BLAMES POLICE FOR HARLEM VICE: Lawlessness Reflects Indifference, Neglect

Dr. Tobias Challenges Officials To End Harlem Jim Crow, Bawdy Houses

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The unchallenged prevalence of houses of vice all over Harlem; the fact that business seems to have written off the area as a bad risk, and that it is a common thing for little children to compete with rats for bread, were highlighted in a sensational report on conditions in Harlem by Dr. Channing H. Tobias, director of the Philip-Stokes Fund, Tuesday night, at the Cooper Union Forum.

Accusing that "the crimes situation in the Harlem area is alarming," Dr. Tobias placed the "showing" nature of a crime wave and killing resulting from battles between rival, Two-gun, crack-up gangs. In an item that neither the police authorities nor the press could be able to cope with, he charged that the neighborhood had been subjected to all forms of illegalities that perfect liberty and openly and apparently with the connivance of the police authorities.

Dr. Tobias, in his own words, said that at least ten years, during which time there have been allegations that Harlem is the most lawless part of the city, "people have run to the police, the police have run to the people and as a result lawlessness reflects indifference, neglect and general lawlessness...."

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