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Some Civil Defense purchases, most of which should be of value  
to the city after the war.

Hose --- 2 1/2" as selected by Fire Chief as most suitable to the Fire Dept.	12180.50
Fire Equipment, nozzles, adaptors, axes, ladders, etc.	1272.56
First Aid and other supplies	392.07
Control Centre and Office Equipment	<u>339.84</u>
	<u>\$ 14184.97</u>

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This suggestion was approved, ~~by all~~.

~~As a result of the meeting,~~ <sup>Conference</sup> It was decided to recommend that the Navy, Army and Airforce should have some of their service police report to the City Police Station to be available to cooperate with the City Police at <sup>all</sup> times under the direction of Chief of Police Conrod.

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It was suggested that the services should give consideration to the arming of service police with batons.

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Should the situation become too serious for the striking force and patrols to handle, we should be prepared to put further steps into effect immediately. A curfew could be declared and the public could be so informed by the sounding of the sirens, by an announcement over the radio, by the use of a sound truck and if after dark, the blinking of ~~street~~ lights. In this event, the Civil Defence organization of wardens, police, Auxiliary firemen and First Aid could be brought into operation.

It was suggested that in the event of trouble, the R.C.M.P. undertake to guard the liquor stores in the city.

There was some discussion concerning the use of tear gas but it was pointed out by Inspector Story and agreed to by service representatives that the use of tear gas in the open streets was very much overrated, and would probably be of very little value.

With regard to swearing in service police as Special Constables, it was pointed out that it might be dangerous to do so and that this would probably not be necessary if even one City Police or Special Constable was present with each group of service police as planned. If, however, it were found necessary, they could be sworn in en masse very quickly after the riot was in progress.

*It was suggested that someone might be appointed to assist in arranging the details of the co-ordination.*

Maya will be contacted

--- go to see

decide whether to meet the next week

Rede

N. C. Lyndon

Send back a report

Chief to make sure the device is finished

If funds available

If continues to grow, Maya will contact D.C. re  
adequate military force.

Seems to all know to remember

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The meeting then adjourned.

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Brief outline of Preparations by H.C.E.C. Executive for V-E Day.

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Sept. 14/44 A meeting of the H.C.E.C. executive approved the Mayor's request that they assist in organizing celebrations for V-E Day.

Sept. 19/44

A meeting of the H.C.E.C. executive, with representatives from the Navy, Army and Airforce, churches and the Senior and Junior Boards of Trade and many other organizations, was held and opinions obtained as to the most suitable arrangements to be made and the Mayor was requested to call in representatives of the services and citizens to assist the executive.

October 19/44

A suggested program was outlined to the H.C.E.C. executive and discussed and the Director requested to call on those who might assist in carrying out the arrangements.

October 23/44

A meeting was held to which had also been invited many with experience in dealing with large crowds or community gatherings and further recommendations were made.

Due to a change in the war situation, the committee temporarily postponed the arrangement of further details.

March 8/45

The Direction Committee for the V-E Day celebrations met with Captain Miles, Chief of Naval Staff, Lt. Col. North, A.A.Q.M.G., M. D. #6, and Group Captain Doyle, Airforce Staff. Further preparations for V-E Day were discussed.

March 28/45

A largely attended meeting of the H.C.E.C. executive with representatives from the Armed Services, churches and various organizations, was held and the program of the Direction Committee was outlined. It was felt that thanksgiving should be the predominant theme of the day and that the pulpit, press and radio might be used to emphasize this. However, an extensive program of entertainment was arranged to occupy the attention of the crowds. It was felt that bands and sound trucks would be valuable in the celebrations and that these should be centred away from downtown area and the Garrison Grounds <sup>at Citadel Hill</sup> was selected as the focal point. It was decided to make this known to the public by press and radio and to encourage all citizens to assemble there. It was felt that the tendency would be for the service personnel to head for downtown and that they should be encouraged to move to the Garrison Grounds <sup>at Citadel Hill</sup> for their entertainment and to the locations for street dancing on South Park St. and on South Street. It was pointed out that the service police would be on duty and do all they could to control the servicemen.

It was decided to arrange a twenty-four hour program which must be sufficiently flexible to be varied according to the time the news was received.

April 2/45

The Direction Committee including the chairmen of the various sub-committees and the Chief of Police <sup>met</sup> made to complete further arrangements.

April 3/45

The Direction Committee met again and heard reports from the chairmen of the various sub-committees.

April 29/45

The Direction Committee met again and checked arrangements already made.

April 30/45

At a meeting of City Council, Deputy Mayor Ahern, *presiding* the Director outlined the plans for celebrations for V-E Day and Chief of Police Conrad outlined police arrangements which he and the heads of the Provost Corps had arranged. Chief of Police *minutes of Council 6.* Office in the Police Station would be the headquarters of all police arrangements with representatives of the various Provost cooperating with him there.

