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To bring about the adoption of uniformly successful methods of road construction is one of the important objects of the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses. It is also concerned with the standardization and improvement of materials and the development of tests to determine qualities of materials.

As an aid to this end, the Association, at the Fifth International Road Congress held in Milan, Italy, September, 1926, created, by resolution, an International Committee on Nomenclature and Tests. It was the duty of the committee to establish a standard nomenclature or glossary of road construction materials and methods, and to unify the testing methods for tars, bitumens and asphalts.

The committee has held three meetings--one in 1927, one in 1928 and the third in June, 1930. It will report the progress it has made at the Sixth International Road Congress to be held in Washington, October 6-11.

The Congress will be held under the general auspices of the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses, with headquarters in Paris. Details of arrangement are being cared for by the American Organizing Commission, appointed by the Secretary of State, and with headquarters at 1725 N Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Some 500 foreign delegates will attend, representing more than 50 of the 77 foreign nations to whom invitations were sent by the State Department. In addition to the foreign and diplomatic participants, about a thousand American delegates are expected to be present.

The Congress will be divided into two sections, one dealing with construction and maintenance of highways, the other with traffic and administration. Each section has been allotted three questions for discussion. The first section will consider questions regarding the results obtained by use of cement, bricks or other artificial paving, the use of tar, bitumen and asphalt in road construction, and the construction of roads in new countries. The second will discuss ways and means of financing highways, coordination of highway transport with other forms of communication, and traffic regulations in large cities and their suburbs, and parking and garaging of vehicles.

All reports to the Congress will be interpreted in four official languages, English, French, Spanish and German, by use of microphones and earphones.

The first plenary session, to which the public is invited, will be held in Continental Hall, Monday afternoon, October 6. All other sessions will convene in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The Permanent International Association of Road Congresses was organized in Paris in 1908. Its present membership is about 2,000. Its primary function is to act as a clearing house for distribution of results of research and experience bearing upon all phases of highway development and use.

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