

Steel Bands Blamed For City Carnival Disorders

On Carnival Monday and Tuesday there were fifteen wounding incidents in Port-of-Spain and the North-Western Division. Four persons were detained at the Colonial Hospital, one in a serious condition with a stab wound in the chest, and three arrests have been made in the wounding cases, according to information from Police Headquarters yesterday.

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"There was a serious clash on Tuesday night between rival steel bands," Colonel Muller said, "and I gather that the steel band element can be held mainly responsible for most of the breaches of the peace which occurred."

"The down-town Carnival review in Marine Square was very well supported, but this popular part of the Carnival could be much better enjoyed if more attention was given to the organisation of it."

"The simple arrangements which may have been adequate in the past can no longer cope with the vast crowds and the large number of competing bands."

LESS ROAD ACCIDENTS

There were less road accidents in the Port-of-Spain and the North-Western Divisions during this year's Carnival than last year, according to Traffic Department information. In the area there were 31 accidents and 11 persons injured, this year as compared with 39 accidents and 18 persons injured last year.

IN THE SOUTH

Interviewed yesterday with regard to the behaviour of revellers during the Carnival Celebrations, Major J. B. Liddelow, Superintendent of Police, Southern Division declined to make any statement to the Press.

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