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REPORT OF  
FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
JULY 1, 1937 - JUNE 30, 1938

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Los Angeles, California

July 30, 1938

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
501 Hall of Records  
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a statistical report of the operation of the Coroner's Office for the fiscal year 1937-38.

The case load for this fiscal period was 5783, or 287 less than during the fiscal year 1936-37, which was largely due to the fact that this community generally enjoyed a much lower death rate than usual during the past year, causing a reduction in the number of deaths from disease while unattended by physicians, and to a marked decrease in the number of motor vehicle fatalities. It is noteworthy that there were 99 or 9.2% fewer automobile deaths during the past year than in the preceding year, and this is the first year since 1924-25 in which any decrease in this type of fatality has been experienced.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORONER, Los Angeles County

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REPORT OF FRANK A. NANCE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1937-38

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JULY	1937	437
AUGUST	"	421
SEPTEMBER	"	456
OCTOBER	"	451
NOVEMBER	"	486
DECEMBER	"	573
JANUARY	1938	557
FEBRUARY	"	494
MARCH	"	514
APRIL	"	457
MAY	"	498
JUNE	"	<u>439</u>
	TOTAL	<u>5783</u>
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MALE		3952
FEMALE		<u>1831</u>
	TOTAL	<u>5783</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		3737
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY		<u>2046</u>
	TOTAL	<u>5783</u>

MEMO: After the completion of this report it was found that 1 death that had occurred during this fiscal year had been omitted. It is, therefore, necessary to add 1 to the total number of deaths and 1 to the number of deaths by motor vehicle.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

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HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:		
AEROPLANE	24	
ASPHYXIATION	6	
BURNS	73	
CRUSHING	2	
DROWNING	69	
ELECTROCUTION	3	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	24	
FALLS	318	
FIREARMS	11	
HEAD INJURY	84	
INDUSTRIAL	100	
INFECTION	30	
MISCELLANEOUS	28	
MOTOR VEHICLE	976	
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM 47)	94	
STEAM RAILWAY	24	
STRANGULATION	7	
SUFFOCATION	<u>16</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>1889</u>
HOMICIDES	126	
SUICIDES	676	
ABORTIONS	20	
NATURAL CAUSES	3019	
PREMATURE BIRTHS	17	
STILLBORN	11	
UNKNOWN CAUSES	<u>25</u>	
	GRAND TOTAL	<u>5783</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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		<u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u>	<u>ELECTRIC RY.</u>	<u>STEAM RY.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY	1937	83	0	4	87
AUGUST	"	81	0	4	85
SEPTEMBER	"	74	1	2	77
OCTOBER	"	90	0	3	93
NOVEMBER	"	88	3	3	94
DECEMBER	"	114	3	1	118
JANUARY	1938	71	4	1	76
FEBRUARY	"	82	3	0	85
MARCH	"	76	4	1	81
APRIL	"	75	1	2	78
MAY	"	70	2	1	73
JUNE	"	72	3	2	76
	TOTAL	976	24	24	1024

IN ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLE" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED.

"ELECTRIC AND STEAM RY." INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN OR PASSENGER IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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PEDESTRIAN

JULY	1937	44
AUGUST	"	43
SEPTEMBER	"	29
OCTOBER	"	47
NOVEMBER	"	49
DECEMBER	"	66
JANUARY	1938	36
FEBRUARY	"	39
MARCH	"	39
APRIL	"	39
MAY	"	34
JUNE	"	<u>30</u>
	TOTAL	<u>495</u>
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MALE		353
FEMALE		<u>142</u>
	TOTAL	<u>495</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		310
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY		184
OUTSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY: DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A. COUNTY		<u>1</u>
	TOTAL	<u>495</u>



TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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PEDESTRIAN

AGES

LESS THAN 1 YR.	1	
1 to 2 yrs.	6	
2 to 5 yrs.	11	
5 to 10 yrs.	17	
10 to 20 yrs.	11	
20 to 45 yrs.	73	
45 to 65 yrs.	197	
65 and over	<u>179</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>495</u>

NATURE

AUTO AND PEDESTRIAN	475	
TRUCK AND PEDESTRIAN	13	
MOTORCYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN	3	
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN	1	
BUS AND PEDESTRIAN	2	
AMBULANCE AND PEDESTRIAN	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>495</u>

AT INTERSECTIONS	239	
OTHER THAN INTERSECTION	<u>256</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>495</u>

