

FOUR OUT OF ELEVEN CARS ON ROAD UNFIT

Possess Mechanical Faults That
Render Them Menace to
Other Traffic

Four out of every 11 automobiles traveling the highways today possess mechanical faults which render them exceedingly dangerous to life and property, the American Motorists association, in co-operation with the Automobile Club of Illinois, charges in a statement issued in Washington today.

A system of uniform inspection is advocated by the association as the best means of minimizing the danger resulting from improper maintenance of automobiles by their owners.

Year's Death Toll

"Last year 24,932 persons were killed in highway accidents of all kinds," says the association's statement. "While no strictly accurate figures are available, it is conservatively estimated that about 25 per cent of these fatalities can be attributed to faulty mechanism. If this figure is correct approximately 6,155 lives were lost last year because of improperly maintained automobiles, or nearly three times more than were lost through railroad grade crossing accidents.

"So serious has the Government considered this problem that Secretary of Commerce Robert P. Lamont recently appointed a special commission to make a study of the entire subject with a view to devising the best means for minimizing the danger. This commission, including some of the country's foremost men in the automotive industry, insurance business and highway safety

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work, will attempt to gather all the facts regarding accidents due to faulty vehicle maintenance. It is expected that from these facts it will be possible to prescribe technical requirements for proper maintenance including such items as brakes, headlights, horns, steering gear, tires, mirrors and windshield wipers and at the same time evolve methods for securing proper maintenance.

Problem Should Be Met

"The problem of the junk car should be met squarely by this commission. It is hoped that the facts

will justify placing technical requirements on a basis which will relegate the junk car to the junk heap.

Statistics show that drivers' license laws, in which standards are sufficiently high, have reduced casualties, says the association's statement. It would undoubtedly help to further reduce fatalities if such laws were uniform throughout the United States.

Tourists, mostly Americans, left \$353,000,000 in France last year. This ought to enable the French to pay something on the American war debt.

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