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However, the Supreme Court exercised its prerogative to increase the penalty by adding imprisonment to the fine and used the following language:

"x x x After more or less extensive deliberations the great majority believe that because of the relatively large amount of the tax delinquency, the penalty should be increased as recommended by the Solicitor General. In addition to the fine of ₱1,000.00 with subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency, we hereby sentence appellant to three (3) months imprisonment, with the accessories of the law."

Philippine Safety Council

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DECEMBER will be an important month in the national safety movement. Far from taking a holiday at this time, the P.S.C. technical staff will work overtime, as December is the worst month of the year for many kinds of fires and accidents. People being human, they let their guard down during the Holidays, resulting in unusual difficulties arising in traffic, security, production, and fire-prevention factors.

The joint air-ground payroll-delivery and cash-collection service is being incorporated and will be in operation before the first of the year. An armored car and a specially built airplane will be used. Inquiries are invited.

Special efforts are being devoted to the tourism movement and the coming International Fair. The Council is officially advising the Fair management in safety matters, and is working closely with the Travel and Tourist Association. The Manila Taxicabs & Garages Association, assisted by the Taxicab Inspection Service, is vigorously raising standards to meet the influx of expected visitors.

The new National Traffic Commission and the Fire-Prevention Board are both meeting regularly. However, two important government safety units, the Advisory Safety Council to the Secretary of Labor and the Provincial Bus Terminals Board, have not met for months. It would appear that there is much for all of these groups to do.

The "free car-safety check", conducted by the Manila Trading & Supply Company in conjunction with the Council, has proved to be a success and the service will soon be broadened to other firms. It is noteworthy that only about 25% of the vehicles tested are approved from the standpoint of mechanical safety.

Other items receiving special attention now include arson prevention, lectures to professional drivers, showing of safety films, organization of provincial chapters or co-operating committees, and inspection of security units. All members of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines are invited to join the Philippine Safety Council beginning in 1953. Nearly 50 members already belong.

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