
TRAFFIC SAFETY

Efforts to reduce the ever-increasing number of highway accidents continued to occupy much of Governor Tawes' time and attention during his second term. He was appalled at the death and destruction caused by these accidents, and spoke often on the subject.

The Governor did more than talk about the problem, however. In addition to annual increases in the strength of the State Police, he urged the Judiciary to impose stern penalties on those who violated the traffic laws. Through the annual Governor's Safety-Health Conference and the Youth Traffic Safety Conference, he attempted to arouse the citizenry to the threat to life and property posed by the unsafe driver. A State Traffic Safety Advisory Council was created and placed under the direction of a special assistant to the Governor. Legislation was enacted to require youths under 18 to complete at least 30 hours of driver education before being granted an operator's license.

For its efforts in promoting traffic safety, Maryland in 1964 received six awards from the National Safety Council and recognition as one of the leading states in the nation in this field.

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The officers and members of the Safety First Club of Maryland have been most courteous and most helpful to me since I have been Governor of Maryland, and I should like to begin by expressing my deep gratitude for these favors. That I was honored to have been invited to come here today goes without saying. I enjoy the comradeship with each of you very much. I appreciate the cooperation you have given to me in my effort to promote traffic safety in our State.

Your executive vice-president, Maurice Shochatt, very graciously offered me this time in the luncheon program to give my "views" on traffic-safety problems. I welcome the opportunity, of course, but I think