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Passage On 2nd Reading Is Given By 41-2 Vote

Final Reading Slated Tomorrow
RALEIGH — (AP) — A House bill to authorize counties and municipalities to vote on the sale of wine and beer upon petition of fifteen per cent of their qualified voters passed the Senate today on second reading, 41 to 2.

The Senate struck out its Finance Committee's amendment to cut by one-third the proposed additional tax of 100 per cent. That was met with acceptance of the bill by a vote of 41 to 2.

RALEIGH — (AP) — Reps. Fisher and Shuford of Runcombe sent up a bill today to allow referendum in Asheville on a petition of 15 per cent of the qualified voters, on establishment of alcoholic beverage control stores. If the measure is approved by the Assembly, the city would have to call such a referendum 60 days after presentation of the petition. The bill went to the Calendar Committee.

House bill to double the present tax and distribute the proceeds among the cities and counties on the basis of population. The increase of the present tax would increase the tax on wine and beer in those counties and municipalities supporting the sale of wine and beer.

After third reading tomorrow, the bill will be returned to the House for concurrence in amendments, one of which would require the legislature to vote on the bill in those counties and municipalities where the vote is in the affirmative.

The vote followed by a few minutes the Senate Finance Committee's action in voting against the so-called Mull and J. Northampton bills to allow the counties to vote on the sale of wine and beer in those counties and municipalities supporting the sale of wine and beer.

The committee deferred action on a bill to create a revenue commission to study control of alcoholic beverages in North Carolina.

A bill to prohibit the sale of beer in the State of North Carolina in certain churches in Bowden Township was approved, while disapproval was given to the promotion of gift certificates with a tax of ten cents per certificate.

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Seven Tots Suffer Burns

COLUMBUS, O. — (AP) — A fire-troop force today rescued seven children who were swept by flames today and two of the youngsters were injured severely.

Seven other children suffered burns and a proprietor, who boarded a wagon, was injured severely.

The State Welfare Department, following an investigation, said the home had been licensed to care for only two and was warned Feb. 26 that it violated the law by housing more.

Firemen and policemen could not locate the parents of the children immediately.

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Baltimore Incident Woman Who Won't Talk Baffles Cops

BALTIMORE — (AP) — A woman who refused to open her mouth to police today after she was arrested for refusing acceptance as a prisoner in the city jail, was summoned for a hearing today on a disorderly conduct charge.

The charge grew out of a complaint by a police officer that the woman, who was arrested yesterday, refused to open her mouth to police today.

Some Mines To Get Safe Certificates

Mourning Period Ends Sunday

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
At least 25 per cent of the 518 bituminous mines closed by Federal order as unsafe "are expected to be certified okay" before Monday — the end of a six-day mourning period by soft coal diggers — a Navy spokesman said today.

"We expect to certify some mines as safe late this afternoon and many more tomorrow," declared the official.

"Each company operating an unsafe mine received orders from Washington from the Office of Interior Secretary J. A. Krug on Monday to close their mines immediately."

"When the operating manager of the mine and the United Mine Workers' Safety Committee determine that the mine is safe, they will be issued a safe certificate."

"We will know definitely late Saturday or Sunday the exact number of mines which will remain closed after the miners' six-day lull."

NOT ALL TO OPEN
The Navy spokesman insisted fully did not expect all of the 518 mines to be certified as safe by Monday.

"Some of the corrections will be quite extensive and will require some time to repair adequately," he said.

The Navy is operating the mines for the Government.

If all the unsafe mines in nineteen states remained closed Monday, approximately one-fourth of the nation's 400,000 tons of coal would be lost.

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Session Off At Moscow

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Council of Foreign Ministers meeting scheduled for tonight was canceled today when a special committee working on an agenda for German political principles bogged down and failed to reach an agreement.

The committee will try to get out the draft in time for the council to take up its report tomorrow.

Secretary Marshall At Ease In Moscow

WASHINGTON — U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall is shown in his bedroom at Spaso House, the residence of the U. S. Ambassador to Russia, as he relaxed on a couch and did some writing.

Hits Tractor 2 Killed, 34 Hurt As Train Derailed

CHICAGO — (AP) — Two persons were killed and approximately 34 persons injured when the Burlington Railroad's streamlined Twin City Zephyr jumped the tracks after being derailed by a tractor in a grain field near Chicago.

Blast On British Ship

JERUSALEM — (AP) — The Palestine Government reported tonight an explosion occurred aboard the deputation ship Empire Rival while en route from Haifa to Port Said last night.

The Empire Rival is shipping water, the announcement said, but there were no further details. The vessel has been used for moving un-certified Jewish immigrants from Palestine to Europe.

The explosion on the Empire Rival was the second mishap to befall a British deportation ship in three days. The Ocean Voyager was derailed in the Red Sea on Wednesday at Cyprus, where it had taken a load of Jewish refugees.

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Attorney-General Tom Clark requested the Supreme Court to set aside its judgment of the issues involved in the case.

Similar losses were raised in other workers' portal-to-portal pay cases filed in various parts of the country.

Exchanges Close
NEW YORK — (AP) — Principal security and commodity markets were closed today in observance of Good Friday.

Business will be resumed Saturday as usual except for the New York and New Orleans Options exchanges.

One-Day Ruhr Coal Strike Ends

ESSEN, Germany — (AP) — A one-day strike of 300,000 Ruhr coal miners in protest against food shortages officially ended today, but the strike remained idle as the workday observers ended traditional Good Friday holidays.

They were scheduled to return to work tomorrow, but will be on hold again Sunday and Monday.

Roosevelt In Denial

Hayes Stands By Charge That AVC Membership Is Confidential

RALEIGH — (AP) — After reading a telegram from Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. denying it, Rep. Hayes of Forsyth told the House today that he stood by his spoken charge that the American Veterans Committee is dominated by Communists.

Hayes was responsible for an AVC as deductible from the tax returns. The bill now provides that donations to other veterans organizations are deductible.

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Mr. Truman himself left no doubt that he was standing squarely behind his Cabinet officials.

Certainly not, the President declared in response to a news conference question today.

But he said he would leave any reply to the Central Labor Union chief until after the hearing.

As he had done before—and this time with all the spectacular oratory he can turn out—he will be the UMW chief again accused Krug before the House hearing yesterday.

The sub-committee planned to give Krug his chance to fire back yesterday afternoon.

Krug advised a Senate sub-committee making an on-the-spot investigation at Centralia yesterday that only a federal inspection of the mines will now be the "imminent danger" despite 45 items of non-compliance with the Federal Mine Code.

It was because of the Centralia strike and the six-day period of mining in New York that the House group invited Lewis to sound off.

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Rise Of Militarists In Germany Feared

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