

NORTH STARS - OUR 'FOREMOST ENVOYS'

PAN AMERICAN World Airways gave a dinner on Thursday last for members of the Pan Am Jet North Stars steelband.

Other guests were Mr. George Goddard, president of the Steelband's Association and Mr. Sam Ghany, sales manager of Radio Trinidad.

The Pan Am Trophy was presented to the band for their contribution to Trinidad & Tobago and the furtherment of the image of Pan American World Airways in various countries of the world.

In a speech made by Mr. David de la Rosa, Sales Manager of Pan American in Trinidad, Anthony Williams the band leader and his members were praised for being outstanding ambassadors of our nation.

He said he had the honour and pleasure to tour several countries with them, and their behaviour and dedication to duty was most outstanding.

"No Safari, Tourist Board promotion, or business delegation to the outside world has protracted the image and culture of Trinidad and Tobago more than the Pan Am Jet North Stars steelband," he said.

"No organiser or leader has commanded such respect by a body of men without much

talk or fuss but rather through devotion, dedication, leadership as has Anthony Williams.

"I have much pleasure in asking Mr. Harold Williams, Director of Pan American World Airways to present Anthony Williams with a gold plated clock with Pan Am's insignia as a small token of our appreciation."

Mr. Williams thanked the management of Pan Am for their sponsorship and was so deeply moved by the warmth of the reception that in his words: "It is difficult to find words to express my thanks to you. I hope, therefore, that you will excuse my shortcoming in this respect."

"We are very grateful to Pan Am for all the good things that have been done in sponsoring this band for the past few years. We feel that when we are promoted abroad, it is not only North Stars, but the steelband movement and Trinidad and Tobago as a whole that are being projected," he said.

"I view of this, I feel every one should be happy that a large concern such as Pan Am has taken an active part in promoting the culture of the land. On behalf of the band I would like to say many thanks and wish you all the best for 1966," bandleader Williams concluded.