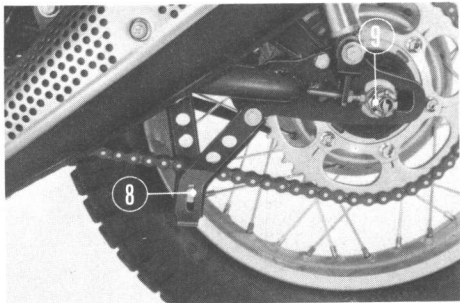


NOTE : If correct drive chain adjustment requires the rear axle to be moved to the position V, then the drive chain is excessively worn and should be replaced.



⑧ Rear axle

Master Link, Drive Chain, and Sprocket Replacement :

HONDA XL350 motorcycles of current manufacture are equipped with continuous riveted drive chain. The master link is permanently staked in place; there is no removable retaining clip.

Master link strength and security is an extremely important factor governing the durability of the drive chain. Riveted (staked) master links are stronger and more securely installed than clip type master links. Riveted master links are therefore recommended as replacement equipment for XL350 motorcycles.

Continuous riveted drive chain can be removed from the motorcycle only by breaking the master link. Installation of a new master link requires the use of a special tool. Continuous riveted drive chain, therefore, should never be removed, unless it requires replacement due to damage or wear. Replacement should