

COME BACK HOME CALL TO PANMEN

A NEW and impressive bid is being made to plug the steelband drain and to bring back top panmen.

As a result Ellie Mannette, "Cobo Jack" Emmanuel Riley and other big name foreign-based tuners and steelbandmen may return to Trinidad.

Their mission: to lecture on pan and to help in the setting up of steelband factories.

This was disclosed yesterday by Pan Trinbago public relations officer Peter Aleong at a Press conference at Customs Brokers Association, Ajax Street, Port-of-Spain.

He said that Mannette and "Jack" and several others were already contacted. The terms required for their return included a guarantee of full time activity in steelband culture.

Final arrangements for their return were still being worked out, Aleong, a member of the National Cultural Committee's Steelband Research Committee, said.

Pan Trinbago was launched two weeks ago at a convention where 23 steelbands and the Tobago Steelband Association were represented.

Move afoot to build pan factories

General Administration, Education and Business.

A drive is now on to set up regional bodies in north, south, east and central Trinidad and Tobago, apart from the Central Executive.

Education Officer Curtis Pierre plans projects to educate steelbandmen both in conventional music theory and "panology" (pan knowledge from ex-

perience). Added to public education is the role of steelbandmen in society, and a move to establish the steelband as a cultural medium in schools.

Under business, the immediate plan to bring back foreign-based tuners and men to start a pan factory, for registered pan products and research, are now under consideration.

Drive

Bands included: WITCO Gay Desperadoes, Guinness Cavaliers, Texaco Deltones, Hilton Syncopators, Carib Toyko, Y.De Lime Blue Diamonds, and 16 others.

The organisation, from all y Trinidad and Tobago Steelband Improvement Committee, have applied for recognition from the Registrar General; Ministry of Education and Culture, and Carnival Development Committee.

The president, Mr. Roy Augustus, announced three fields of operations -