A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	99	
P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	394	
NOON	<u>2</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>495</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

CAUSES

CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	129
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	122
PLAYING IN STREET	10
RUNNING IN STREET	17
STANDING IN STREET	1
WALKING IN STREET	13
BACKING	8
SKIDDING	1
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	59
INTOXICATION	14
RECKLESS DRIVING	108
CAUGHT BETWEEN AUTO AND GARAGE DOOR	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN TRUCK AND TRAILER	1
CRANKED AUTO WHILE IN GEAR	1
PASSENGER STRUCK HEAD AGAINST ROBE-RAIL	1
FELL FROM WAGON: STRUCK BY AUTO	1
AUTO OVERTURNED: STRUCK PEDESTRIAN	1
PUSHING STALLED AUTO: FELL UNDERNEATH	1
SKATING IN DRIVEWAY	1
STRUCK BY DRIVERLESS CAR	3
DEFECTIVE BRAKES	<u>2</u>

TOTAL

495



TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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PEDESTRIAN

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	136
FEMALE DRIVERS	12
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	36

EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	289
FEMALE DRIVERS	13
DRIVERLESS	<u>9</u>

TOTAL 495

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HIT AND RUN CASES 54

H.B.D. CASES: PEDESTRIAN 36, DRIVER 11 47

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1937	39	
AUGUST	"	38	
SEPTEMBER	"	45	
OCTOBER	"	43	
NOVEMBER	"	39	
DECEMBER	"	48	
JANUARY	1938	35	
FEBRUARY	"	43	
MARCH	"	37	
APRIL	2	36	
MAY	"	36	
JUNE	"	<u>42</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>481</u>
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MALE		349	
FEMALE		<u>132</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>481</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		214	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY		245	
OUTSIDE OF L.A. CO.-DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A. COUNTY		<u>22</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>481</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

Less than 1 yr.	2	
1 to 2 yrs.	1	
2 to 5 yrs.	7	
5 to 10 yrs.	5	
10 to 20 yrs.	78	
20 to 45 yrs.	243	
45 to 65 yrs.	103	
65 and over	<u>42</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>481</u>

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NATURE

<u>COLLISION:</u>	
AUTO AND AUTO	137
AUTO AND TRUCK	62
AUTO AND MOTORCYCLE	18
AUTO AND BICYCLE	19
AUTO AND BUS	3
AUTO AND WHEELCHAIR	2
AUTO AND TRUCK TRAILER	2
AUTO AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	32
AUTO AND STEAM RAILWAY	28
AUTO AND TREE	20
AUTO AND POLE	27
AUTO AND ABUTMENT	2
AUTO AND HOUSE	1
TRUCK AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	4
TRUCK AND STEAM RAILWAY	4

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

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NATURE (Continued)

TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE	4	
TRUCK AND BICYCLE	6	
TRUCK AND POLE	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND ELECTRIC RY.	2	
MOTORCYCLE AND STEAM RY.	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND MOTORCYCLE	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND SAFETY ZONE	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL		377
NON-COLLISION:		
VEHICLES OVERTURNED	85	
AUTO INTO RIVER	3	
AUTO DRIVEN OFF CLIFF	2	
FALLS FROM VEHICLE	<u>14</u>	
GRAND TOTAL		<u>481</u>
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AT INTERSECTION	272	
OTHER THAN INTERSECTION	<u>209</u>	
TOTAL		<u>481</u>
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A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	111	
P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	363	
NOON	3	
MIDNIGHT	1	
UNKNOWN	<u>3</u>	
TOTAL		<u>481</u>

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

CAUSES

COLLISION:

INCOMPETENT HANDLING	92
INTOXICATION	2
RECKLESS DRIVING	54
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE	8
SKIDDING	2
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	3
RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATED	114
DRIVER ASLEEP	3
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RY. CROSSING	64
WEATHER CONDITION	2
LOST CONTROL	31
TIRE BLOW OUT	1
PREMATURE BIRTH DUE TO COLLISION	1
UNKNOWN CAUSE - NO WITNESSES	<u>1</u>

TOTAL 378

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO OVERTURNED - LOST CONTROL	60
RECKLESS DRIVING	18
INTOXICATION	3
DEFECTIVE BRAKES	1
DRIVER ASLEEP	1
TIRE BLOW OUT	2
DROVE OFF CLIFF	2
DROVE INTO RIVER	3

FALLS FROM VEHICLE:

