

Transport in each Province to deal with every aspect of traffic. These problems are at once scientific and psychological. The existing practice of dealing with them partly through the police department and partly through the municipalities must be empirical. This new Ministry of Transport must be attached to the Noise Abatement Commission and Industrial Health Research Board, staffed by physicists, psychologists, physicians, lawyers and engineers. It may be said that proposals of this nature are premature, because in Indian cities the problem is not so serious as in London, New York, Paris and Berlin, but the level of noise and accidents is bound to rise year by year, and wise statesmanship should not wait till the torment becomes ungovernable.

The efforts of Government alone will not be adequate to grapple with the road problems, and the co-operation of the people is indispensable for their satisfactory solution. Every town should have a

People's Health League for securing protection of the public against noise, dust and accidents. The league when established might find it advantageous to work in collaboration with the educational institutions. It is the younger generation who stand in most need of imbibing the principles of public health and cultivating road courtesy and a cheerful adherence to law. It ought to be the imperative duty of Scout and Rover corps to utilise every opportunity of assisting the deformed beggars and unsophisticated village folk whenever, either out of ignorance or incapacity, they trespass the rules of traffic. Every member of the Health League and all the Scouts and Rovers should be invested with power by Government to bring to justice offenders of traffic regulations and public decency. A clean and wholesome street implies sweet and hygienic homes and both are an insurance against epidemic diseases. The task of fighting them is largely in the hands of the people themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

21st EXHIBITION CONGRESS ON CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

The twenty-first exhibition congress on Chemical Engineering will be held in Frankfurt am Main from 9th to 15th June 1985.

The exhibition and congress will provide the members with comprehensive information on the state of technology in the field of Chemical Engineering with particular reference to those working in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries, petrochemistry, the

food industry, biotechnology and the ceramic industry. Pollution control, biotechnology, offshore processing plants and water desalination technology, raw material and energy saving as well as safety are topics of great importance during the exhibition.

For details please refer to: DECHEMA Organisation ACHEMA, Postfach 970146, D-6000 Frankfurt am Main 97, Germany.

THE SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIBRATIONAL SPECTROSCOPY

The Second National Conference on Vibrational Spectroscopy will be held at the Division of Applied Sciences, Anna University, Madras Institute of Technology, Madras during 20-22 May 1985. The broad fields of specialisation to be covered include 'current and developing applications of vibrational

spectroscopy and the development of equipment of instrumentation'. Further details can be had from Dr S. Mohan, Conference Organiser, Division of Applied Sciences, Anna University, Madras Institute of Technology, Chromepet, Madras 600 44.
