

## SPORT

## Xerox 'Run to the Sun' starts Feb

THIRD in the annual Xerox/American Airlines "Race To The Sun" 10-kilometres series — an annual inter-island circuit competition for Caribbean and North American road runners — will begin February 23 in Bermuda.

The Trinidad leg, the fifth of seven, will be staged on June 1 on the same course in Port-of-Spain on which the inaugural final leg was run in 1984.

This year's final will be in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on June 22. Once again it will feature a clash of winners from the previous legs in Bermuda (February 23), Curacao (April 13), Antigua (May 11), Barbados (May 23), Trinidad (June 1) and Jamaica (June 15).

### More Prizes

The final is likely to be bigger than in the previous two years. This is because of a new leg in Jamaica, and the introduction of a separate division for Caribbean runners. There will also be additional special prizes.

Apart from the Open and Tourists divisions, the male and female distance runners will compete for three prizes in eight age groups in the Trinidad leg.

First local male and female competitor to cross the finish line will earn a paid trip to the final for a chance to win even bigger prizes.

The organisers, Acampora Enterprises Inc. of USA will be assisted in the venture by Trinidad's Complete Computer Systems and American Airlines along with LIAT, Cocola, Adidas, the Trinidad and Tobago Tourist Board and Hilton International.



### TRAINING FOR EVENT

ONE-LEGGED Anthony Phillips seen training around the Queen's Park Savannah late Wednesday afternoon.

He will be among the competitors in tomorrow's Electro Shack five-kilometre run organised by the Trinidad and Tobago Road Runners Club, starting and finishing at the National Stadium, Mucurapo.

(Photo by MAURICE BROWN)

# One legged runner in race tomorrow

A ONE-LEGGED distance runner will line up tomorrow for the start of this year's road racing events in the Electro Shack-sponsored five kilometre (3.1-mile) run in Port-of-Spain.

Anthony Phillips, 29, who lost his left leg from above the knee in a vehicular accident in 1981, will be wearing jersey No. 38 when the Trinidad and Tobago Road Runners Club event starts at the National Stadium.

Phillips returned to Trinidad last month from Brooklyn, USA, where he has been residing and taking therapy after having an artificial leg fitted.

Phillips has been training consistently on afternoon around the Queen's Park Savannah since his return here. The amputee, determined to continue his activity in sport, joined the Achilles Track Club of New York in 1983 and last year completed the New York Marathon in six hours, nine minutes, ten seconds.

He intends to establish a Trinidad branch of Achilles and says he will continue competing in big races locally and internationally. There will also be a wheelchair paraplegic in the

event — Peter Tudor of the St. Elizabeth's Home in Ariapita Avenue. He and Phillips will be given a handicap advantage start of 14 minutes ahead of the other competitors.

Chief organiser, Anthony Salloum said these athletes will be greeted at the finish line by children from the home.

### Start at Stadium

So far, entrants, coming mainly from keepfit classes, secondary schools and last year's seasoned campaigners, total 200. But runners have up to four hours prior to the start to register at Lebanse House, 26 Charlotte Street, Port-of-Spain.

Organisers expect another 150 and 200 entries by today. Usually, they say, nearly 50 per cent of the registration for events like these are done at the last minute.

The race will take the runners around the National Stadium, then up Hamilton Holder Street, turning right on Ariapita Avenue. They will then go along French Street heading south, then turning west (right) along Wrightson Road and back to the stadium.