

Steel Drums, Queens And Carnival

Whether Carnival is merely a "creole bachanal" or, as it is termed in certain circles, Trinidad's great national festival, the fact remains that this evening the 1950 celebrations will be off to a gay start.

Weeks of calypso practice in the tents have served to "tune" the people up for the celebrations which will burst into full bloom on Monday and Tuesday when thousands of revellers,

garbed in multi-coloured costumes depicting almost every conceivable thing that has seen the light of day for hundreds of years as well as those dressed in products of their imagination will spill out into the streets either masked or without.

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Amid the welter of confusion surrounding the selection of the Carnival Queen and her consorts and the two Calypso Kings, these items of news reaching this newspaper today stand out:

COUVA: Councillor Harrison Johnson has presented a steel band of the district with a biscuit drum. It will be used for two pieces, said one of the members.

FLYING QUEENS: Kathleen Ann Solomon, "Miss St. Joseph" will be given a one-week trip to Tobago, and "Miss East St. George" to be crowned tonight at the "Ole Mask" dance at the Pamphylan High School will also be given a similar facility. The Trinidad Carnival Queen will get a two-week holiday in Barbados and also a trip to Rio.