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Experimental Pilot Emergency Communication System for Highways Approved by Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors recently unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn requesting the State Highway Department to establish an experimental, pilot emergency communications system on the freeways in the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles County.

Supervisor Hahn, who has long fought to get the State Highway Department to assume this responsibility for the safety and welfare of the motoring public, pointed out that the problem caused by lack of emergency communications on the freeways grows more serious each day as traffic continues to increase.

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"A motorist stranded on the freeway with a flat tire or engine trouble is absolutely helpless. There is nothing that he can do but wait until a motorcycle officer comes along. In the meantime, he is exposed to the hazards of freeway traffic, and he may

cause a serious traffic jam. "In emergency situations such as accidents and fires the problem is even more severe. There is no way to summon help, or to call for police, the fire department, or an ambulance," Supervisor Hahn declared.

Yet, in spite of the fact that the need for an emergency communications system on the freeways has been called to the attention of the State Highway Department repeatedly over the past 14 years, nothing has been done to solve the problem, he continued.

"There are advance communications techniques now available which could be installed at low cost which would effectively solve this problem," Supervisor Hahn declared.

The pilot communications system should be established on the Harbor freeway since it carries the heaviest concentration of cars and trucks in the world, with a daily average of 200,000 vehicles.



CONGRATULATED—Dr. B. E. Kuchar (right), heart and chest surgeon, is congratulated by Dr. Robert F. Nielsen, program chairman, following a speech on "Selected Aspects of Vascular Surgery" presented at the recent meeting of Torrance Memorial Hospital staff at Palms Restaurant.

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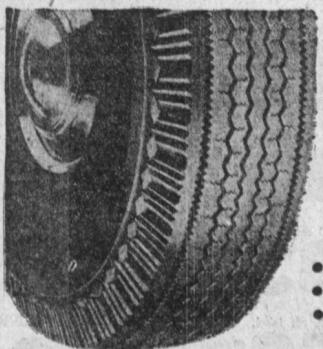
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