



TESORO Starlift during its winning performance.

Starlift puts a halt to reign of Despers

STARLIFT and the Mighty Sparrow go hand in glove when it comes to winning at Panorama.

The Woodbrook panside, now flying the banner of Trinidad Tesoro Starlift, winners of the national Panorama title in 1969 and '71, on Sunday night again copped the crown, breaking reigning champions West Indian Tobacco Gay Desperadoes' hopes of a hat-trick.

When Starlift won in '69

Break-in at POS mas camp

THE MAS camp of band leader Peter Minshal was broken into early Sunday morning by two gunmen.

The "Zodiac" bandleader was shocked when he was awakened by the two gunmen at the Picton Street, Port of Spain mas camp between 4 and 5 a.m.

Peter who had been frantically working on the queen of the band costume all night with other helpers were taking a five minute rest when the camp was attacked.

They carried away among other things an expensive camera, an electric fan and a quantity of money. Police are investigating.

and '71 the band was then sponsored by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC).

The record books will show that when Starlift took the coveted crown, which they shared with Solo Harmonites, the last time out, the band's tune of choice came from the Mighty Sparrow's album. It was also the last year a band had won playing a Sparrow tune.

The band's winning number this year was Sparrow's "Du-Du Yemi".

In addition to taking the \$15,000 first prize at the nationals, Starlift was first placed in the national

preliminaries, and semi-finals.

The Panorama champs was runners-up to Desperadoes in the north zone finals. Despers gained 448 points and Starlift five points less. Desperadoes did not compete in the preliminaries or semi-finals being the defending champions.

The WITCO steelband, beating Kitchener's "Pan In the 21st Century", collected \$12,000 in playing second fiddle to Starlift in Saturday's competition at the Queen's Park Savannah which was organised by the Joint Management Com-

mittee, comprising Pan Trinbago and the Carnival Development Committee.

Officials of Pan Trinbago paid tribute to the judges for what it considered to be a "very good" decision. "It was a task which was handled exceptionally well," said a spokesman for the pan movement.

Phase Two Pan Groove played its own composition in emerging third in this year's finals.

Incidentally, Starlift only returned to the calypso norm instead this year campaigning with its own compositions in the Panorama competition.

PAN RESULTS

THE national Panorama results at a glance.

The results are: First Trinidad Tesoro Starlift (480 points); WITCO Gay Desperadoes (476 points); Phase Two Pan Groove (458 points); Solo Harmonites (456 points); T & TEC Power Stars (455 points); Catelli All Stars (450 points); Amoco Renegades and Carib Tokyo (tied with 448 points); National Lottery Third World (447); Sylvania Potential (444 points); Laughlin & De Gannes South Stars (435 points); and Curepe S'Forzata (420 points).