

Pan-beater found carrying knives

George Joseph, 22., a member of the Belle-vue steelband at St. James, yesterday appeared before Magistrate Frank Mohan charged with (1) Being in possession of offensive weapons for which he was fined \$75 in default three months' hard labour, and (2) Assaulting a Police Constable in the execution of his duty. On the second charge he was ordered to pay a fine of \$20 in default 30 days hard labour.

The court heard that a member of the Crossfire steelband, also from St. James, became very friendly with the girl friend of a member of the Belle-Vue band.

Crossfire members claimed that because of this on Thursday last they were attacked by the Belle-Vue boys armed with cutlasses and they ran to the St. James Police Station for rescue.

A party of police constables was dispatched, and 13 members of the Belle-Vue band were found on Hyderabad Street, St. James. On being surrounded by the police, one of them whipped out a cutlass.

Before more constables arrived on the scene they managed to get away but Joseph, who was not very fast of foot was caught, not without a fight. There were two knives, and a bottle in his pockets.

Joseph's explanation was that he

is a painter and the knives are part of his tools. He denied having the bottle.

John Lawrence, also called Jean Dubisson, of Bertrand Street, San Fernando, registered his second conviction yesterday in the Third Police Court when he was sentenced to six months with hard labour for larceny and house breaking.

The evidence led disclosed that on the night of May 7 last, Lawrence broke and entered a shop at the corner of Abbe-Poujade and Hague Streets, Carenage.

Kelvin Williams, a painter, saw Lawrence leaving the shop with cartons of condensed milk in his hand.

A report was made to the police who on making investigations, found foodstuff to the value of \$125.76 and house-breaking implements outside the premises.

In his defence Lawrence claimed that he had never left the friend's home in Carenage at which he was staying that night.

Alexander Dockles, a Bailiff of Park Street, Port-of-Spain, appeared in the First Police Court yesterday morning on three charges of fraud.

He was allowed bail in \$500 with a surety.