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New venue for Sando Bomb competition

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HOYTE'S Bomb competition for steelbands in and around San Fernando will be held on Carnival Monday at Lower High Street, in front of Steve's Sea View Restaurant, King's Wharf.

The change in venue has come following the new route charted for steelbands and masmen this year. Although concern has been raised about the route which has cut off the High Street area, San Fernando Mayor Ian Atherly said the route cannot be changed now.

Traditionally held

on the main portion of High Street, the venue for the Bomb competition has been changed to relieve traffic congestion and permit greater and better all-round participation, said John A Hoyte, chairman of the competition.

The competition, co-sponsored by the Ministry of Community Development and Culture, will begin at 5 a.m. More than \$20,000 will be shared among the first five winners. Prizes will be awarded for steelbands best portraying the Spirit of Jouvvert, Best Rhythm Section, Best Iron-man, Best Flag woman and Best Scratcher-Player.

A \$1,000 cash prize will be awarded to the

best-playing school or college steel orchestra.

The champion steelband will receive the Ministry's challenge Trophy and \$3,000.

Defending champions NLCB Fonclaire will be facing stiff competition from, among others, TCL Skiffle Bunch and Petrotrin Hatters. Steelbands are required to play a non-calypso in calypso tempo.