

Steelbands told: Take back Panorama from CDC

**Lee Heung
snatches
\$1,000 more**

STEPHEN Lee Heung's 'We Kind Ah People', which won the 'Band of the Year' title at the recent Carnival celebrations, has been declared winner of the 'Most Colourful Band' competition sponsored by Berger Paints Trinidad Ltd. The prize is \$1,000.

Mr. Prince Cumberbatch, secretary of the Carnival Development Committee which provided the judges for the competition, revealed this yesterday.

The company inaugurated the award as an incentive towards keeping carnival colourful and the competition will be run every year, it was stated.



HE is a clergyman - and she a "dancer".

And Rev. McDonald 'Tickasingh' sits, impassively, with hands clasped as he is kissed on his cheeks after being garlanded.

Nalini Paul, the dancer, however, is a Form IV pupil of the Grant Memorial Presbyterian school, South Trinidad and she did a religious dance at a valedictory function in honour

To sit - with love

of retiring principal Rev. 'Tickasingh' at the school yesterday.

At the function also, the students presented 1,200 pounds of rice - one pound being donated by each student - to Mrs. Lystra Charles, president of the Coterie of Social Workers, who received the gift on behalf of the Coterie.

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STEELBANDSMEN have been urged to take back the coveted Panorama competition from the Carnival Development Committee (CDC) and run it themselves.

The call came yesterday from Mr. Hugh Borde, leader/director of the Trinidad Tripoli Steelband now on an extended tour of colleges and institutions in the United States of America.

Mr. Borde, in urging the panmen to take stock of their "misfortunes" in this year's competition, suggested that Panorama could be staged on Carnival Friday night, in which case steelorchestras would not have to hustle from the CDC show on Sunday night to dance halls where they are booked to play.

He also suggested that there be 24 bands in semi-finals and 12 in the finals - as obtained in the past.

Mr. Borde, who flew back to the US a few days ago, asked panmen to set up a strong body to represent them, and

suggested that old heads like Mr. George Goddard, Mr. Sydney Gullup, Mr. Flavius Nurse, Mr. Cecil

Hunte, Mr. Kenrick Thomas, among others, be brought in to run the organisation.

He paid tribute to steelbandsmen for their exemplary behaviour throughout the Carnival season and had special praise for Maritime Life Hatters which won the Panorama competitions at both Port of Spain and San Fernando.

Clash

In a final note, Mr. Borde, an experienced panman and a former vice-president of the old Steelbandsmen Association, appealed to the general public to be in sympathy with the Mighty Sparrow over the calypsonian's "unfortunate" outburst during a show at the Savannah when the city's two top tents met in a clash of giants.

"Let us not forget" he pointed out, "that it is the same Sparrow who brought back calypsonians from the doldrums, and did so much for the country both at home and abroad."