FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1949

USELESS PUBLIC HEARING

THE practice of transacting public business in executive session is, we believe, repugnant to most Americans. No one likes it, not even the public officials who participate in such clock-room affairs.

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Yet it is in the very nature of democracy that members of governing bodies must settle certant itektikn and controversial questions among themselves if chactic factionaless is to be avoided and harmony maintained.

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The Chariotis City Council method is as unobjectionable as can be designed. The Council meta in executive session prior to the public assion cach week, generally with newspaper representatives present who agree not to report the intra-Council squabbles but who are always there if any real aculdiugary should be attempted. From time to time the Council holds dinetings on the same basis.

This week, however, there was what we onsider a misuse of the executive session.

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On Wednesday morning the members nest and agreed to approve 400 public housenay units for Negroes. This was a compronise between the request of the Charlotte Sousing Authority, which had submitted is supporting data to the Councilmen during the content of the councilment of the councilment during t

ing the executive season—data which, in-cidentally should have been made available during, the public hearing—and the real estate foes of any units whateover, who had made their whete known to Council-men by the familiar button-hole and tele-phone technique.

At 11-A. M. the Council went into public season. On hand were proponents and op-ponents, both of whom had their any in the best democratic traditions. Then the Coun-cil voted — wixetly as they had agreed to do several houge before.

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STATE PATROL INSPECTIONS

MUCH as we favor the theory of automo-bile inspection, we fear that the State Highway Patrol's new policy as enun-ciated by Commander Tolar will do as much harm as it does good.

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Colonal Tollar has ordered his patrolmen
to set up road blocks on Wednesday and
Thursday such week for a while. Passing
motorists will be stopped and their cars
wheeked for faulty brakes or mechanical
defects. Lights must be repaired before the
motorist can proceed, but mechanical
defects may be remedied within 48 hours, the
motorist can running a card to the officer
who issued it after the work is done.

Without questioning the Patrol's au-thority in such matters, we would point up certain procedural objections:

1. The motorist who yiped at two inspec-ions a year will yipe even louder if he is acconvenienced or delayed by a road block. In some cases, his complaint will be justi-

2. The placement of the road blocks will make the cash registers ring at the nearest garage or filling station, probably evoking criticism from other operators in the

2. It may be difficult for a motorist to find the patrolman who issued him a mechanical defect card.

4. Even it the foregoing were of no consideration, the mere fact that advance announcement is made would prompt owners who know their cars are delicient to keep them off the roads on Wednesday and Thuraday.

The most serious question of all, however, is the possible adverse public reaction. The last General Assembly repealed the automobile inspection program and, whely or not, withdrew legislative anaction for the theory of inspection. We believe that the people of North Carolina, having watched the highway death and fully ir ate skyrocket as a result of reach and indury rate skyrocket as a result of reach and the contraction of the contraction

flavorable.

If the Highway Patrol manages to sitr up another public outery with this extra-legislative road-block system, the chance of getting a new law on the books might be serfously jeopardized. We understand what motivates Colonie Tolar, but we wonder if he is doing the right thing.

ATLANTIC POLICE FORCE

DEPEATED by a voice vote in yesterday's senate decision on the Milliary Aid Program was an amendment which would have earmarked 10 to 25 per cent of the 51 billion assigned to Atlantie Pech nations for an Atlantis Police Force. The amendment was introduced last week by eleven Senators, among them Clyde R. Roey of North

Carolina.

It would have provided a force of highly-trained volunteers from the European nations, with the exception of Britain, France or Haly, It would be equipped as a highly mobile force able to move anywhere in the Pack area at a moment's notice, and thus put down aggression swiftly without committing-the use of regular troops of the member nations.

Congressional observers have that the

attention on the principle of an international police force.

The idea has been advanced at various
times by different individuals. It was a key
part of the original Guibertaon ABG plan
for world peace, a plan designed to
attengthen the larger United Nations Organization. Apparently the eleven sponsors
felt that the signing of the North Atlantic
Peact, the formation of the Atlantic Defense
Council, and the present Military Arms
Program offered an opportunity to try out
the scheme on a smaller scale.
A combined Atlantic Police Force, operating under the Defense Council, would indeed be an interesting experiment, but it
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military preparedness in each member nation gets under way.

