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NORTH CAROLINA CAPITOL POPULAR WITH TOURISTS GLIMPSES North Carolina's 116-year-old State Capitol building in Raleigh rivals newer attractions as a tourist objective. Since June 15 of this year, visi-tors from 44 states and 27 foreign case anyone is interested, is countries have registered at the re- named because, in the calendar of ceptionist's desk in the Capitol rotunda. Here, attractive Evelyn ninth month. The Latin word for Clement is on duty as hostess to answer their questions and provide This month became the eleventh

them with travel information about the Tar Heel State. A janitor will take visitors on a tour of the entire take visitors on a tour of the entire building. Romans confused. It might be said Completed in 1840, the Capitol of the Romans that they truly is constructed of native granite and didn't know what day it was' is of Grecian architecture. The ceilsince the calendar had only ten ing of its dome is 97 and one-half months, the first being March, and feet above the rotunda. It contains 355 days. Just how they explained the Legislative chambers, and of-fices of the Governor, State Treasyear was over is a mystery. Anyurer, and Secretary of State. Oth- how, when Caesar became dictator er state offices are in buildings he proposed to do something about near Capitol Square. it. At first he was a little con-

Capitol Square is on U.S. High fused himself, but it was obvious way 1, a heavily traveled north- that the months and seasons could south route, and covers six and be brought into their true relation one-half acres adorned with 52 va- only by the addition of extra days. rieties of trees, numerous flower-Accordingly two additional months ing shrubs, and impressive statues and monuments. On the north side December of the year 46 B.C., givof the square is a statue to the ing this year a total of 445 days. three presidents born in North That year is referred to as "Annus Carolina: Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson. Johnson's birthplace, open to the public as an historical shrine, is within two miles of the Capitol. is today. within two miles of the Capitol, is today. near U. S. 1. Somehow Caesar's Annus Con-

Other much-visited attractions fusionis seems appealing today. near the Capitol are the new North Just think what two extra months Carolina Museum of Art with a between now and Christmas would \$2,000,000 collection of Old Mas- mean in 1956: two additional pay ters; the State Museum of Natural checks before Christmas, sixty History; and the State Historical extra days to put off Christmas at the Assembly of God Church Museum. Four miles south on U. S. 1 is the parabolic arched State endless. Almost everyone would of Forest City, left on Monday for Fair Arena, called "the most sig- agree that 1956 has been pretty of Forest City, left on Monday for nificant new building in America." much an "Annus Confusionis" any- services elsewhere. The Capitol building is open how, so it wouldn't do any harm from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on to addle people a little more. In spring and summer months at weekdays, and from 8:30 a.m. un- this country the charges and countil 12 noon on Saturdays. The ter charges of candidates for of- the winter in Philadelphia. grounds may be visited at any fice have been enough to confuse hour, and tinted floodlights illum- any ordinary citizen. "Chaos" is a inate the exterior of the building better word for what the year has the Runyon cottage during Octountil 10 p.m.

East and to the mind of the average man, who wants nothing more than to live out his life in peace. It seems more and more ironic that November marks the anniversary of Armistice Day. Perhaps then, it is just as well not to add two extra months to such a year, for there is always hope that 1957

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will be better. November also marks the anni-French diplomat and promotor of the Suez Canal. One wonders what he might think of his canal now,

blocked to traffic by sunken world controversy. One hundred and fifty-six years

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of the year, we could declare Mutro. them as "time out" for all trouble

every nation should forget its amfriends with others. Not that such wishful thoughts-or writing them, either. Maybe there is a lesson

there for so-called columnists. help clear up our "Annus Con-Less talk and more action might fusionis."



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