

# TOBAGO JUDGES FOR PANORAMA

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THE TOBAGO Steelbands Association will pick its own judges in Tobago for the Panorama competition this year.

This decision was taken at a meeting yesterday at the Carnival Development Committee (C.D.C.) office in Scarborough between the Steelbandmen and the executive officers of the Tobago C.D.C.

Mr. Edward Hernandez Public Relations Officer of the Tobago C.D.C. said this morning that the Association is of the opinion that there are competent enough people in Tobago who can judge the competition there.

Mr. Hernandez added, "for the past three years

the Panorama competition has been run by the Association and judges were selected from Trinidad, but at yesterday's meeting it was decided that the Tobago C.D.C. will be in full control of the competition."

This year there will be no semi-finals. Bands will take part in the Preliminaries from which seven bands will be selected to go into the finals.

Both shows will be held at Shrivvan Park.

Three judges will be selected for the Preliminaries and five for the Finals.

The whole issue was brought about as a result of the failure by the judges from Trinidad to turn up for the finals last year.

The Preliminaries will be held on February 2 and the

finals three days later. Mr. Hernandez announced today.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Alfred Geyette executive chairman of the Tobago C.D.C. who said that he was satisfied with the stand that the Association had taken.