

More steelband music to be played on 610 Radio

EXPRESS REPORTER

FACED with increasing criticisms of the amount of steelband and calypso music it plays for listeners, the National Broadcasting Service (NBS 610 radio) has undertaken to increase the playing of pan music to about 40 per cent.

NBS radio management has also agreed to investigate the economy and marketing implications for commercial steelband recordings, production and sales, following talks with Pan Trinbago, the official representative of steelbandsmen.

This was revealed yesterday in a "newsletter" released by the public relations division of the steelband organisation during its convention at the Port Services Club on Wrightson Road.

According to the "newsletter", mutual interest was expressed by both sides for the establishment of a commercially viable library of steelband long-playing records. Pan Trinbago plans to implement the expansion of steelband music, while NBS will provide technical assistance for steelband recordings and facilities.

In what is its first news bulletin, Pan Trinbago stated that it aims to build up a repertoire of 200 middle-of-the-road pop selections, 60 Christmas selections, 30 selections appropriate for Easter and 30 general devotional/spiritual selections - all by December this year.

"The long term objective is the permanent development of pan music in commercial quantities and as a significant substitute for foreign music forms.

And in order to further strengthen public knowledge, awareness and acceptance of the pan form, NBS will produce a schedule documentary on the history of the movement dating back from the end of this year's Carnival season.



MR. Geoffrey Scott (extreme left) presents a cheque on behalf of the Mc Eneaney Alstons Group to Mr. Arthur Chin Fatt of the Port of Spain Jaycees, while at right Mr. H.V. De Gannes presents the other cheque from the group to Mr. Nigel Griffith, adviser to the convention committee.

PRIME Minister Dr Eric Williams will officially open the West Indian Jaycees 14th national convention at the Holiday Inn tomorrow at a ceremony to be attended by over 350 delegates from 12 Caribbean countries.

The week-long conference begins today, but the official opening is scheduled for tomorrow at 6 p.m. Several topics of regional importance, including the Jaycees plans for the next year, will be discussed.

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