

LETTERS

Steel Band

Sir :—So the steel bands have clashed, just what we hoped they would not do. I have a suggestion, Sir. Let those responsible for Monday's steel band fighting and wounding give a series of lectures at the Public Library! I now appeal to our culture experts, Mr. Gomes and Canon Farquhar, and Mr. Comma, too, to promote such lectures! The Hon. Gomes, in a recent writing, objected to the magistrates' warning to steel bands; and Canon Farquhar cried shame on the public for their criticism and "objectionable" attitude to steel bands and their works. The steel bandsmen should not be restrained in a free Democratic country. What is Trinidad becoming — a police state? No, Sir, we must not descend to that.

But, lectures at the Public Library is what is needed. These steel-men will tell us how the public and the police are to behave when they start their cutting and violence; how they are the exponents of our glorious cultural heritage; how they must be encouraged to break the peace, and bad magistrates must be censured for issuing lawful warnings. They must tell us, too, of the history of their great movement. Let the Library authorities publish these lectures well in advance, and bring in an unscrupulous calypsonian to give the series of lectures tone and municipal standing. Now, members of the public, you must not miss these steel band and calypso lectures at our Public Library. They are being promoted for our education by our cultural directors. All honour to the Library, our Librarian, and his bosses. All honour, to our calypsonian and steel band lecturers. Soon these lectures will make us great in the eyes of the world. Bravo! Cheers!

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