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The Tag Is On Jefferson Avenue

This year—1970—three Negro doctors will offices located in the Masten and Ellicott Districts, have been robbed.

Early this year, Dr. Russell W. Holland was robbed in his dental office on Jefferson and E. Utica Sts. During the summer Dr. M. S. McGuire was attacked as he was leaving his garage. Two weeks ago Dr. E. E. Nelson was mugged in his office on Jefferson and Peckham Sts. by three thugs. Only the first case brought about an arrest of a suspect.

Added to this, drug stores on the same street—Jefferson—have been held up and burglarized so that at least seven of them have closed their doors and the balance have curtailed their hours, making it very difficult and inconvenient to have prescriptions filled and obtain emergency supplies.

Today the name of the street now getting the most publicity is Jefferson. It replaced William St., and later Ferry St., since the redevelopment days as far as notoriety is concerned.

In the case of William St., it received its stigma during prohibition days when it was noted for its alleged bootlegging—but because it was the main street near the ride streets where our people resided, it was known for the best business and social operation for the group, in spite of the slogan, urban redevelopment demolition changed this reality.

Ferry St. then picked up the tag for a much shorter duration, until Jefferson Ave. took over.

A thoroughfare, which crossed town and connected the two Negro areas, downtown and Cold Springs, was a beautiful, long street comprising three business sections and associations and at one time had a big water reservoir at the site of the stadium. The three business leagues included the William Street, Jefferson - Genesee and the North Jefferson Associations. To observe a street of this stature to fall into the reputation that it now has in just a short span of a decade should be the concern of the entire Negro leadership immediately before the investments in homes, business, churches, etc. fall to a slum status and great losses are suffered.

The attacks on the vital medical field are acts that contribute towards a trend of deprecation that hurts the whole community.

Editor's Mail

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Ed. The Buffalo Criterion
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Dear Editor:

I would like to call attention to the hypocritical inconsistency of the Democratic Party.

Democrats have always claimed to be our friend. Recently, again, Democrats have been making speeches for voting, to succeed. Mr. Rockefeller, Republican Governor of New York, and yet, on the other hand, Democrats do not, succeed in securing for the greater numbers of elected posts in the state. Democrats are not, succeed in securing for the greater numbers of elected posts in the state. Democrats are not, succeed in securing for the greater numbers of elected posts in the state. Democrats are