



'BREAK PAN BOYCOTT AND YOU'LL BE BANNED'

STEELBANDS daring to break Pan Trinbago's boycott will be banned from entering any future competition in which Pan Trinbago has a say. This decision was taken when panmen met at their Port of Spain headquarters

to discuss the future in the light of having blanked the main event of the panman's year — Panorama. "The steelbandmen unanimously have agreed that any band defying the boycott on all CDC competitions will be

debarred," said the Association's secretary Peter Carasquero yesterday.

The boycott has resulted in the death of Panorama, which, this year, was organised by a joint management committee of Pan Trinbago and the government run Carnival Development Committee.

It is the first time in the 15-year history of Panorama that steelbands will be absent from official shows, including the Grand Dimanche Gras Competitions at which the champion steelband for the year is chosen.

The boycott stemmed from a quarrel between Pan Trinbago and government over money for the Panorama competitions.

However, a steelband competition, to which Pan Trinbago has given its blessings, has been organised in San Fernando for Monday.

The competition organised by businessman John Hoyte is open to pan-around -the-neck bands from all over the country and big steelbands from South.

An appearance fee of \$600 will be paid to the bands, who will also share in \$3,000 worth of cash prizes.

Pan Trinbago has also given the okay for its members to fulfill contracts with Carnival bands which will appear at CDC-sponsored shows. But, there are conditions.

"Steelbandmen also decided to allow the bands already contracted to masqueraders to play for the band, but on the stages of the various competitions the steelbands should play only rhythm," said Carasquero.

JOINING THE ROYALTY

MAC COPELAND'S "Amazon" and Wilton Neemar's "Wayside Vendor" emerged respective winners of the King and Queen of the Bands competition before a large audience at Skinner Park, San Fernando Thursday night.

David Ali (below) portraying "The Marabuntas" from Copeland's "Amazon" walked away with the King of the Bands title, while Agnes Charles (above) was crowned the Queen of the bands. She portrayed the "Cascadura Vendor" from Neemar's "Wayside Vendors".

13 queens crossed the stage while 12 kings paraded. Tomorrow, the Junior Carnival Parade and Junior Calypso King competitions take place at Skinner Park.

The show begins at 10 a.m. and features 16 calypsonians and appearances by 45 individual masqueraders and 29 bands.



DAVID ALI and AGNES CHARLES

Visitors, get shots early

AN appeal has gone out to all Carnival visitors to have their yellow fever inoculations as soon as possible, so they would be able to leave the country on schedule.

And the Ministry of Health has set up an immunisation centre mainly for these people.

The vaccines would be given out at the St. James and Petit Valley health offices on Carnival Monday and Tuesday from 9 to 11.30 a.m.

The yellow fever outbreak has caused

the Water and Sewerage Authority to clamp down on people visiting its dams.

Yesterday WASA announced that all passes to reservoirs and installations at Navet, Hollis and Hillsborough were suspended until further notice, "in keeping with the yellow fever campaign."

The dams, which feed a total of 27 million gallons of water daily into the nation's water supply, are popular spots for picnicking and sightseers.

The yellow fever virus has so far claimed one life, and a number of people were under observation as suspect cases.

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