

APPENDIX "D".

INVASIONS OF POLICE STATIONS.

1. The Main Station on the South Side.

Sergeant Lainfiesta, B.H.C. states:-

"On the green a contingent man met me and told me that they
"had heard two contingent men had been arrested and they
"wanted them released. -----
"I went to Colonel Cran's house to advise him to release
"the two contingent men who had been arrested fearing the
"arrest might incite the contingent to do further damage.
"Colonel Cran and I went to the South Side Police Station.
"I found no crowd there and we were notified that there
were no contingent men there."

Joseph Blades, (Act'g. Ass't. Supt. of Police) states:-

"I ----- doubled to the South Side Police Station. I
"ran up the stairs of the Supt. of Police and while there
"I heard a crowd at the Police Station. I definitely heard
"Sergeant Vernon's voice. While I was coming down the steps
"the crowd doubled back and left the station."

R. C. Gordon, (Police Constable) states:-

"On the night of the 22nd July I was at the Station -----
"----- I heard but didn't see a crowd come to
the Station about after 9 o'clock and several men came
"into the Station. I was in the Station, but in the
"Sergeant's room. They came into the Charge room. I only
"heard them, I could not see them. The place was in dark-
"ness, the lights went out when they came in. I heard some-
body ask 'Who the hell have you got in here'. I never
"heard anyone answer. I heard someone went upstairs in the
"station. I never heard anything said and then that some-
one came down. I do not know whose voice it was that
"said 'who the hell have you got there'. I did not come
"out of the Sergeant's room until after the crowd moved
"out. I did not see them as they went away as the lights
"were still out and I cannot identify any of them. At
"that time there were about 8 constables in the station,
"of whom about 5 were in the room with me."

D. S. Rowland, (Police Constable) states:-

"Some among the crowd said 'Let us go to the Police Station!
"They went on, a very big crowd, to the Police Station. I
"ran ~~to~~ to the back of the station and climbed on the fence
"looked through the window and saw a crowd around the
"Station, some in the Station yard and some in the Station
"and Sergeant Vernon go (with one or two contingent men) in-
"to the Station, and up to the Charge Table with the stick
"held up in his hands in a threatening attitude. Vernon
"spoke to a constable who was in the room. I heard Sergeant
"Vernon say "who the hell have you got in the cell here".
"I did not hear the reply. He and some of the men then left
"and went upstairs in the Guard Room and they returned back
"and left the station. I cannot tell who Vernon was speak-
"ing to, or any of the names of the contingent men who were
"with him. There were civilians along with them too, hav-
"ing palings in their hands."

2. North Side Police Station.

W. H. Hoar, (Keeper of the Belize Prison) states:-

"I saw a large crowd coming from the direction of Mr. Sally
"Wolfsohn's towards the North Side Police Station. Someone,
"when they got to the Police Station, shouted 'Let's go to
"the Prison' and they all swept in a body into the North
"Side Police Station. I went across to the fence close
"the Baptist Church and looked over and saw them go in
"the two side doors. They went down Queen Street and
"no more of them."