

PAN IN COURT

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PAN goes to Court this morning, mere hours before the North Zone Panorama finals are held.

High Court Judge Kester McMillan will decide at NIPDEC House on two writs filed against the Joint Management Committee of Pan Trnibago and the Carnival Development Committee (CDC) by Jet Age Valley Harps Steel Orchestra and WITCO Desperadoes Steel Orchestra.

By JEFF HACKETT

Both steelbands are claiming that there was improper adjudication at the zonal preliminaries held last Saturday.

And further they are asking Justice McMillan to stop tonight's zonal finals scheduled for the Queen's Park Savannah if

they are not allowed to participate. Jet Age's writ was filed yesterday and Despers' writ on Wednesday.

The defendants named in both writs were Ivan Williams and Arnim Smith who were sued on their own behalf and on behalf of the members of the joint management committee and also the five judges.

The judges are: Captain Arthur Watson, Rev. John Sewell, Joycelyn Pierre, H.

Edwards, and Merle Albino-De Coteau.

Lennox Sanguinette, instructed by Roberts, Primus, Phillips and Co., will appear for Jet Age and Allan Alexander S.C. instructed by the same firm of solicitors will be Despers' counsel.

Carib Tokyo another band which did not qualify has also threatened to file a writ.

Roland Augustus, captain of Jet Age, in his affidavit, claimed Mr. Edwards, who was sued on his own behalf and that of the judges, "failed to insert any marks on his record sheet and there is no evidence that he adjudicated and attributed any marks to this band." Jet Age was awarded 393 points.

Despers captain Rudolph Charles in his affidavit contended that the band played the tune "Party" by Lord Nelson but, according to Captain Watson's (he was specifically named in the suit) score sheet, points were awarded for playing King Swallow's tune "Boogie Down."

TREATED UNFAIRLY

Desperadoes obtained 409 points, 80 points being awarded by Captain Watson.

Charles stated that the tune "Party" was displayed in nine-inch-high letters on a large banner.

Added to that, one hour before the band appeared, he told a CDC official the name of the tune.

All other score sheets got the name of the tune correct, he stated.

This is the second time that Desperadoes has gone to court because it felt that it was treated unfairly at the Panorama preliminaries, the first time being in 1975 when it successfully sued the CDC.

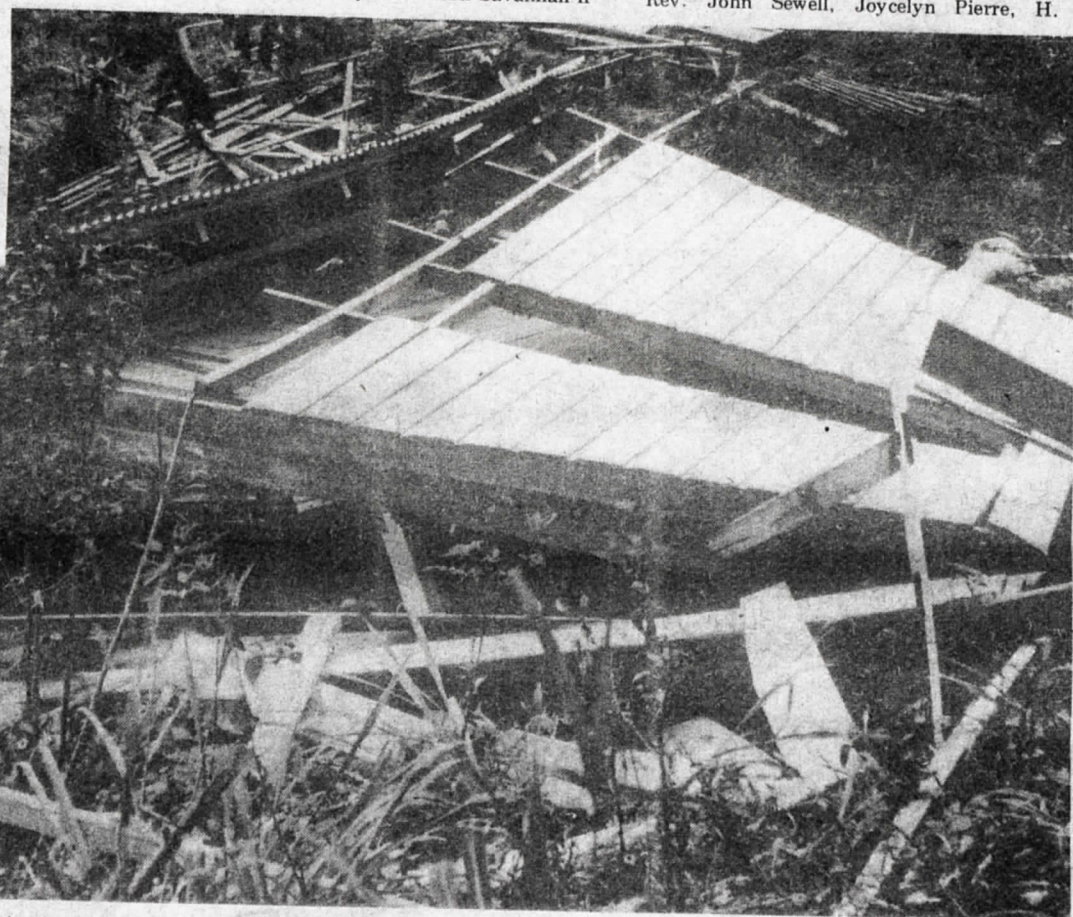
Charles recalled yesterday that although they won that matter, they are yet to receive costs from the CDC.

He said that his band obtained the scoresheets on Monday and spotted the alleged discrepancy.

Charles also revealed that the sponsors spent \$146,000 on the band this year, with band members spending several thousand dollars extra.

The arranger, Clive Bradley, who flew down from the United States was paid \$25,000.

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