

Crime in Harlem

AND THOSE WHO LIVE THERE

Let the police and the community join together for their legitimate demands.

But when we're standing and screaming as we are today, saying that it's a sin and a shame that you have to wait so long to find somebody in uniform (except when you don't need him), if we're saying they have a problem sometimes getting their rest (because they live so far from Harlem and outside the City of New York and by the time they get here they need some sleep), then let us provide ways to assist them. There is no reason why some black brother or sister living within the City of New York and who needs a job shouldn't be given preferential treatment to get on the New York City Police Dept.

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-Man.):

We in the Central Harlem community really do not need any more reports or studies about how dangerous our streets are. It is significant that we do have members of the New York City Police Dept. here, because what we have to talk about is what we have to do together.

We know we can find a policeman during the riots. It's no question that somehow then they get the people to man the streets. I suspect that come the Christmas holidays we'll see a lot of policemen in front of some of the merchants' stores on W. 125 St.

In my 42 years in Harlem, I think I must have been 30 years old before I found out that taking money from numbers players by policemen was illegal. I thought it was part of the game. But the problem that we have is that hostility has been brought out between those that have taken the oath to protect life and property and those in the community.

There are those that no longer even report robberies and muggings because they don't believe anyone's going to respond. And by the same token, that is just giving the policeman what he needs if he doesn't want to respond because he said no one told him about it. So I think what we're going to have to do is somehow create the atmosphere of accountability.

I'm a public servant, and God knows when you're ready to give me hell there is no problem in your doing it but the policeman on the corner is too, a public servant.

And we too must start recognizing . . . that we cannot scream about the mugger and the burglar and at the same time buy what he stole from the brother and sister. And I can't keep talking about the French and the Turks manufacturing opium when there are no French and Turks on our block selling it.

So we're going to have to get ourselves together. I ask the New York City Police Dept. to join with us not only in demanding more pay, more vacations, but as they make their legitimate demands, say that they cannot protect our community with the amount of men that they have. Because if they don't say it then we're compelled to believe that they don't want to protect our community.



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Fractured Leg Puts Rangel in Hospital

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.), Harlem Hospital with a fractured left leg. Rangel said the leg was fractured since he fell into a pothole some time ago and the injury was aggravated when he twisted it Monday night. The 42-year-old man, 42, was elected to Congress in the late Adam Clayton Powell in 1970. He served two terms last month.

Rangel Breaks Ankle While at Home

Harlem Rep. Charles Rangel is recovering satisfactorily at home from a broken ankle which he sustained in a fall at his home.

An aide to Rangel said JER that the congressman on his way to his Harlem home when he slipped and fell. He was ordered to spend a week at Harlem Hospital, but doctors said his condition was not serious and he was permitted to return for further recuperation.



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