

THANKS TO SWEDISH SOCA REBEL ...

Crazy's 'Nani Wine' rocks Europe

SWEDISH vocalist, Lars Hansson, has chosen a soca tune to launch his recording career.

Hansson was in Trinidad to pave the way for his debut single "Farmor Svang" or the Swedish version of Crazy's "Nani Wine".

The vocalist told *Sunday PUNCH*, he usually performs jazz and blues, but was bowled over enough by soca to record it.

In fact, Hansson says he is hoping that his song be popular enough to make it to the Swedish Top 10 in August.

After that, as he confessed, he hopes to sing in a calypso tent in Trinidad.

Admitting that soca is not familiar to Swedes, Hansson stated it can become popular in Sweden with the advent of the world beat utilising Caribbean and African music.

He also stated his band, Soca Rebels, has played in two Carnivals and as a result his people are becoming more and more exposed to the music and even singing along.

Incidentally, in the line-up of the band are three Trinidadians including Denyse Plummer's former drummer, Robert Rooks and one Guyanese.

Hansson, who is married to a Trinidadian, explained he had the idea since November 1989 but wasn't able to contact Crazy for permission to re-record "Nani Wine".

He said:



The album jacket of the Swedish version of "Nani Wine". INSET: Swedish vocalist, LARS HANSSON

"Crazy was very glad to have me record his song in my language and so, too, was Cliff Rahaman, his manager.

"There were some words like 'Nani', which couldn't be translated, and so I used one of a similar meaning and

'Nani Wine' became 'Grandmother Wine'.

The actual production costing some US \$4,000, took three

days (in the studio), but prior to that his brother, Mats, worked on the music.

Hansson told *PUNCH* he chose to release on 45 r.p.m. because that, like CD, is a popular form of recording in Sweden.

On the other side is Hansson's own composition "Pepper Foh So" which again, he says is soca influenced.

The record is expected to be "officially launched" in August after he takes care of distribution.

One of his main goals, as he confessed, is to sing in a calypso tent for the Carnival season.

But in the meantime, the Swede is quite happy to show off his soca talent both in his homeland and his adopted country.

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