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3 ACCUSED OF FALSE VISA PAPERS

The United States Vice Consul in Trinidad, Mrs. Melica Wells, told Magistrate R. R. Roopchand in the Port-of-Spain Third Police Court yesterday that if documents tendered by two young men had been in order, she would have granted them visas to enter the United States.

Mrs. Wells was testifying in cases against three men accused of uttering forged recommendations with intent to deceive. She was the only witness called yesterday after which further hearing was postponed until January 2, 1964.

Mrs. Wells leaves Trinidad on Friday for the United States after being attached to the Embassy in Port-of-Spain from October 1961. She is expected to take up another appointment, she told Mr. Roopchand yesterday.

The prosecution's case, conducted by Mr. Noor Hassanali, Crown Counsel, is alleging that the men — Ernest Smith, Leo Selman, and Lance Ahee —

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uttered the recommendations and tendered them to the United States Embassy when they applied for U.S. visas.

It is being alleged that Smith, of Ariapita Road, St. Ann's, uttered a recommendation purporting to be obtained from the Librarian, Public Library; that Selman, of St. James, uttered a similar document purporting to be obtained from Grell and Company Ltd.; and that Ahee uttered a recommendation purporting to have been obtained from L. J. Williams Marketing Co., Ltd.

The cases against Selman and Ahee are being taken summarily, while the charge against Smith is indictable

Solicitor for the defence, Mr. Rene Leotaud, told the magistrate having regard to the fact that the case had been brought

forward, he was not able to advise his client Selman how to proceed with the matter.

STRUGGLE IN COURT

Proceedings in the Port-of-Spain First Police Court were brought to a temporary halt yesterday when a prisoner, facing a charge of larceny of a pair of shoes, cuffed a police corporal on the chest in the presence of Magistrate N. R. Churchill-Johnston. A struggle followed and it took four policemen to escort the prisoner to the cells.

Detective Constable Woodley of the C.I.D., charged the man with the offence.

The magistrate postponed hearing of the case until next month.