

Despers plays 'Band From Space'

TEN-TIME National Panorama champion WITCO Desperadoes is playing "Band From Space" for this year's competition, dispelling rumours that the band would not appear, a source said.

The tune, which was composed by Amrit Samaroo and recorded by calypsonian Crazy, is being arranged for Desperadoes as a collaborative effort between a group of arrangers, but the Despers management will not reveal who these persons are until Sunday when the Panorama Karavan

visits the band at its Laventille Pan Complex. The Despers management have been very tight lipped over what is happening with the band as far as Panorama is concerned after ace arranger, Robbie Greenidge who was expected to work with them again this year failed to arrive in Trinidad up to last week.

"Desperadoes is in the Panorama," declared the band's Captain, Bertram Glasgow yesterday before the *Express* found out what song they were playing. "We have a

song and everything else is falling into place. I will not reveal what the song is or anything else at this time, but by weekend we will be ready to talk," Glasgow said.

Pan Trinbago secretary, Richard Forteau explained yesterday that while the 16 large conventional steel orchestras are all automatically going through the semi-final round of competition and are therefore not being judged in the panyards, events will still be hosted by the various steel orchestras during the coming week of

judging for the Small and Medium bands. Forteau said that there will be Panorama Karavan moving around in which each of the large conventional bands will deliver a half-hour concert performance that will include their Panorama tune. "This is being done so that the supporters and fans of the bands will still have the opportunity to hear them play although they are not being judged. These mini-concerts will also allow the bands to earn some revenue as well," Forteau said.

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