

## Kohn Attacks DAs, Judges As 'Political'

Managing Director Aaron M. Kohn of the Metropolitan Crime Commission has denounced public officials who, he says, let politics interfere with their duties as judges and prosecutors.

Speaking at yesterday's luncheon meeting of the Carrolton Kiwanis Club at Ye Olde College Inn, Kohn said politics should be removed from the prosecutors' offices if proper administration of justice is to be achieved.

Kohn said, "Our courts are totally inadequate. Judges are politically elected and they must maintain the good will of the public."

Kohn also criticized the general public for refusing to have a juvenile correctional center anywhere near them while calling for such an institution.

"People say, 'we want something done, but not here, not here,'" Kohn remarked.

Kohn charged that New Orleans was maintaining "Dark Ages laws to combat modern crime."

Said Kohn, "Our laws today are totally inadequate and outmoded. We lack the intelligence and foresight to deal with crime effectively."

Kohn cited figures indicating that crime has been escalating nationally nine times faster than the rate of population growth since 1960. New Orleans, he said, has had an increase of 14.5 per cent in serious crimes since last year.

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