



THE EDITOR'S REPORT

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BEHIND locked doors and high fences (photo below), the designers of Detroit are preparing the cars which, they hope, will delight and amaze you next year and in the years to come.

Now, as never before, Detroit has the encouragement it needs to put into production ideas that are fresh and different. The good reception of the compact cars of 1960 has stimulated the fainthearted and strengthened the hand of those in executive councils who advocate change and variety.

Five years ago, in the late summer of 1955, the first special issue "Forecast From Detroit" was attempted by MOTOR LIFE. Since it obviously was what readers wanted, we have each year since then repeated the forecast. And, I might add, with a

degree of accuracy that has surprised even the editors. As I look back through the files, I find few major developments that were not clearly pointed out well in advance of their appearance.

The list of accurate forecasts is too long, obviously, to repeat here; it ran from sculptured styling and small cars to new engines and torsion bars.

Next month, in the August issue, is our now annual forecast. And since there is more that is happening in Detroit we have more to report—and, I believe, with even more assurance. I would like to tell you of some of the things we'll be covering, but why spoil a good story. Be with us next month. It'll be worth it. That I promise you. •