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX, INDEED

WE have a neighbor up the yoad, a newspaper. It's a better than fair journal most of the time with an editorial page presided over by a gentleman of visions and more than average literacy. And so it was with considerable disappointment that we perceived on his page less than a week ago, while still the autumn held itself-behind the murky clouds of Summer, a plaintive geature to the conding season—a gesture which frustrated edit page poets from Bangor to San Luis Obbejo like to employ at this 'time of the year.

This is the season of our autumnal

'Celle indeed! Tis naught, sir, but a usybody wind chilling the chambers that nily weeks ago were warm and comfort-

"But there is a feeling," the page was fur-ther urged to say by some inexplicable intoxi-cation with the season, "of peace and quiet and work well done in the long light, and deep sky and the fruitful soil."

Not long light, but shortened days bigger light bills and the kids crying out and play in the pitch black even-

ork well done? It had better have been done, what with the little woman ping sly hints about that new fur coat the youngsters needing cold-weather se and the older kids purchasing an atton at a college which thinks money is like leaves on those glorious Autumn

... there is a foretaste of Fall's scarlet and sid in the reddening of the sumse or dog-

wood and in the haphazard gliding of a maple or a poplar leaf. A voice says, "Wait'."

We aren't hearing the same voices. The one we hear comes from the general di-rection of the kitchen and asy, "Gett Get out there," it says, "and rake up those leaves." Yep, that same maple and poplar leaf that haphazardly gilded down into our lawn.

That's a nice enough voice, but ours says, Dad, you promised to drive us to the foot-all game" when Dad would like to heed be prior voice.

Enough, gentlemen! A moratorium, if Enough, gentlement A moratorium, if yn please, upon autumnal poesy unless is of Thomas Hood's own clear-eyed kind: "No Shade, no shine, no butterfiles," no bees No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds. November."

Pome Dedicated to the Proposition That the Female of the Species Is More Sus-ceptible to Romance in One Kind of Ve-hicle Than in Another: icle Than in Another:
Girls are more flirtable
While in a convertible.

—Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.

When you say the fellow wearing a screamingly loud sport shirt looks comfortable, you have gone just as far as any regard for truth will let you. —Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal.

Getting Used To It



People's Platform

Deceptive States Righters

rights of the people are, in the majority, non-existent. The rights of the states and the rights of the people of, those states are correctly defined as human rights, and are therefore identical because the people attempt to divide the two and deny one is equal to attempt to divide the two and deny one is equal to attempt to divide the two and deny one is equal to the rights, the year people of the rights are the rights and the right of the rights are the rights and the rights are also also also any kind of political human rights finding reality in oligarchic power at present ruling in these states.

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If that is true, and the principle is as immutable as the foundation of the Republic and the Constitution, then it is true that the worst government is that where the least number of the people participate, or government by the few, which is a form of oligarchy.

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In South Carolina in the general election of 1948, out of a population of 1,899,500, the total vote was 13,000 or approximately seven per cent of the people. 1940 which would show a smaller percentage of years to population): Thurmond got 75 per cent of the vote or 5 1/4 per cent of the population or 15 votes for each 1,000 people in South Carolina.

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The so-called State's Righters being nothing more than a parasite upon the Democratic Party, both in the states where they exist and in the nation, the appear in character as political mendicants before

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No Longer A Crime

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

U. S. Steel Worries About Pensions

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Tellow, Phil. I haven't seen you in a long time. You're brother, Tellow, Phil. I haven't seen you in a long time. You're bother, we will be a long time. You're long to you the way as you but the real reason be hard't seen Murray was because Fatiens' bost, Ender Voorhees, the real dictator of U. S. Beele, want't announce to have Parties attend meetings of the fact-inding board. He was arraid Partiess. —I've been mining your telegrams lately, Phil's added Fatiens, and there was a little sarrasm in his voice this little, as he referred to Murray's tooght felegraphic ultimatum time, as he referred to Murray's tooght felegraphic ultimatum. President's fact-finding boards recommendations. "We haven had many telegrams in the last few days."

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U. S. Steel's Position

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BUT this is more than a national issue. Onling emphasized that the time yould be disastrous, not only to complete the company but to the program we have undertaken to improve the control of the company of the control of the supplies of the control of the contr

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