

Steelbands Abroad

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GEORGETOWN, B.G., Jan. 16 (By Mail) — For the second time in two weeks, members of the Trinidad touring steel band, were brought into Court yesterday. For the second time magistrate Stoby issued a severe warning to them about their behaviour in British Guiana, extended mercy only because they were "visitors in a strange country," and advised that they get back to Trinidad as quickly as possible.

It was not a clash between rival steel bands as on the previous occasion, but a case in which the Trinidadian — Wellington Bostock — used indecent language in the presence of a policeman and when arrested to be taken to the station, two other companions — Donald Ferguson and Leonard Morris — intervened, violently obstructed the police in the execution of his duty and remarked, "let we make it criminal now!"

Bostock was fined \$15 or one month for indecent language, and Ferguson and Morris fined \$26 each, or two months, for obstruction.

Their manager, who spoke on their behalf, said that it was unfortunate that they should get into so much trouble in so short a stay. He promised to leave British Guiana at the earliest opportunity.

lance-corporal, with session of the first badge, and who has ten years' service, of a constable, with maximum pay, and been punished for offence during the preceding the first ary, will be eligible of the first good conduct.

Constables in possession of the first good conduct award, on drawing to the new 14 draw a good conduct \$2.50 per month, possession of the conduct allowance month.

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The first steelband to go abroad was Red Army but the above clipping proves that they were issued a severe warning for bad behaviour. Additionally they used bad language in the presence of a policeman and were fined. Their manager said it was unfortunate that they should get into so much trouble in so short a stay. He promised to leave British Guiana at the earliest opportunity.