May 1/45

A meeting of the H.C.E.C. Executive with the Direction Committee and the representatives of the Armed Services and the Chief of Police, met and approved the final arrangements made for V-E Day which were as follows: *other sub-committee meetings*

9 a.m. Eight bands would start from outlying sections of the city and converge on the Garrison Grounds where the civil ceremonies would be opened by the Mayor with addresses by the Governor and the Premier. These would be followed by entertainment supplied by *six* eight groups of entertainers under general direction of Percy Burgoyne. The leaders of these groups are as follows: Hugh Mills with his concert party, Captain Phinney of the Canadian Legion, Major Hutchinson of the Salvation Army, *Lieut.* Clarence Harris with Stadacona personnel, *Coastal Army* Captain Gorham with *Special Services* and Fred *Ipsen*.

10.40 a.m. The program would be suspended so that citizens could attend thanksgiving service in their respective churches.

2.30 p.m. A drumhead thanksgiving service led by the Navy, Army and Airforce, would be held on the Garrison Grounds to which the citizens would be invited.

3.00 p.m. Daylight fireworks followed by community singing and varied entertainment at <sup>Six</sup> eight different locations on the Garrison Grounds, led by the <sup>Six</sup> eight masters of ceremonies referred to above. } *Street dancing*

9 p.m. An illuminated display on the harbour with fireworks accompanied by community singing led by bands on the eastern upper slopes of Citadel Hill. *Naval & Army Searchlights & fire boats.*

Street dancing would be held during the late afternoon and evening on South Park St. between Sackville St. and Spring Garden Road and on South Street between Hollis and Barrington Sts. Special lighting had been arranged for these points. *dancing to mid-night*

Public Address systems were installed on the Garrison Grounds, for the street dancing on South Park Street and on South Street e, in the old Town Clock and in the Mayor's office, City Hall and portable public address systems were to be available with each of the entertainment groups. Two sound cars have been engaged as far back as last November, to stand by at City Hall for use of the committee and Chief of Police during the whole V-E Day celebrations with the idea that these could be used for breaking up small crowds by leading them off in impromptu parades.

It was decided that immediately the news was received that the committee and members of Council should meet at Council Chamber and the Direction Committee in the Mayor's office so that the necessary adjustments in the program could be made and final instructions given.

*Minshull over 3 radio stations & press reports.*

May 7/45

At 10.30 a.m. a preliminary report was received that General Eisenhower had accepted the surrender of Germany. Whistles blew. There was little demonstration but many employees were dismissed for the day. The committee met and pending receipt of official word, decided to meet again at 1.30 p.m. At this time it was decided to tentatively prepare for Tuesday, May 8th as being official V-E Day and that the complete V-E Day program should be held on that day and that an announcement should be made over the radio to that effect. Meanwhile, that street dancing should be started at 3 o'clock and be held during the rest of the afternoon and evening. The Public Address systems at both points were installed without delay and the committees in charge were in operation at admirable speed and ~~many~~ <sup>thousands</sup> hundreds found enjoyment there. <sup>next</sup> for the afternoon and evening.

The committee which adjourned at 3 p.m. met again at 5.30 p.m. There was still no sign of any exceptional hilarity. The sound trucks were dismissed to return at 7 o'clock and it was decided to continue the street dancing and to postpone other activities until Tuesday. At 6.30 p.m. the Director received a report from the weather forecaster that Tuesday night would be very foggy and wet for fireworks and after hasty discussion with the chairman of the evening entertainment, Mr. Tom Courtney, and other members of the committee, it was decided to put on the evening display that night knowing that, if necessary, and possible, there were sufficient fireworks to repeat the program the following night. The officers of the Navy, Army and Airforce in charge of the fireworks and the searchlights and the Public Address systems and the three fire boats were contacted and the program went into effect. It was very successful. Illuminations and fireworks were beautiful. The crowds estimated at 1500 were entertained in a very orderly manner

on the slopes of the Citadel with community singing and when this program was over at <sup>10.30</sup> 11 p.m., many of these returned to their homes and others, as requested, joined in street dancing on South Park St.

Unfortunately, that evening certain personnel, particularly from the Navy, had other thoughts in mind than joining in celebrating of V-E Day and milled around town. Unfortunately, both sound trucks upon which we had been counting for help to lead impromptu parades were not on duty that evening although when breaking off at 5 p.m., they had promised to be back at 7 o'clock. The R.C.A.F. reported with regard to their sound truck that the batteries were down and required recharging. We called the duty officer at R.C.A.F. headquarters stressing the urgency of the situation, even if new batteries had to be secured from some other source to carry on temporarily. Although a promise was received that evening that efforts would be made to put the sound truck in commission, it did not return that evening. The civilian sound truck engaged for the occasion could not be located although all city police cars and Naval Patrol cars equipped with radios were asked to keep a sharp look-out for it. Later, the owner reported that he had been delayed with some transformer trouble in the south end and on returning through Barrington Street about 9 p.m., had his car so roughly handled by Naval personnel that he was afraid to turn out with it for further duty.

