

Crazy wows Stockholm

REPORTS coming out of Sweden this week say calypsonian Crazy rocked the capital, Stockholm, last Saturday at a live concert that also featured the country's respected soca band, Soca Rebels.

Promoted by Caribbean Travel, tour operators who have for years brought groups of revellers here for Carnival to play with mas band Barbarossa, the show turned into non-stop feteing, after the man Dave Elcock, dubbed The Loveable Lunatic, took the packed arena through his repertoire.

"Crazy really had a packed house of Swedes going wild at the fete," said Olle Stalberg, who was part of the jam. "If anybody ever thought Swedes were shy and reserved people, Crazy showed them wrong. Sweden has not seen a party like this in years.

"Swedes were waving their flags and blowing whistles and wined down to the floor, and if it was not for the fact that the majority of the posse were white, one would think this was a fete in Trinidad during Carnival time. Girls who had never been to Carnival would come on stage and wine with Crazy and would not leave," Stalberg said.

Crazy mixed old and new songs to work the crowd into a frenzy, earning two encores and benefitting from sales of CDs, which were completely



sold out.

Promoters described the event as "a huge success," saying, too, that it presented an opportunity to show Swedes who had not enjoyed the hands-on Carnival experience what T&T culture is like.

"This event did a lot more than any newspaper advertisement about Trinidad and Tobago has ever achieved," said an official of Caribbean Travel.

"Hopefully, we and other promoters will be able to keep this going and bring other calypso and soca artists or steel bands from T&T to promote the country.

"The Swedes love to travel but they knew very little about Trinidad and Tobago—until now," the promoter said. —TJ