

PAN PRESIDENT WARNS: HYMNS INSTEAD OF CALYPSOES

By EVENING NEWS' REPORTER

PAN AMERICAN Association president Mr. James Goddard warned this morning that the Dimanche Gras show on the road, if Mr. Hill is cleared up, he will instruct all bands of his association to play only hymns or classics on the road on Carnival Monday and Tuesday.

"This is not an idle threat. I am absolutely serious," said Mr. Goddard this morning after what he described as "a sleepless night."

The row between Mr. Goddard and Mr. Hill blew up on the Queen's Park Savannah last night, during rehearsals for the Dimanche Gras show, when Mr. Goddard heard the Pan Am North Stars playing one of this season's calypsoes.

'AGREEMENT BROKEN'

This was in violation of an agreement with the producer that only last year's or old time calypsoes should be played during the show, Mr. Goddard claimed.

"The reason for this is that if this season's tunes are played it may prejudice the outcome of the road march competition," he explained.

"When I heard this current tune being played last night I immediately went to Senator Ronald Williams (chairman of the Carnival Development Committee) and reminded him of the agreement," he went on. "He was not very helpful."

"Then when I spoke to Mr. Hill about it, Sen. Williams intervened. I won't repeat what he said, but it was very helpful. Then Mr. Hill gave me some of the tunes that I like. I got some of them in my life."

...AND I MEAN IT

"But I refrained from answering in the same kind of abusive language. I told Mr. Hill that if he did not cut that calypso out of the show—or else include all the new calypsoes—I would instruct all bands belonging to my association to play only hymns or classics on the road."

"If they play the new calypsoes at the show they must play all of them. That is my stand and I mean it. Seventy per cent of the bands—including all the big ones—belong to my association."

"And although I cannot tell them not to play on the road for Carnival—even the Prime Minister could not get away with that—I can and will tell them not to play this year's calypsoes."

Mr. Goddard, who is a member of the C.D.C., added that the agreement not to play any of the current season's calypsoes at the Dimanche Gras show had been in effect since

1959 and had always been honoured until now.

Neither Sen. Williams nor Mr. Hill could be contacted for comment up to Press time today.

FOOTNOTE—Mr. Goddard declined to name the current calypso he heard being played on the Savannah last night. But "News" photographer Vic Ramlochan says it was Kitchener's "Mama, Dis is Mas."

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