

NEW WATERFORD RIOT SCENE AS ILSLEY REACHES HALIFAX

Stores Are Looted in Cape Breton Town By Mob; Stone Two Policemen

Halifax, May 11.—(CP)—Acting Prime Minister J. L. Ilesley reviewed riot damage in Halifax to-day, as Mayor Alan Butler appealed to civilians and servicemen for "tolerance on both sides" in their attitude toward V-E day riots and looting that caused damage possibly running as high as \$5,000,000.

Appeal For Aid

Meanwhile, the Cape Breton community of New Waterford became the latest of a series of Nova Scotia cities and towns to be the scene of victory rioting last night, as a mob of some 300 teen-aged youths and girls smashed and looted stores and injured two police officers.

The officers were injured by flying stones, as Mayor W. J. Inchey, of New Waterford, appealed for aid to Attorney-General J. H. MacQuarrie at Halifax, and to Lieut.-Col. W. H. Dobbie, officer commanding military forces in Cape Breton.

The liquor store at New Waterford, looted the night before, again was attacked last night, but there was little liquor left for the would-be looters. Post office windows were smashed also, but no attempt was made to enter the building.

Early Curfew

In Sydney, and in Liverpool, early curfew were enforced to prevent further outbreaks in those centres.

Mr. Ilesley arrived in Halifax early to-day, then went on to his home at Kentville, N.S. He was scheduled to return during the day for a further study of the matter of responsibility and reparations for damages done the city's entire business section in the orgy of drinking, rioting and destruction Monday and Tuesday nights.

Conferring with him will be Mayor Butler, A. T. O'Leary, president of the Board of Trade, and E. L. Cousins, war-time administrator for Canadian Atlantic ports, who has been appointed special investigator by the Federal Government. The Board of Trade has already asked for a judicial committee appointed by the Federal Government "to fix responsibility for rioting."

Mayor Butler appealed for tolerance on both sides last night, in a radio address directed to residents of Halifax on the one hand, the service personnel, largely navy and merchant navy, on the other.

Hearts Hardened

"Many hearts are hardened these days," he said, but added that "a most difficult situation would be created if they in any way saw fit to assume a position of refusing to have the ordinary associations of business or society with any one." He asked residents to avoid any action which might be interpreted as "depriving the ordinary rights that all peace-abiding persons, whether in or out of uniform, are entitled to enjoy."

The mayor said that Rear-Admiral L. W. Murray, commander-in-chief, Canadian Northwest Atlantic, "concurrs fully" in his remarks. Previously, Mayor Butler had charged that the navy had not been "in a position to control their own personnel" and Admiral Murray had claimed that civilians were at the bottom of the rioting.

Docket Jammed

Meanwhile, harassed judges in cluttered, noisy court-rooms were trying scores of cases as police dragnets brought in looters and rioters every hour, day and night.

Yesterday the police court here was jammed with a record docket of 211 cases, and the crush was so great Magistrate R. E. Inglis finally broke all tradition and moved court

to an armoury. He disposed of 90 cases of drunkenness; imposed fines of \$100 each on 19 persons convicted of illegal possession of liquor, and began hearings on ten charges of theft.

Nearly 90 cases, mostly of civilians, were carried over until to-day to be added to dozens more police prepared as they moved from end to end of the curfew-bound city tracking down caches of loot.

Meanwhile, restive Halifax waited to see what would happen next, as 1,000 troops stood by ready to aid reinforced civilian and service police if any new outbreaks occurred. The city was filled with wild rumours that thousands of sailors confined to barracks were threatening to "take the town apart" and "burn the residential section" once they were let out.