

Legislation for Traffic Safety Is on Increase

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Washington - (UPI) - Every-
body talks about traffic safety -
even the President. But it is
mostly up to the states to do
something about it.

President Kennedy, who has
his own committee on traffic
safety, recently said the mat-
ter was one that "affects ev-
erybody."

The states are giving the
subject increasing attention.
For example, figures supplied
by the National Highway
Users conference show 25
states enacted legislation in
1961 strengthening standards
for motor car equipment.

Seven states - Georgia, Kan-
sas, Montana, Nevada, Ore-
gon, Utah and Washington -
tightened licensing laws to
require that driver applicants
submit their driving records in
their last state or residence.
Though no states enacted
new vehicle inspection laws,
five took it under study.

Oklahoma and New Hamp-
shire set up departments spe-
cifically concerned with safety.

Driver Education

Eight states put laws on
their books relating to driver
education and restricted
licenses for drivers under 18.
The trend in almost every
instance was toward requir-
ing completion of a driver ed-
ucation course before licens-
ing.

Three states made it tough-
er on drivers who drink by
enacting chemical test laws.
Five others strengthened
their existing laws.

Five states upped the min-
imum insurance coverage its
drivers must carry.

Turn signals, headlights and
the lighting of vehicles was
the subject of legislation in
14 states.

Reflectors, flares and fuses,
brake fluid - name it. Some
state legislatures made these
requirements tougher.

Even the obvious wasn't
overlooked.
Florida made it legislative-
ly clear that drivers must
keep their cars on the right
hand side of the road when
approaching a railroad cross-
ing.

And Maine took action
against another problem,
though it may not rank as
the worst in the annals of
traffic safety. It prohibited
driving in reverse on a one-
way street.

Infante Released On Bail of \$1,500

Nogales, Ariz. - (UPI) - Self-
styled Mexican revolutionary
leader Marcantonio Diaz-In-
fante was free on \$1,500 bail
today after Justice of the
Peace Gilbert C. Soto dismis-
sed one charge of defrauding
an innkeeper against him and
ordered him bound over to
Superior Court on another
charge.

At a preliminary hearing
Monday, Soto dismissed the
one charge but ordered him
held to answer another sim-
ilar charge.

The 39-year-old Diaz-In-
fante was arrested in Tucson,
Ariz., Friday night and taken
to Nogales. Diaz-Infante said
he had made good the debt.

No date has been set for
the Superior Court appear-
ance.

World's Fair Has Influx of Crooks

Seattle - (UPI) - It was appar-
ent to police today that the
Seattle World's Fair had at-
tracted an influx of pickpock-
ets, counterfeiter and con
men.

Four men and one woman
from British Columbia were
arrested and \$6,300 in coun-
terfeit Bank of America trav-
elers checks were confiscated
in an uptown motel early Sun-
day. They were arrested after
five bogus checks had been
passed in a downtown theater
restaurant.

Meantime, Secret Service
agents said at least three \$10
counterfeit bills had been
passed in downtown taverns
Saturday night.

Pickpockets took wallets
from the purses of at least
four women and one 13-year-
old boy on the fairgrounds
Sunday. The "dips" got a to-
tal of \$313.

The Police Department has
detailed a special squad of of-
ficers to the fairgrounds,
many of them plainclothes-
men specifically assigned to
watch for pickpockets.

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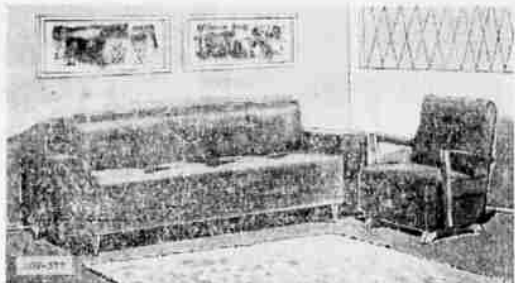
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