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PUBLIC BUSINESS MUST NOT BE SECRET

REGARDLESS of the motives of those members of the joint appropriations subcommittee who sought to conduct off-the-record sessions while considering the bill...

such committees this section shall be considered and have the force of a rule of each branch of the General Assembly until and unless a change has been made by an express rule of such branch thereat.

The appropriations committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate and subcommittees thereof shall all jointly in open sessions while considering the budget and such consideration shall embrace the entire budget plan, including appropriations for all purposes, revenues, borrowings and other means of financing expenditures...

The recourse, then, is for each house of the General Assembly to adopt a new rule authorizing executive sessions. That is the procedure that should be followed if the legislators are determined to shut the door to the public on their budgetary deliberations.

We hope, however, that they will not seek to change the rule if they try to change it, we trust the General Assembly will not approve the change.

The business of North Carolina's government is the business of its people. When the appropriations subcommittee votes to spend money, it is voting to spend the people's money. No one has any right to deny the people full information about the deliberations of the business of their newspapers.

In view of that statutory provision, it was not only unwise for the subcommittee to try to hold an executive session; it would have been illegal.

TWO ROADS TO THE SAME DESTINATION

FINANCIER BERNARD BARUCH and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce are so close together in their proposals for emergency controls that the difference is not worth quibbling about.

Baruch told the Senate Banking Committee this week that Congress should provide President Eisenhower with standby emergency powers to establish economic controls on all phases of the economy in the event of a crisis.

by control legislation "would continuously impose the same threat, for it is certain that an emergency so grave as to call for the freeze order would require immediate action by Congress to institute more permanent controls.

If and when a major war breaks out, the U. S. economic system will have to be put under control quickly and completely. Whether Congress chooses standby controls, as urged by Mr. Baruch, or legislation for a freeze order, as recommended by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, is relatively unimportant.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...

AS HE DID on a good many other occasions, former Gen. W. Kerr Scott simply refused to be gotten when he tried, over a period of a year or two, to get him to assign numbers to the new secondary roads.

approach that failed with his predecessor, is an item in the new issue of The State News Bureau's North Carolina Bulletin.

It tells about a new map called the "Carolina's Cool Counties Map" published by the recently-formed four-county association comprised of Avery, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey counties.

The Governor never commented publicly, but he reportedly was reportedly numbering the newly-paved secondary roads because he feared the resulting heavy traffic would wear them out.

"This map includes new local roads, or 'Scott' roads as they are generally referred to as, which are being built in the Blue Ridge Parkway, on or near maps available from oil companies or automobile associations. The object is a service, rather than a 'come-along' folder. Its use is based on the assumption that the tourists have already come to the State for the Blue Ridge Parkway or Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the objective is to hold them in the State by building roads which they can see and do without driving on."

QUEEN MARY - ONE OF ROYALTY'S FINEST

THE twentieth century has not looked favorably upon the institution of royalty. The Hapsburgs and the Romanoffs, the Czars, the emperors and empresses, the emperors and empresses of the East.

best of royalty. Here was a woman who, in her 85 years, saw the British crown change hands five times, once to her husband, twice to her son. She shared the anguish of one son's abdication, the other's untimely death. The matriarch had, in private of course, a rough time as the enjoyer of robust banquets, cigars and the Queen Grandmother never forgot she was born to the purple.

She shared her people's sorrows and joys, setting an example of graciousness and dignity. Her kings and queens have retained no real power. Yet the "subjects" cherished their monarchs. And the royal families, who played their role with dignity and grace, wedded their peoples together.

From The Raleigh News & Observer FIVE PER CENT

WERE DOING BETTER than we ever have before," said the spokesman of an Eastern North Carolina group which opposed a joint airport for a group of Eastern North Carolina towns Tuesday.

one time per month or charges of drunkenness. There are many more, however, who keep coming back several times a year, though not as frequently as once a month.

As for the fact that the other day as the morning paper of the State, he was not only shocked by the phrase "five percenters" out of Washington. It is even more shocking to discover that all the people of Eastern North Carolina are justly proud in sharing the industrial production and prosperity of the Old North State.

It may very well be that Eastern North Carolina is doing better than it ever has before. But as a region comprising almost half of North Carolina but which is only one-tenth of its industry, it is certainly not doing well enough for its own security and defense.

Until television reception improves in this section, a man's wife will continue to be his most prized possession—Omaga (Ga.) News.



Smack in the middle of Charlotte, in the corner formed by the intersection of S. College St. and Stonevale St., this tongue where bar rum and canned heat addicts hang out. The picture at the right is an enlargement of the small square to which the arrow points, and shows the kind of litter which clusters the area.

The Kick's The Thing Bay Rum Or 'Heat' All The Same To Bums

BY TOM FESPELMAN Charlotte News Staff Writer SOME of Charlotte's worst bums use perfume. They drink the stuff. Several policemen described it as "perfume" at any rate, though they may be referring to some cologne or toilet water. The bums will drink practically anything that has a good and betty alcoholic content.

Talks with police court officials and others who deal with the lowest strata of local society revealed a large percentage of the "regulators" who show up frequently in Recorder's Court on drunkenness charges haven't really touched a drop of liquor. They can't, it seems, afford such beverages.

FANHANDLE FOR MONEY They fanhandle for enough coin to buy a bottle of paint thinner, or some bay rum, some canned heat.

They get such a kick out of some of these concoctions that they either make like crazy or just simply pass out, collapsing sideways or in alleyways. "Some of these fellows," said Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn, "will drink anything they can get their hands on, just as long as it can get a kick out of it."

DEFICIENCY IN ARRESTS City Recorder's Court records show that there has been a small decrease in the number of drunkenness cases. In 1952, according to Lt. Allen White, a total of 7,738 charges of drunkenness were filed. In 1953, there were 7,357. Last year, there were 7,336.

Quote, Unquote A pessimist is an optimist who put his nest egg in a venture that laid one—Elliavie (Ga.) Sun.

Behind Big Three THE idea for such a meeting has been mooted in the past, but it is now more serious than it was for a time and that it would be better to wait for them to come up.

Paradoxical Bohlen CHIP Bohlen is in the paradoxical position of being beset by the McCarthyist attack because the New Deal Democrats never liked him because they suspected that he was a reactionary.

FBI Report In the Bohlen case, the FBI was called in to check on a reported incident in Chicago which may or may not have happened.

Midtown 'Jungle' Bohlen Case Raises Doubts About McCarran Act Revision

WASHINGTON THE trouble the obstructionists caused over the proposed revision of the McCarran Act was a routine matter—the nomination of Charles Bohlen to be the United States Ambassador to the Vatican.

The president chooses his own ambassadors to foreign lands, and traditionally Senate confirmation has been a formality, except in instances where the nominee is shown to be obviously unfit.

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