

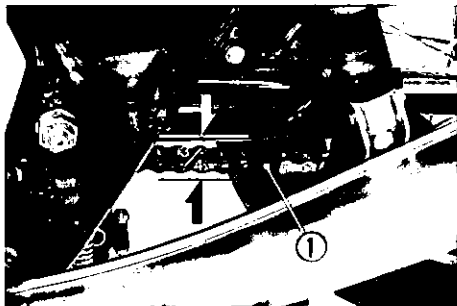
## Drive Chain Maintenance

Proper tensioning and lubrication will help to extend the service life of the drive chain and ensure smooth power transmission to the rear wheel. Under average usage, the drive chain should be lubricated, and tension checked, every month. Under severe usage, or when the motorcycle is ridden in unusually dusty areas, more frequent maintenance is necessary.

### Tension adjustment:

1. Place the motorcycle on its center stand to raise the rear wheel off the ground. Shift the transmission into neutral.
2. Check vertical movement of the lower length of the drive chain at a point midway between the sprockets. Move the chain up and down with your fingers and observe the amount of slack. Drive chain tension should be

adjusted to allow approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$ " vertical movement at this point. Rotate the rear wheel and check drive chain tension throughout its length. Drive chain tension should remain constant as the wheel is rotated. If the chain is found to be slack in one segment of its length and taut in another, this indicates that some of



① Drive chain