# ne and Surrounding Cou



### Let's Save Some Lives

As we all know, there are more than 30,-000 persons killed in motor vehicle accidents in this country every year. The American public, and that includes all of us, has been strangely apathetic over this terrible death toll on our highways.

We all seem to take it for granted that motor vehicles and dead pedestrians go together and even if, at times, the occupants of the automobiles get killed, the accident is usually termed "unavoidable."

With the Fourth of July weekend in the offing, it is certainly timely to warn drivers of motor vehicles of all kinds to be particularly careful. Let's not permit this celebration to end in a carnage of death for hundreds of people. The oft-repeated warning, "If you must drink, don't drive," is certainly applicable this time.

Be extra careful—remember—the life you save may be your own!

# Prices—Going Up

One of the results of recent labor-management contracts in the automobile field, which are sure to be followed by contracts in other

other company, will not assume the added cost of 20 cents an hour per worker as they have under the contract just signed and not ncur rising production costs.

Not only will these companies have rising production costs this year, but the contracts recently signed with the two major automobile mes provide for an additional raise of 12 cents an hour by 1957. While these added wages will also increase buying power, which is good for the economy, the increases may brate the anniversary of the signing of this also necessitate a higher price tag on auto-

The best hope of avoiding such a price it would do us all good.

rise is the chance of decreased taxes, which would offset the increase in price which will eventually have to be made—unless unexpect-ed production savings are realized in these

and many other companies.

The answer, at least in the next two years, probobaly lies in the direction of tax relief. In the long run, however, industry will have to depend upon increased mechanization and labor-saving machinery to keep costs down, while wages go up. In fact, it might even be said that the key to holding the price level comparatively stable is further mechanization in production systems:

## July 4th, 1955

On next Monday, July 4th, the people of the United States will celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This document, proclaiming the independence of the 13 colonies in America, signed by the delegates to the Continental Congress, was, in some particulars, no more than a recognition of the existing state of affairs.

Signed by John Hancock, the President of the Congress, on July 4th, 1776, the Declaration was subsequently engrossed on parch-ment and signed by 53 members of the Con-

gress on August 2 of the same year.

Largely drafted by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence expresses the essence of Jefferson's own personal political philosophy. This, briefly, is the idea that men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, including life,

liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Moreover, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men and derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. The Declaration asserts that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government; laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness.

It seems strange to us, in this day, to reflect that the Declaration of Independence, which proclaimed the principles of the colonists in their war for independence, does not express the spirit of some of the descendants of the men who fought under General Washington. Human nature being what it is, it is perhaps inevitable that there should be a large number of people in every country de-voted to the established order, whatever it is, and however it may have worked.

industries, will be rising prices.

While we admire the handiwork of those
It takes no genius to realize that the Ford who framed the machinery of our Federal
Motor company, or General Motors, or any Government, and we believe in the principles Government, and we believe in the principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence, we find ourselves more tolerant of those who advocate changes from time to time. We believe that the defects of our present governmental system, whatever they may be, are due more to men than to the machinery of government and, we, therefore, realize that, from time to time, some adjustments are nec-

essary time to read its words. The reading of

"... and the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there."







things. Underlying all of them is the emphasis upon the material and the mechanical. Marvelous progress in these lines is noted. If made at the expense of the spiritual, it costs

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