held at Skinner Park and is scheduled for February 19.

Mr. Claude Maurice, secretary of the South Carnival Development Committee, said this year's competition is expected to be better than previous years because of the new category.



Despers out to take Panorama crown

THE West Indian Tobacco [WITCO] Gay Desperados plans to come big for this year's Panorama competition.

The band's leader, Rudolph Charles has just returned home from the United States and has been preparing the band not only for Panorama, but to hit the streets of Port

of Spain come the two Carnival days.

Rudolph said he was preparing the band for bigger things."

During his absence from the country, the band had been entering the annual Panorama competition on a small scale.

Now that Rudolph is back, he has taken over his leadership role. He said

Nothing could stop the band this year from becoming Panorama champions."

In JIMMIE LEWIS'S picture Rudolph is hard at work tuning a bass pan.