

# Four Carnival Players Jailed

Except for a few miscreants, four of whom were sent peremptorily to prison for 21 days, by Mr. A. J. Hamilton in the City Magistrate's Court, Port-of-Spain yesterday observed the Governor's order prohibiting the celebrations of Carnival this year.

Reports from suburban districts and San Fernando also indicated all was quiet yesterday.

The men, who were members of a band estimated at 150, were Norman Guy, Henry Colston, Michael Bostick and James Forde.

The policemen who intervened were stoned.

Major Knights, who prosecuted, told the Magistrate that a band of about 150 strong was parading Duke Street about 6.30 o'clock jumping and shouting to music provided by biscuit drums, bottles and spoons.

The police intervened and arrested four of them. Continuing

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he said: "This is a serious offence. They know there is no carnival and yet they come out absolutely in defiance of the law."

Mr. L. L. Roberts, solicitor, speaking on their behalf said: "These people are under the impression that they cannot disguise, but that they can still come out on the street as they are. They ought to know better. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, but I am pleading in fairness to them, that that was their belief. They thought that because they had not disguised, they could jump about."

Major Knights: We have had these bands going around for weeks now. They know perfectly well that they are not to do this thing.

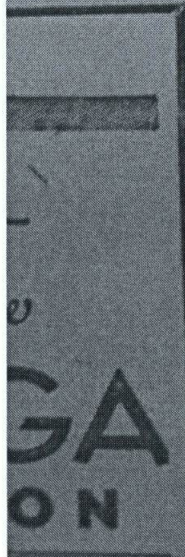
The Magistrate in convicting the men, said: "This is a serious offence. These are not ordinary times; you must know there is a war going on and for that reason, people cannot go about as at other times.

"To avoid needless expense, I believe, Government has stopped Carnival and there is to be no carnival this year. This is under the Defence Regulations and for this there is a penalty of £100 or six months or both. If I find that there are others who are going to disregard the law like this I am going to inflict severe penalties. You must do 21 days."

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