IMPROPER RIDING	4
THROUGH OPEN DOOR	5
TURNING CORNER	1
FALL OR JUMP	<u>3</u>

GRAND TOTAL 481

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	159
FEMALE DRIVERS	24
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	4
TRAIN CREWS	3

EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS	109
FEMALE DRIVERS	7
TRAIN CREWS	65

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST BEFORE A JURY  
WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS	99
FEMALE DRIVERS	<u>11</u>

TOTAL 481

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HIT AND RUN CASES	1
H. B. D. CASES	23

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1937	0	
AUGUST	"	0	
SEPTEMBER	"	1	
OCTOBER	"	0	
NOVEMBER	"	3	
DECEMBER	"	3	
JANUARY	1938	4	
FEBRUARY	"	3	
MARCH	"	4	
APRIL	"	1	
MAY	"	2	
JUNE	"	<u>3</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>24</u>
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MALE		17	
FEMALE		<u>7</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>24</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES		19	
IN CO. OF L.A OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY		<u>5</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>24</u>
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	<u>AGES</u>		
20	to 45 yrs.	3	
45	to 65 yrs.	7	
65	and over	<u>14</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>24</u>



ELECTRIC RAILWAY

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ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	3	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	<u>21</u>	
TOTAL		<u>24</u>

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CAUSES

ATTEMPTING TO ALIGHT FROM MOVING STREET CAR	3	
CROSSING RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY	12	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING BY MOTORMAN	5	
INTOXICATION BY PEDESTRIAN	1	
L. YING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	1	
CRUSHED BETWEEN STREET CAR AND TRUCK	1	
FALL FROM STREET CAR	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL		<u>24</u>

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HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY: TRAIN CREWS	5	
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY: TRAIN CREWS	<u>19</u>	
TOTAL		<u>24</u>

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STREET CARS INVOLVED	20	
INTERURBAN TRAINS	<u>4</u>	
TOTAL		<u>24</u>

STEAM RAILWAY

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JULY	1937	4
AUGUST	"	4
SEPTEMBER	"	2
OCTOBER	"	3
NOVEMBER	"	3
DECEMBER	"	1
JANUARY	1938	1
FEBRUARY	"	0
MARCH	"	1
APRIL	"	2
MAY	"	1
JUNE	"	<u>2</u>

TOTAL

24

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MALE	20
FEMALE	<u>4</u>

TOTAL

24

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	23
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	10
IN OREGON: DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A. CO.	<u>1</u>

TOTAL

24

AGES

5	to	10	yrs.	1
10	to	20	yrs.	1
20	to	45	yrs.	12
45	to	65	yrs.	7
65	and	over		<u>3</u>

TOTAL

24

STEAM RAILWAY

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STEAM RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	6	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	17	
STEAM RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL		<u>24</u>

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WALKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	9	
ATTEMPTING TO BOARD MOVING FREIGHT TRAIN	5	
WHILE STEALING RIDE	3	
ATTEMPTING TO ALIGHT FROM MOVING PASSENGER TRAIN	3	
PASSENGER FELL FROM MOVING PASSENGER TRAIN (OREGON)	1	
ASLEEP ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	2	
UNKNOWN: FOUND LYING ON TRACK	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL		<u>24</u>

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EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY: TRAIN CREWS		<u>24</u>
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PASSENGER TRAINS INVOLVED	9	
FREIGHT TRAINS INVOLVED	<u>15</u>	
TOTAL		<u>24</u>

SUMMARY

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE	704	272	976
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	16	8	24
STEAM RAILWAY	<u>20</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>24</u>
TOTAL	740	284	1024

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1937	9
AUGUST	"	10
SEPTEMBER	"	10
OCTOBER	"	7
NOVEMBER	"	3
DECEMBER	"	16
JANUARY	1938	6
FEBRUARY	"	6
MARCH	"	10
APRIL	"	4
MAY	"	11
JUNE	"	<u>8</u>

TOTAL 100

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MALE 100

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	52
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	42
OUTSIDE OF L.A. CO.-DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A.CO.	<u>6</u>

TOTAL 100

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AGES

10 to 20 yrs.	3
20 to 45 yrs.	59
45 to 65 yrs.	30
65 and over	<u>8</u>

TOTAL 100

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

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NATURE

ANIMAL INJURY	2
ASPHYXIATION	1
BURNS	8
CRUSHING	17
DECAPITATION	1
ELECTROCUTION	8
FALLS	31
FRACTURED BACK	2
HEAD INJURY	21
INFECTION	5
PULMONARY EDEMA	1
PULMONARY CONGESTION	1
SUFFOCATION	<u>2</u>

