

The Federal Government, along with private organizations and provincial governments, has been concerned with automobile and highway safety for some time. Although the provinces have legislative jurisdiction in many areas of this problem, within the past month, the Federal Government has taken an initiative in deciding to set up a public advisory board on highway safety composed of representatives from the provinces, the industry, safety organizations and other interested groups. In addition a committee has been established in the Department of Transport to assume responsibility for the co-ordination of all the Federal Government activities in this field, for example, from setting government purchasing specifications to research on skidding at the National Research Council.

This committee will also sort out the responsibilities of various levels of government in respect of automobiles and highway safety.

The Federal Government feels that now is the time to make a concerted effort insofar as it is constitutionally able, to reduce the human and material carnage which springs from our affluence, our desire for personal mobility and the transport needs of our economic system. In our growing world of automobiles, it will never be cheaper or easier than it is now to attack this problem.

The Canada-United States Automotive Agreement is designed to provide a rationalization of the automotive industry on a continental basis. The agreement is particularly well adapted to