

BAND LEADER

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WAYNE BERKELEY's Carnival band has run into trouble with its 1976 mas' presentation at least as far as use of the Trinidad and Tobago flag is concerned.

The band in which Prime Minister Dr. Eric William's daughter, Erica, plays has been told by Government: 'Don't use the national flag on the streets on Carnival days.

The ban was communicated to Berkeley, who won the "Band of the Year" title in 1974 with his presentation "Kaleidoscope", through National Security Minister Victor Campbell.

Berkeley had applied to Government to use the Trinidad and Tobago flag in his 1976 portrayal "National Heraldry."

Reason for turning down

the application could not be barded last night.

But observers pointed out that ever since Berkeley disclosed his band would be using the flags of many countries there was fear that the flags would be disrespected because of the manner in which they would be carried by masqueraders.

While this fear had been expressed by officials of several foreign embassies in Port of Spain, the Trinidad Government is the first to move towards preventing its national flag from being used in the band.

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Berkeley could not be contacted yesterday. But another former "Band of the Year" winner, Irvin Mc Williams said: "Trinidadians have played a lot of mas' before but now-a-days things are taken too seriously.

"Personally, I don't see

what the fuss is all about. With a little camouflage Berkeley should have been safe. But to use it direct is another thing."

An information bulletin issued by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago details how and when the national flag should be displayed and also details prohibitions on the use of the flag.

Included among the prohibitions are:

"The national flag should not be used for purposes of adornment or advertising. It should not be printed or embroidered or otherwise reproduced on such articles as handkerchiefs, uniforms or clothing of any kind, or furniture, cushions, etc.

"It should not be printed or otherwise impressed on paper boxes or napkins or anything intended for temporary use and discarded.

"It should not be use as any part of a disguised costume."