TOTAL

100

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CAUSES

<u>ANIMAL INJURY:</u>	
KICKED BY MULE	1
BITTEN BY DOG - RABIES DEVELOPED	1
<u>ASPHYXIATION:</u>	
WHILE GAUGING GASOLINE TANK	1
<u>BURNS:</u>	
UPSET BUCKET OF HOT ASPHALT	1
DUE TO GAS EXPLOSION	3
EXPLOSION OF OIL TANK	1
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE	1
EXPLOSION OF PAINT REMOVER	1
WHILE WORKING IN FOUNDRY	1

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

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CRUSHING:

STRUCK BY FALLING CASING ON OIL WELL	1
FELL INTO CONCRETE MIXER	1
FELL INTO CONVEYOR	1
FELL INTO SALAD MIXER	1
STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER	3
FALL DOWN HATCH ABOARD SHIP	1
STRUCK BY BALE OF RUBBER	1
CAUGHT UNDER OVERTURNED TRACTOR	1
CAUGHT IN MACHINERY	2
AUTO ROLLED OFF GREASE RACK	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN AUTO AND BENCH	1
CRUSHED IN STALL BY HORSE	1
STRUCK BY FALLING ROCK	1
WHILE SWITCHING STREET CARS	1
<u>DECAPITATION:</u>	
BY WIND MACHINE ON MOVIE SET	1
<u>ELECTROCUTION:</u>	
WHILE REPAIRING WASHING MACHINE	1
CAME IN CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	5
WHILE PAINTING TRANSFORMERS	1
CRANE CONTACTED BY LIVE WIRE	1
<u>FALLS:</u>	
FROM BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION	13
FROM LADDER: WHILE PAINTING	5
FROM SCAFFOLD	3
FROM SMOKESTACK: WHILE PAINTING	1
FROM ENGINE ROOM TO DECK OF BOAT	1
FROM OIL DERRICK	2

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

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CAUSES

FALLS (Continued):

DOWN STAIRS: TRIPPED OVER OBJECT 2

FROM ROOF OF BUILDING 2

WORKING ON IRRIGATION PROJECT 1

FROM OIL TANK: OVERCOME BY FUMES 1

FRACTURED BACK:

LIFTING HEAVY ROCK 1

STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER 1

HEAD INJURY:

DUE TO FALLS 16

STRUCK BY FALLING IRON PIPE 2

STRUCK BY BOOM ON DITCH DIGGER 1

STRUCK BY FALLING BLOCK ON OIL DERRICK 1

STRUCK BY FALLING PLANK 1

INFECTION:

INJURED THUMB: TETANUS DEVELOPED 1

INJURED FOOT: TETANUS DEVELOPED 1

INJURED HAND: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED 2

INJURED KNEE: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED 1

PULMONARY EDEMA:

SET UP BY INHALATION OF FUMES 1

PULMONARY CONJECTION:

SET UP BY FUMES FROM BURNING RUBBISH 1

SUFFOCATION:

CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN 2

TOTAL

100



MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1937		49	
AUGUST	"		36	
SEPTEMBER	"		70	
OCTOBER	"		54	
NOVEMBER	"		67	
DECEMBER	"		79	
JANUARY	1938		56	
FEBRUARY	"		66	
MARCH	"		89	
APRIL	"		63	
MAY	"		63	
JUNE	"		<u>49</u>	
		TOTAL		<u>741</u>
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MALE			400	
FEMALE			<u>341</u>	
		TOTAL		<u>741</u>
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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES			442	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY			292	
OUTSIDE OF L.A.CO.-DEATH OCCURRING IN L.A. CO.			<u>7</u>	
		TOTAL		<u>741</u>
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		<u>AGES</u>		
Less than	1 yr.		20	
1 to	2 yrs.		15	
2 to	5 yrs.		16	
5 to	10 yrs.		13	
10 to	20 yrs.		54	
20 to	45 yrs.		161	
45 to	65 yrs.		140	
65 and over			<u>322</u>	
		TOTAL		<u>741</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	6
BURNS	73
CRUSHING	2
DROWNING	69
ELECTROCUTION	3
FALLS	318
FIREARMS	11
HEAD INJURIES	84
INFECTIONS	30
MISCELLANEOUS	28
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM 47)	94
STRANGULATION	7
SUFFOCATION	<u>16</u>

