



THESE members of the Steelbands' Association are hard at practice for the drive "Operation Britain."

Steelbands To Launch \$7,500 Drive Tonight

Trinidad and Tobago Steelbands Association will begin its drive to raise \$7,500 at 8.30 tonight. This money is needed in seven weeks' time to enable the Association to send 12 members to the Festival of Britain. Venue of tonight's meeting is Woodford Square.

Steelbandsmen, supporters and sympathisers are expected to turn out in large numbers.

Launching the formal appeal will be the Mayor of Port-of-Spain, Councillor Raymond Hamel-Smith. Canon M. E. Farquhar, chairman of the Government Steelbands Committee, will preside. He will be introduced by Mr. S. Gollon, chairman of the association.

North Stars Orchestra will render "Hail the White". Canon Farquhar will then give an address on "A Community Effort". Supporting addresses will be given by Councillor George Cabral and Mrs. M. Wyke.

Neighbours Avert Early Morning Fire

Shortly before six o'clock this morning, civilians averted what might have been a big fire at Vidale Street, St. James.

A blaze in the drawing room, damaging a chair and part of the partition, caused the occupant to call the Fire Brigade. Neighbours put out the fire by the time the Brigade arrived.