

Free French Steel Band Plans Virgin Islands Tour

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Yet another steelband left the shores of Trinidad for abroad. The Free French Steel Orchestra of San Fernando, and one of the leading bands of the Trinidad and Tobago Steelband Association sailed in the s.s. Gascogne last night for Martinique.

They follow on the heels of the Trinidad All Steel Percussion Orchestra, which was a major success during its four-day stay in Martinique.

With a special repertoire, which

includes French airs and old time "leggoes" and using the orchestral arrangements of Lt. N. Griffith, manager of TASPO, the Free French steelband has gone to Martinique under contract to a Trinidadian, now resident in Martinique.

While waiting for their baggage to be checked, members of the band entertained the large number of persons, who assembled at the docks last night to bid them "au revoir."

FOREIGNERS AMAZED

Foreigners who were in transit in the ship, were amazed. Among the numbers the band played at No. 1 Shed, were: "C'est si bon", "Cherrie", local calypsoes and Mambos.

It was reported that the Free French Steelband which made a very successful tour of Barbados earlier this year, after completing their engagements in Martinique, will visit Guadeloupe and St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands.

Leading the 11-man team is Emile Zola Williams. Other members of the band are: Winston Critchlow, Harry Boodoo, Allan Bishop, Cecil Williams, Theophilus Jackson, Errol Phillip, Arthur Padmore, Neville Ali Bocas, Nello Williams and Lewis Stewart.

Stokowski Leads First Concert In Spain

SAN SEBASTIAN, Sept. 21 (INS)—Leopold Stokowski was acclaimed by a large audience that filled the auditorium to overflowing when he conducted a concert here. Stokowski devoted the entire programme to the works of Thomas L. de Victoria.

This is the famous director's third visit to Spain but it is the first time he has conducted a concert in this country.

He praised Victoria, Guerrero, Morales and other Spanish composers warmly. Stokowski, who appears extremely youthful in spite of his sixty-eight years, has been received with much applause all over the country.

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