TOTAL

741

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CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:

FUMES FROM CESSPOOL	2
REGURGITATION OF FOOD	1
INHALED FUMES FROM PACK ON NOSE AFTER OPERATION	1
INHALING SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING	2

BURNS:

CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS STOVE	17
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM CIGARETTE	8
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM CANDLE	1
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM MATCH	1
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM BONFIRE AND INCINERATOR	2
LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM	6
TRAPPED IN BURNING BUILDING	<u>12</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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FELL INTO HOT WATER	2
UPSET POT OF HOT TEA	1
UPSET POT OF HOT GREASE	1
BABY TURNED ON HOT WATER IN BATH TUB	1
BURNED BY UNKNOWN ACIT	1
BURNED BY ELECTRIC PAD	3
PLAYING WITH MATCHES	1
EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE	8
EXPLOSION OF GAS STOVE	2
BY OVERTURNED LAMP	1
BY HIGH TENSION WIRE	2
BY HOT LIQUOR	3
<u>CRUSHING:</u>	
<u>DURING FLOOD</u>	1
JACK COLLAPSED	1
<u>DROWNING:</u>	
<u>DURING FLOOD</u>	23
INABILITY TO SWIM	9
EXHAUSTED WHILE SWIMMING	5
CAUGHT IN RIPTIDE	3
FELL FROM BOAT	3
FELL FROM DOCK	1
FELL FROM RAFT	3
BOAT CAPSIZED	2
FELL INTO GRAVEL PIT	1
FELL INTO FISH POND	2
IN BATHTUB: EPILEPTIC FIT	2
IN TANK, DUE TO FAINTING	1
FELL FROM SURFBOARD	1
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	13

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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<u>ELECTROCUTION:</u>	
CONTACTED LIVEWIRE AT HOME	2
CONTACTED LIVEWIRE WHILE IN BATHTUB	1
<u>FALLS:</u>	
<u>TO FLOOR</u> - OLD AGE	157
DUE TO ILLNESS	32
TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	13
WHILE SKATING	1
BABY FELL FROM CRIB	2
DUE TO WET FLOOR	1
INTOXICATION	3
<u>TO STREET:</u> OLD AGE	28
DUE TO ILLNESS	1
TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	5
WHILE PLAYING	1
SKATING	1
INTOXICATION	3
PUSHING STALLED AUTO	1
PUSHING CART	1
COLLIDED WITH BICYCLIST	1
DUE TO WET PAVEMENT	1
<u>DOWN STAIRS:</u> OLD AGE	21
INTOXICATION	3
DUE TO ILLNESS	1
TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	1
DUE TO BLINDNESS	1
<u>IN YARD AT HOME:</u> OLD AGE	11
TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	2
TRIMMING ROSES	1
WHILE PLAYING	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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FALLS, Continued

FROM WAGON: DUE TO SUNSTROKE	1
FROM WINDOW: OLD AGE	1
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3
FROM PORCH: OLD AGE	1
DUE TO ILLNESS	2
INTOXICATION	1
WHILE REPAIRING PORCH AT HOME	1
FROM ROCKS: UNKNOWN CAUSE	1
FROM BRIDGE: WHETHER ACC. OR SU.UNDETERMINED	2
FROM FIRE ESCAPE: WHILE CLIMBING	1
INTOXICATION	1
FROM LADDER: WHILE WORKING AT HOME	3
FROM PLATFORM: DUE TO ILLNESS	1
WHILE PRACTICING TRAPEZE ACT	2
FROM CLIFF: WHETHER ACC. OR SU. UNDETERMINED	1
FROM ROOF, WHILE REPAIRING SAME	1
INTO BATHTUB: DUE TO ILLNESS	1
<u>FIREARMS:</u>	
PLAYING WITH GUN	5
WHILE CLEANING GUN	1
CARELESS HANDLING	1
ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN	1
WHETHER ACC. OR SU. UNDETERMINED	3

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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HEAD INJURIES:

DUE TO FALLS	60
FALL FROM HORSE	5
STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER	1
SELF-INFLICTED WHILE DEMENTED	1
CAUGHT IN CAVE--IN	2
UNKNOWN CAUSE	6
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	6
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3

INFECTIONS:

