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FIVE more steelbands have been admitted to the Panorama semi-finals.

The new bands were added to the semi-finalists late yesterday after a 45-strong group of panmen occupied the Carnival Development Committee's Queen Street offices in the city for several hours to protest discrepancies in the judges' score sheets.

The unusual sit-in was staged by members of the Sylvania East Side Symphony of San Juan who wanted to know why they were left out since the score sheets did not tell them why.

Score sheets

Now in the semi-finals are: Sylvania East Side Symphony, Third World Symphony, New Town Silverstars, Amoco Renegades and Colgate Melodians.

And the total number of semi-finalists has gone up to 19.

Decision to include the additional bands was taken after surprised CDC officials re-examined the score sheets and held dis-



SYLVANIA EAST SIDE MEMBERS AT THE CDC OFFICE

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'Sit-in' - so 5 more in Panorama semis

cussions with the judges and Pan Trinbago, the steelbands association.

During the sit-in, Mr. Gary Cedeno, sponsor-manager of Sylvania East Side explained that "the score sheet we received indicated that we obtained 70 points but do not tell us why we failed."

He said: "The judges are supposed to tell us why they failed the band. They do not say that anything is wrong with the band and we still do not reach the semi-finals."

The original 14 semi-finalists are: CIBC Starlift, Carib Tokyo, Catelli

A11 Stars, Lever Bros. Gay Flamingoes, Mosco Tiles Fonclaire, Parliament Scherzando, Shell Invaders, Shell Sun Valley, Solo Harmonites, Texaco Sky Chiefs, T&TEC Power Stars, WASA Silvertones, WITCO Gay Desperadoes and Y. de Lima Blue Diamonds.