

### TOURISTS ARE ASKED NOT TO PESTER COPS

Motorists in Need of Touring Information Should Go to Right Office

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—Traffic safety, facility and direction in America suffer because of the selfishness of motor tourists who utilize traffic officers as information booths.

The American Automobile Association has reached this conclusion following investigations made by its National Touring Board and has taken the stand that the traffic officers of American cities must be relieved of this "information service" which so seriously interferes with the safe and free movement of vehicles.

A warning to this effect was issued today at the Association's National Headquarters in this city, following receipt of requests for such action by interested motorists. The association's observations of conditions range all the way from local driving to transcontinental touring in the interests of nearly a million organized motorists. The contention is that traffic direction in the country at the present time suffers because tourists seem to think a traffic officer is a handy information booth.

"Traffic officers in most cities are being imposed upon by a species of motor tourist who asks as he goes," says the A. A. A. "With motor clubs organized as they are and touring information services highly developed, a tourist under ordinary circumstances has no more right to ask a traffic officer which way to go than he has to ask the officer to help change a tire.

"Motorists report having been delayed a number of times by tourists who draw up to the center of a busy thoroughfare and ask their way, and we feel certain that hundreds of thousands of motorists have experienced the

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same annoyance. There are few occasions where a motorist is justified in inconveniencing others in order to ask his way. With touring information so highly developed, motorists can plan their route in advance and should do so. No experienced tourist ever enters a strange city without advance knowledge of the names and the courses of the main thoroughfares. He does not depend even upon signs.

"Many tourists take advantage of their 'foreign' license plates when seeking information that is not due them. They reason that the officers will note that they are strangers and will be disposed to help them accordingly. Unfortunately, too many traffic officers are too considerate of strangers under such circumstances at the expense of local drivers who must wait while the imprudent tourist is being given directions.

"There are a few occasions when it is difficult for a stranger to find his route, as when the streets given in the touring directions or on a map are being repaired and one is forced to detour. But these occasions are rare. And when anything like this confronts the motorist, he is not helping matters any by dis-

turbing traffic officers. If information can not be obtained in the usual way, the more logical and courteous thing to do is to park the car and make inquiries of those who are not obliged to inconvenience others in order to dispense the information desired.

"Motorists who are annoyed and delayed by tourists who ask as they go can do much to stop this practice of imposition. The A. A. A. will not advocate any methods that will destroy the feeling of good fellowship which should prevail on the streets and highways but will seek to get at the roots of the trouble. A. A. A. members will be encouraged to urge their friends to may out their trips beforehand and become familiar with the cities through which they will pass.

"It is a problem in tourist education and safety. The careless tourist must be made to realize that in disturbing traffic direction he disturbs a system upon which the safety and convenience of the general public hinges."

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### CHEMISTS WORKING TO SOLVE PROBLEM

Dr. Herty Declares Rubber Question Is Vital to National Industries

CLEVELAND, May 29.—The rubber situation is one of the most vital questions confronting the United States today and will be eventually solved by synthetic chemists, making the United States independent of other countries.

This statement was made yesterday by Dr. C. H. Herty, New York, president of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers' association, at the opening session of the second national convention of the Chemical Equipment Manufacturers' association in connection with the National Chemical Equipment show at Public Hall.

"It's up to the chemist, and he will solve the problem soon and make America independent of other countries," Dr. Herty said.

"Our big men of industry are aligning themselves closely with the chemist, the physicist and all other scientists. Take the synthetic rubber question. A chemist will take a potato and turn it into a solid rubber ball, but the process is costly and of no commercial value. I venture to say, however, that any day some one may come out with practical results that will put rubber below 20 cents a pound.

"Rubber consumers should give this matter most earnest thought. They should not only encourage the chemist to do research work, but should also give him the necessary funds to go into the question exhaustively as soon as possible.

"However, the chemist alone will not solve the synthetic rubber problem. There is no doubt in my mind that he will produce synthetic rubber that feels, and looks like the real thing, but I doubt whether the product will have the same physical properties

as caoutchouc. The chemist needs the physicist, and, hand in hand with him, artificial rubber will some day make for American independence."

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