INJURED FOOT - TETANUS DEVELOPED	7
INJURED LEG - TETANUS DEVELOPED	2
INJURED HAND - TETANUS DEVELOPED	1
IMPROPERLY TREATED UMBILICAL CORD-TETANUS	1
INJURED FOOT - GANGRENE SET UP	3
INJURED FOOT - SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
INJURED ARM - SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
INJURED LEG - SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1
COLON PUNCTURED BY CHICKEN BONE-PERITONITIS	1
BODY INJURY - PERITONITIS DEVELOPED	1
SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED AFTER EXTRACTION TEETH	1
INJURED LEG - CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1
INJURED HAND - CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1
INJURY TO FACE - CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1
INJURED HAND - GAS BACILLUS	1
INJURED ARM - LYMPHANGITIS DEVELOPED	1
INJURED ARM - SEPTIC PNEUMONIA DEVELOPED	1
CUT HAND - INFECTION AND HEMORRHAGE	1
RABIES DEVELOPED AFTER DOG BITE	3



MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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MISCELLANEOUS:

FRACTURED NECK-DIVING INTO SHALLOW WATER	3
FRACTURED NECK - FALL AT HOME	2
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK BY SURFBOARD	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM SLED	1
BODILY INJURY - UNKNOWN CAUSE	1
BODILY INJURY - WHETHER ACC. OR HOM.UNDETERMINED	4
BODILY INJURY - KICKED DURING PLAY	1
PNEUMONIA - DRANK LINIMENT	1
PNEUMONIA - DRANK KEROSENE	1
PHYSICAL STRAIN - PLAYING BASKETBALL	1
SHOCK FOLLOWING OPERATION	3
SHOCK FOLLOWING EXTRACTION OF TEETH	1
SHOCK FOLLOWING SPONTANEOUS ABORTION	1
SHOCK DUE TO NEAR AUTO ACCIDENT	1
SHOCK DURING ANESTHESIA	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL AT HOME	2
PUNCTURED ESOPHIGUS - SWALLOWED BONE	1
FRACTURED VERTEBRAE DURING WRESTLING MATCH	1
STARVATION - SELF IMPOSED - DEMENTED	1
<u>POISONING:</u>	
ALCOHOLISM	47
AMATOL-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	1
ARSENIC - CHILD DRANK SOLUTION	1
BARBITOL-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	1
BI CHLORIDE OF MERCURY- " " "	1
BOTULISM - FROM EATING CANNED FOOD	2
BROMIDES-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	1
CARBON MONOXIDE-AUTO RUNNING IN CLOSED GARAGE	6
CARBON MONOXIDE-GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	9



MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

POISONING, Continued

CARBON MONOXIDE - FROM BURNING BUILDING	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - FROM BURNING TRAILER	1
CARBON MONOXIDE-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UND.	3
CARBON TETRA CHLORIDE - IN MISTAKE FOR GIN	1
CHILD DRANK KEROSENE	1
CHILD FOUND AND DRANK WINE	1
ATE TOAD STOOLS	1
SULPHANILIDE - OVERDOSE	1
MURIATIC ACID IN MISTAKE FOR OLIVE OIL	1
NIMBUTOL-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	1
SEDORMID- " " " "	1
STRYCHNINE " " " "	2
OVERDOSE OF SEDATIVES	3
UNKNOWN POISON	2
OVERDOSE OF LUMINOL	2
LYSOL-WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.	3
<u>STRANGULATION:</u>	
FELL FROM TREE - CAUGHT IN ROPE	1
BABY CAUGHT BETWEEN BED AND WALL	1
CHICKEN BONE LODGED IN THROAT	1
PIECE OF MEAT LODGED IN THROAT	1
ORANGE PEEL LODGED IN THROAT	1
BY RESTRAINT JACKET DURING EPILEPTIC FIT	1
WHETHER SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1
<u>SUFFOCATION:</u>	
FOREIGN OBJECT IN THROAT	2
BY SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING	1
CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN	4
BY OIL FUMES	1
LOCKED IN ICEBOX WHILE PLAYING	1
FACE COVERED WITH BEDDING	7

TOTAL

741

SUICIDES

JULY	1937	70
AUGUST	"	46
SEPTEMBER	"	59
OCTOBER	"	49
NOVEMBER	"	60
DECEMBER	"	46
JANUARY	1938	71
FEBRUARY	"	59
MARCH	"	57
APRIL	"	49
MAY	"	52
JUNE	"	<u>58</u>

