

cases were: Mr. J.V.M. van Koot, Prosecutor, F.G. Flick and M.A. Lannoy was the Court Recorder.

-The first case was that of Erville Errol Pemberton, a native of Nevis, who was charged with the theft and larceny - He was not present and sentenced in absentia to four months imprisonment of which 2-months was conditionally suspended for 3-years.

-Charles Elmo Gumbs was accused of being an accomplice in a theft case, committed by Erville Pemberton, Gordon Morris Lake and Fernando Guillermo Hodge, and of assisting them drink chocolate milk which they had stolen. C.E.G. denied that he was an accomplice in the theft case, but admitted that he had assisted them in drinking the stolen chocolate milk - Witness M.L. testified that it was Gumbs' idea to steal the goods and that it was he (Gumbs) who made the plan. He stated that it had been decided that he (Gumbs) would go into the backdoor of the snack-bar and gave the others a signal if the coast was clear - and he Gumbs gave the signal as was planned and E.P. and F.H. went into the storeroom of the snack-bar and

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removed several cases of sodas and chocolate milk - Gumbs during cross questioning admitted that he had agreed to go into the backdoor and give the others a signal if the coast was clear, but he said at the last moment he changed his mind and did not give the planned signal. - He (Gumbs) said that he did not know that the boys were going to take so much sodas - He also stated that he informed an employee of the snack-bar of what was going on and advised him to see to it that the door to the storeroom be kept locked. This statement was confirmed by the employee in question.

The Prosecutor in his summary said that it had been proven that Gumbs was guilty of the charges against him - Even though he had denied that he had given the go-ahead signal to the others, both witnesses testified that he had done so - However he said: "The accused is young and this is his first offense and therefore I would like to demand a sentence of 12-weeks imprisonment of which 9-weeks should be conditionally suspended for three years.

The Judge in his summary agreed with the Prosecutor and further explained that this case was a serious one, for said he: "This is not a matter of one person committing a crime - But it is an act committed by organized gang. Gumbs was condemned to 12 weeks imprisonment of which 10 weeks conditionally suspended for 3-years.

Cyril Belborda Brooks, was accused of having accepted gifts; tins of sodas which were stolen. Cyril Brook admitted that on one occasion, in the evening, M.L. had placed about 12 tins of sodas in his (C.B.'s) scooter and asked him to take them up by the Welfare Bridge. After he had taken the sodas to the "Head-of-the-town" M.L. arrived accompanied by F.H. and M.L. gave C.B. a tin of soda

which he drank, he (C.B.) did not know that the sodas were stolen. C.B. further testified that on another occasion he had his car parked on the Main-street in Philipsburg and about 11 p.m. when he was about to go home M.L. accompanied by F.H. came to his car and asked him to drop them up the street - When he dropped them up the street, M.L. went to the back of the car and took out three cases of sodas and said to him (C.B.): "I left something for you" he latter discovered that the something was about 12-tins of sodas - He (C.B.) and some of his friends drank the sodas the next day, however he (C.B.) did not know that the sodas were stolen. The Prosecutor in his summary said that it had been proven that C.B. was guilty of the charge and demanded a punishment of 4 weeks imprisonment, conditionally suspended for 3 years and a fine of Fls. 50 or 10 days in prison. The Judge however condemned C.B. to 14 days imprisonment conditionally suspended for 3 years and a fine of Fls. 50.-- or 10 days in prison.

-Fernando Guillermo Hodge was charged with entering and stealing at two places. F.H. did not deny the charge, but said that he committed the acts because M.L. had asked him to do so. He declared that he had entered the hotel about 20 or more times and taken such items as, whiskey, rum, milk, cheese, sugar etc. - he explained that at the start he entered the hotel via the bar and dining room and used the keys which were always in the kitchen door to get to the storeroom - After a while he discovered that the keys were no longer left in the kitchen door, this made it impossible for him to get into the store-room, he reported this to M.L. who supplied him with a key - he went on to explain that the first key could not fit the door. He reported it to M.L. and he (F.H.) was given another key by M.L. - the second key was able to open the door and from then on it was easy going. Under cross examination F.H. said that he took the things for M.L. because he felt sorrow for M.L. who has two children and sometimes did not have anything to give them - He also explained how he and Lyman Halley had stolen from a snackbar in Philipsburg.

The Prosecutor demanded 1 year imprisonment. The Judge decided to give sentence on Febr. and on Febr. 27 the Judge condemned F.H. to 1-year imprisonment

-Gordon Morris Lake was accused of stealing with C.E.G., E.P., and F.H. from a hotel and snackbar in Philipsburg - M.L. did not deny the charge - The Prosecutor demanded 1 year imprisonment. The Judge decided to give sentence on Febr. 27 and on that date condemned M.L. to 1-year imprisonment.

Augusta Onori Thomas of Cole Bay was charged with threatening a man with a weapon (a hideous looking dagger) which