

Council Bans Mixed Drinks For Atlanta

Under the vigilant eyes of more than half a dozen Atlanta ministers, city council yesterday unanimously passed two drastic ordinances forbidding the mixing of alcoholic drinks and the drinking of them in public places in the city of Atlanta.

There was every indication that Mayor Hartsfield would sign both ordinances.

Although you may still buy liquor in bottles, you must drink it in private, under the ordinances, and even when drinking in private, you must draw the curtains so none may see you from a street or other public place.

The first ordinance passed was that introduced by Councilman James Jackson forbidding the mixing of drinks. Councilman Couch then offered another ordinance forbidding drinking in public places on behalf of the police committee. There was considerable discussion over the respective merits of the two measures and then council decided to pass both.

"Public Place" Defined.

The police committee ordinance reads:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to consume spirituous liquors, mixed or plain, in or on any public place as herein defined. For the purpose of this section, 'public place' shall be held to include:

"A. Any street, alley, public building, city hall, auditorium, library, school building, or any building open to the public.

"B. Any places where games or contests are played, such as the ball park, football fields, tennis courts and all other places where people assemble to engage in or view games or other contests.

"C. Any theater, show, skating rink, dance hall, or any other place of amusement.

Restaurants Included.

"D. Any restaurant, dining room, lobby or other public or quasi-public room of a hotel, including any room in a hotel open generally to hotel guests and not rented or leased to a private individual, and any other similar place.

"E. Any store or place where merchandise of any kind is offered for sale.

"F. Any room of any club in common use by the members of the club.

"G. Any private premises where drinking can be readily seen from a public street, sidewalk, park or other public or private property."

The penalty for violation of this ordinance was fixed as a fine of \$100 or 30 days in jail.

An amendment provided that if any part of this ordinance is de-

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clared unconstitutional, it does not affect the remainder.

The Jackson ordinance, which also passed, read:

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"No person shall mix or cause to be mixed with any other liquid of any kind, any alcohol, alcoholic liquors, spirituous liquor, or any part of which is rectified or distilled spirits, for the purpose of serving such mixture to any customer in any place of business of any kind within the city. Any person convicted of violating the terms of this section shall be fined not more than \$500, or sentenced to serve not more than 30 days on the public works, either or both, in the discretion of the recorder."

After the liquor ordinance had been disposed of, another measure which had stirred up opposition in the past went through without a word of dissent. It was an appropriation of \$20,028 for providing supervisors for 17 playgrounds in city parks. These had been without supervision for more than a month, ever since the liquidation of the WPA playground project.

New Prison Quarters.

Council also passed an appropriation for new prison quarters at the new city prison farm. On motion of Councilman John White, it passed a resolution creating a War Emergency Committee consisting of the mayor, the solicitor general, the solicitor of the criminal court, the sheriff, the provost marshal and city and federal health officers to bring about coordination between all law enforcement agencies. Another resolution introduced by White, and passed, requested the Army to assign more military police to Atlanta.

Council also adopted a police committee report revoking the wine and beer licenses of Roger Jennings, 931 Boulevard, N. E., and Harvey A. Bennett, 142 Whitefoord avenue, S. E., and the business license of Jones Coffee Pot at 247 Pryor street.

Council confirmed the mayor's reappointment of J. P. Allen for a full six-year term as a member of the Civil Service Board. A resolution by Councilman Hester returning the city to daylight saving time from April to September was offered, but council adjourned without considering it.

Before adjournment, council elected Dr. J. F. Hackney to a four-year term as director of the city department of health. Dr. Hackney has been actual director for some time, but has only had the title of assistant director.