

Pan-Am in bid to ease 'jamming'

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ONE AIRLINE has made a bid to smooth on the flow of passengers through Piarco Airport for the hectic pre-Carnival season.

Pan American Airways (Pan Am?) has arranged for two immigration officers to go next week to the United States, where they will expedite passenger handling procedures, inspect travel documents at source rather than at the congested Piarco terminal.

Pan Am will use, at least 2 of its Boeing 707s for charter flights, each bringing 82 passengers for a total of more than 4,000 visitors.

The national airline, British West Indian Airways (BWIA) will, however, bring in most of the charters including groups from London.

Meanwhile, the airport's Health Department is gearing itself for the influx.

Last year, the department relaxed on its person-to-person check to facilitate speedier handling of visitors. An spokesman said yesterday,

however, that such a move was a mistake and more vigilance should be observed.

The Venezuelan airlines, VIASA and LAV are also

preparing to handle busier schedules for Carnival.

And Trinidad and Tobago Air Service (TTAS) indicated yesterday it was gearing for more flights between Piarco and Crown Point, Tobago.

'Pan Fever' blasts off Sun.

PAN Trinbago's "Pan Fever '76" starts officially on Sunday at Skinner Park, San Fernando, with 27 steelbands taking part in the south qualifying round of the competition.

On Tuesday the leaders of the bands or their representatives met at the Park to draw for their positions.

These are the following positions in which they will play

1. Freetown
2. Dunlop Tornadoes
3. Hillside Symphony
4. Gay Philadelphians
5. Ramoutarsingh's Glympians
6. Enterprise Angel Harps

7. Wimpey Joylanders
8. Damas Organettes
9. Maritime Life Hatters
10. Texaco Deltones
11. OWTU. Free French
12. Gay Hoytonians
13. Texaco Rhapsody
14. TTEC Motown
15. Silver Harps
16. Golden Sounds
17. N.B.C. Stag Fonclaire
18. Marabella's People's Music
19. Ju-C Antillian All Stars
20. Trintoc Sun Valley
21. Gay Crescendoes
22. Pt. D'Or Nightingales
23. Fedchem Synconites
24. W.A.S.A. Silver Tones
25. Amoco Radix
26. Texaco West Stars
27. Golden Glow Tropical Melody

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