TOTAL 676

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MALE 493

FEMALE 183

TOTAL 676

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES 403

IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY 273

TOTAL 676

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AGES

10 to 20 yrs. 16

20 to 45 yrs. 316

45 TO 65 YRS. 279

65 and over 65

TOTAL 676

SUICIDES

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CAUSES

ILL HEALTH	243
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	73
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	68
TIRED OF LIFE	38
DESPONDENCY	22
LOSS OF POSITION	2
LACK OF EMPLOYMENT	15
LOVE AFFAIR	13
INTOXICATION	22
AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	3
AFTER MURDER OF WIFE	5
AFTER SHOOTING FRIEND	1
FEAR OF INSANITY	3
FEAR OF PROSECUTION	16
FEAR OF BLINDNESS	4
MENTALLY DERANGED	6
TEMPORARILY DERANGED	9
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF RELATIVE	13
SUICIDE PACT	2
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF WIFE	4
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF HUSBAND	2
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF FRIEND	2
UNKNOWN CAUSES	<u>110</u>

TOTAL

676

HOMICIDES

NATURE

JULY	1937	6	
AUGUST	"	13	
SEPTEMBER	"	4	
OCTOBER	"	14	
NOVEMBER	"	16	
DECEMBER	"	12	
JANUARY	1938	8	
FEBRUARY	"	12	
MARCH	"	8	
APRIL	"	7	
MAY	"	14	
JUNE	"	<u>12</u>	
		TOTAL	<u>126</u>

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MALE	95	
FEMALE	<u>31</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>126</u>

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	83	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	41	
OUTSIDE OF L.A. CO.-DEATH OCCURRING L.A.CO.	<u>2</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>126</u>

AGES

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FOETUS	2	
1 to 2 yrs.	1	
5 to 10 yrs.	2	
10 to 20 yrs.	8	
20 to 45 yrs.	78	
45 to 65 yrs.	33	
65 and over	<u>2</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>126</u>

HOMICIDES

NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	1	
FIGHTING	7	
SHOOTING	76	
STABBING	12	
STRANGULATION	3	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	25	
SUFFOCATION	<u>2</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>126</u>

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ACCIDENTAL	3	
JUSTIFIABLE	21	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	<u>102</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>126</u>

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BY KNOWN PERSON	63	
BY UNKNOWN PERSON	32	
BY HUSBAND	16	
BY WIFE	2	
BY MOTHER	1	
BY BROTHER	1	
BY OFFICER	10	
BY SON	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>126</u>

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

ACCIDENTAL:

WHILE PLAYING WITH GUN 2  
SHOOTING AT TARGET 1

JUSTIFIABLE:

RESISTING ARREST 5  
DURING ROBBERY OR HOLDUP 8  
SELF-DEFENSE 8

UNJUSTIFIABLE:

PROBABLY GANG WAR 2  
DURING FIGHT 30  
DURING HOLDUP OR ROBBERY 15  
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES 16  
DRUNKEN BRAWL 3  
JEALOUSY 12  
LABOR DISPUTE 1  
PROBABLY UNWANTED BABY 2  
INTOXICATION 1  
OFFICERS SHOT SERVING EVICTION PAPERS 2  
BYSTANDER SHOT DURING GANG WAR 1  
DURING ATTEMPTED RAPE 1  
GRIEVANCE OVER LOSS OF PROPERTY 2  
MENTALLY DERANGED 3  
UNKNOWN CAUSES 11

TOTAL

126

AEROPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1937	0	
AUGUST	"	5	
SEPTEMBER	"	2	
OCTOBER	"	1	
NOVEMBER	"	1	
DECEMBER	"	0	
JANUARY	"	2	
FEBRUARY	"	4	
MARCH	"	0	
APRIL	"	0	
MAY	"	9	
JUNE	"	<u>0</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>24</u>
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MALE		17	
FEMALE		<u>7</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>24</u>
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES		6	
CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY		<u>18</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>24</u>
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<u>AGES</u>			
Less than 1 yr.		1	
2 to 5 yrs.		1	
10 to 20 yrs.		1	
20 to 45 yrs.		<u>21</u>	
	TOTAL		<u>24</u>



AEROPLANE FATALITIES

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CAUSES

COLLISION IN AIR	2
SIDE SLIP	3
TAILSPIN	3
CRASHING WHEN LANDING	2
POWER DIVE	1
CRASHED IN FOG	2
PARACHUTE FAILED TO FUNCTION	2
CRASHED INTO MOUNTAIN	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	<u>24</u>