The authorities had advised us in the afternoon that no bands would be available until Tuesday so that we had no means of diverting the crowd other than by the evening entertainments on the Citadel and the dancing on South Park Street and South Street which did keep a very large crowd entertained until about mid-night.

Tuesday morning, May 8th, at 9 a.m. our bands, followed by citizens converged on the Garrison Grounds where the official ceremonies of the day were opened by the Mayor and addresses by Lt. Governor and the Premier. The address of Prime Minister Churchill was broadcast over Public Address systems from the Naval Patrol Hut. The army trucks with platforms promised for the various groups of entertainers did not materialise so the program of the entertainmen was carried on from the central platform on the Garrison Grounds until 10.40 a.m. Probably five or ten thousand were on the Garrison Grounds and Citadel Hill during the morning and a large portion of these went to their churches for thanksgiving service. Later, groups in the downtown area who had not gone to church were entertained by the A23 band in one section and by one of our leaders in the R.C.A.F. sound truck in other locations. All was quiet at 1 p.m. when our leaders returned to their homes for lunch. \*

At 2.30 p.m. the drumhead thanksgiving service under direction of the Navy, Army and Airforce was held on the Garrison Grounds. The crowds thronged around and also filled the slopes of the Citadel. Probably thirty or forty thousand people. The drumhead service was followed by daylight fireworks from the Citadel and entertainment was provided by half the groups of entertainers during the balance of the afternoon ~~as was well~~ <sup>.15</sup> ~~or~~ <sup>2.4 till</sup> ~~til~~ after 5 p.m. Street dancing was also carried on on South Park Street which kept many entertained. 6.

Meanwhile, however, large crowds, mostly of Naval personnel assembled in downtown area apparently with entirely different intentions than that of joining in the regular V-E Day celebrations and the condition soon became so serious that the Mayor advised that the V-E Day celebrations would end as of 6 p.m.

Thus the illuminated display of fireworks which it had been planned to hold that evening together with community singing led by bands was cancelled as well as the evening street dancing.

September 19, 1944.

A meeting of the H.C.E.C. Executive and representatives from the Navy, Army and Airforce and various organizations was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon at 4 p.m.

The chairman, Mayor J. E. Lloyd, stated that this meeting had been called to consider suitable arrangements for "V" Day in the event of favourable news from overseas. He declared that the H.C.E.C. executive had been asked to cooperate in planning arrangements for "V" Day and they had consented to cooperate.

All agreed to the Mayor's suggestion that the press should not be asked to be present at this meeting.

The chairman raised the question as to how the news would be likely to reach us, and just what manner of news it might be.

Captain Armstrong said that they had inquired at Ottawa whether there would be any instructions for the services, or whether the matter of arrangements would be left to each locality. In that case, they planned marching all services to some central place like the Garrison Grounds for a combined service of thanksgiving.

The Chairman suggested that the churches be asked to cooperate in the event of favourable news from overseas as general thanksgiving must be the predominant feature in the celebration.

Captain Armstrong stated that there would be church service (combined) in the open for the Navy, Army and Airforce and that they would be marched to and from the service.

Father O'Neil said that Monsignor Burns has already made plans for a service to be held at St. Mary's Cathedral and that all Catholic churches would be open as soon as the news is announced. He stated that the Catholic churches would cooperate one hundred percent, except that they felt that Catholic and Protestant services should be held separately.

Reverend Porter and Reverend Wright expressed the views of the Halifax and Dartmouth Ministerial Association as being willing to cooperate fully also.

It was agreed that the churches would be open and would cooperate with the Mayor and the civic representatives upon receipt of favourable news from the European theatre of war.

Mr. Rankine suggested that the first problem we may be forced to deal with may be the assassination of Hitler or the fleeing of the Nazi government from the country. He indicated that news of this kind might arouse in the public the desire for celebration and that disciplinary measures must be taken to control the feelings of the public. Captain Armstrong stated that although such news might be the reason for some celebration, nevertheless, it did not mean the end of the war and until Japan was out of the picture, there would probably be no "V" Day celebration for the services. He suggested that propaganda to the effect that the war is still not over until Japan is beaten should be given through the press. Mr. Rankine agreed.

Mr. Mackay expressed his opinion that he felt the public would require some outlet for their feeling even when Germany is defeated. He agreed with Mr. Rankine that the war was not over when Germany was defeated but that the general public would feel the need for some celebrations when the news of Germany's overthrow was announced.

It was agreed by all that the press and radio could help a great deal in preparing the public for the announcement of victory.

