

PANORAMA PLANS ARE NOT YET COMPLETED

THE Steelband Improvement Committee (SIC) will seek recognition from the Ministry of Education and Culture as the body representing steelbandmen in the country.

Disclosing this yesterday, Mr. Ivan Williams, chairman of the Carnival Development Committee (CDC) said for this reason final plans for Panorama at the Grand Stand, Queen's Park Savannah, have not been finalised. Mr. Williams told newsmen that on November 6, the CDC held a meeting with representatives of 23 steelbands who requested that the Panorama competition plans be not finalised until they had heard from the ministry.

In previous years, the National Association of Trinidad and Tobago Steelbandmen (NATTS) collaborated with the CDC in running Panorama. Mr. Williams also disclosed at the Press conference that for the coming Calypso season, the CDC will not be operating the Calypso Theatre.

Other shows

Instead, he said, the CDC will be giving a grant of \$3,000 rent-free chairs, music etc., to the Calypsonians' Association for running the tent. He added that it was time for the CDC to stop spoon-feeding the calypsonians and allow them to run their own tent.

Stressing that prices of admission for all shows at Carnival will remain the same, Mr. Williams said the Carnival celebrations for 1972 will be opened with free Calypso Fiesta shows in Tobago on January 29. The other shows will be:

February 5, Calypso Fiesta-semi finals-Calypso King Contest at Skinner Park; Red Cross Kiddies Carnival at the Grand Stand; PNM Buy Local Jamboree

also at the Grand Stand;

February 6, Steelband preliminaries-Panorama at the Grand Stand; February 9, O l e Mas' preliminaries-King of Carnival competitions; February 10, Brassorama; February 11, Panorama semi-finals, preliminaries of Queen of Carnival competitions;

February 12, Folklorama; February 13 Dimanche Gras; and February 14 and 15, parade of bands, all at the Grand Stand.

Mr. Williams noted that the CDC had included two new features Brassorama and Folklorama