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TYPE OF PLANE

PLEASURE	4
TRANSPORT	2
PARACHUTE	2

ABORTIONS

SELF-INDUCED	9	
SPONTANEOUS	4	
SEPTIC	2	
CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED UNDETERMINED	<u>5</u>	
TOTAL		<u>20</u>

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MARRIED	17	
WIDOWED	1	
DIVORCED	1	
SINGLE	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL		<u>20</u>

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	14	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	3	
UNKNOWN LOCALITY	<u>3</u>	
TOTAL		<u>20</u>

AGES

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20 to 45 yrs.		<u>20</u>
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ALCOHOLISM

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MALE	37	
FEMALE	<u>10</u>	
TOTAL		<u>47</u>

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	36	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	<u>11</u>	
TOTAL		<u>47</u>

AGES

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20 to 45 yrs.	24	
45 to 65 yrs.	21	
65 and over	<u>2</u>	
TOTAL		<u>47</u>

UNKNOWN CAUSES

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MALE	14	
FEMALE	<u>11</u>	
TOTAL		<u>25</u>

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IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES	23	
IN CO. OF L.A. OUTSIDE OF L.A. CITY	<u>2</u>	
TOTAL		<u>25</u>

AGES

Less than 1 yr.	2	
10 to 20 yrs.	1	
20 to 45 yrs.	12	
45 to 65 yrs.	9	
UNKNOWN	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL		<u>25</u>

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AFTER PATHOLOGICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAM.	10	
HISTORY OF ALCOHOLISM	4	
HISTORY OF EPILEPSY	1	
HISTORY OF BEING SEDATIVE ADDICT	1	
DECOMPOSED	7	
SKELETON	1	
AFTER AUTOPSY	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL		<u>25</u>

INQUESTS

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		<u>CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM</u>	<u>L.A. CITY AND CO. OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY	1937	51	31	82
AUGUST	"	51	47	98
SEPTEMBER	"	54	22	76
OCTOBER	"	58	41	99
NOVEMBER	"	67	25	92
DECEMBER	"	85	44	129
JANUARY	1938	51	19	70
FEBRUARY	"	47	35	82
MARCH	"	63	35	98
APRIL	"	55	24	79
MAY	"	49	31	80
JUNE	"	42	30	72
TOTAL		673	384	1057

AUTOPSIES

		<u>CORONER'S MORTUARY</u>	<u>L.A. CITY &amp; CO. OUTSIDE MORTUARY</u>	<u>GENERAL HOSPITAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JULY	1937	231	189	6	426
AUGUST	"	233	168	4	405
SEPTEMBER	"	246	190	6	442
OCTOBER	"	253	180	4	437
NOVEMBER	"	268	199	7	474
DECEMBER	"	312	229	11	552
JANUARY	1938	314	219	3	536
FEBRUARY	"	261	210	4	475
MARCH	"	259	238	3	500
APRIL	"	234	199	5	438
MAY	"	244	222	8	474
JUNE	"	227	187	6	421
TOTAL		3082	2430	67	5580

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

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NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	635
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	21
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	19
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE	37
NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	403
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS FOR SUGAR	9
NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO CHEMICAL LABORATORY	303
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS NECESSARY FOR ABOVE CASES	5993

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MISCELLANEOUS DATA

NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS (NO AUTOPSY) L. A. CITY 150; L. A. COUNTY 53	203
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NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORT. (FEES)	2188
NUMBER OF CHILDREN EMBALMED (UNDER 14 YRS.-NO FEES)	205
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE	254
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE	41
NUMBER OF EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER PENAL CODE SEC. 4300h	<u>149</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORT.	2837
NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	<u>245</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORT.	3082
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY UNDERTAKERS IN L.A. CITY AND COUNTY OUTSIDE OF CORONER'S MORTUARY	<u>2701</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER	<u>5783</u>

MISCELLANEOUS DATA, Cont'd.

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MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	14,205
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES	37,426
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	13,179
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1,057
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	1,057
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	534
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS DELIVERED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY	315
NUMBER OF PAGES OF TESTIMONY TYPEWRITTEN	13,595
NUMBER OF "VERDICT OF CORONER" AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	4,523
NUMBER OF "VERDICT OF JURIES"	1,057
NUMBER OF JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	5,793
NUMBER OF WITNESSES SUBPOENED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	6,943
NUMBER OF ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	158