Mr. Simpson stated that all Famous Players Theatres throughout the Dominion would be open on V Day.

To a request made by Mr. Hayes for advice as to whether the tram cars should be taken off the streets on "V" Day, it was agreed by all that this should be done for safety's sake.

Mr. Burgoyne submitted a report to the Mayor to the effect that public attractions should be held in open spaces on "V" Day.

It was suggested and agreed upon by all that the Mayor approach the Joint Services for a representative to discuss arrangements with the H.C.E.C. Executive and also representatives from the churches, with regard to "V" Day arrangements and also that he should write to Ottawa for instructions.

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PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NEW SCOTIA  
HALIFAX, N.S.

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Should the situation become too serious for the striking force and patrols to handle, we should be prepared to put further steps into effect immediately. A curfew could be declared and the public could be so informed by the sounding of the sirens, by an announcement over the radio, by the use of a sound truck and if after dark, the blinking of street lights. In this event, the Civil Defence organization of wardens, police, Auxiliary firemen and First Aid could be brought into operation.

It was suggested that in the event of trouble, the R.C.M.P. undertake to guard the liquor stores in the city.

There was some discussion concerning the use of tear gas but it was pointed out by Inspector Story and agreed to by service representatives that the use of tear gas in the open streets was very much overrated, and would probably be of very little value.

With regard to swearing in service police as Special Constables, it was pointed out that it might be dangerous to do so and that this would probably not be necessary if even one City Police or Special Constable was present with each group of service police as planned. If, however, it were found necessary, they could be sworn in en masse very quickly after the riot was in progress.

March 1, 1945.

Extract from minutes of Safety Committee Meeting

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September 26, 1914.

Extract from minutes of Safety Committee Meeting held this date.

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His Worship the Mayor  
and Safety Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At the last meeting of this Committee I was instructed to contact the three services for the purpose of soliciting their co-operation and at the same time learning their plans to deal with the celebrations that will follow the termination of the war.

I have been advised that the services of the three forces will be available to help deal with any situation that might arise, and also to help police the City. A report on this meeting is attached hereto.

Yours truly,

J. J. Conrod,  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Adams that this matter be left with the Chief of Police as arrangements are made and co-operation of the services are assured. Motion passed.

February 1, 1945.

Chairman and Members of  
The Committee on Safety.

Gentlemen:-

I wish to express my thanks, through your Committee, to the Officer commanding #6 District Depot, "Chebucto" for their promptness in co-operating with the Fire Department in covering the "Armouries" exposure at the recent Labor Temple Fire, and for the use of their pump which replaced our #1 pumper after its breakdown.

I would also like to thank Commander D.C.S. Robertson, King's Harbour Master, for dispatching Naval Personnel to assist the Fire Department and to Major O. R. Crowell and his A. R. P. Firemen.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Churchill,  
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

(Draft 1).

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Relay through Stadacona	3-7200
Town Clock-- Bert Tompkins	3-1720
George's Island (via Fortress)	3-9181
Fireboats----Land (Coxon)	3-1161--501
Fireboats----Water (P.D.O.)	3-1161--175
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Torpedo Searchlights--Com. MacAvity	4-3781
Torpedo School	
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Coastal Searchlights--Fortress Comm.	3-9181
Naval & Harbour Craft--Com. Shaver	3-9171
Army Searchlights--Engineer's Wharf	3-9181--42
Army Trucks--D.S. & T.O., Capt. Hall	3-9131
Navy -- Capt. Miles or Com. Shaver	3-9171
M. D. 6-Col. North	3-9281
R.C.A.F. Group Capt. Hanchet-Taylor	3-9171
Fortress-Col. Craig, or Major Trimble	3-9181

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Sgt. Boudreau  
Sgt. Landry

4-3781

P. A. SYSTEM

Town Clock ----Chief P. O. Cottrell           3-1161--330  
City Hall   4-5601

GARRISON GROUNDS

Shore Patrol Hut-----Winton Alexander   bus. 3-8211  
  or           home 3-1527

J. Clark Duncan           bus, 2-6341  
  home 4-4760--24

STREET DANCES

Coney Island--D. H. Duff                   bus. 4-1250  
  home 3-3618

(Sunday--Alfred Cook, 66 Chebucto Rd.)   4-3436

Wm. Bligh                   bus. 3-9233  
  home 3-4805

FIREBOATS

"James Battle"--Capt. Coady--Nat. H. Brd.   3-8231  
"Rouille"   123  
Navy                   c/o Coxon           3-1161--501

FIREWORKS

Navy--Lt. McCormick                   3-9171  
                          or F. C. Short           4-3781--336  
R.C.A.F.---Flt. Lieut Johns           3-9171

LIGHTING TOWN CLOCK

Lt. Com. Harrington                   3-1161--344  
Lt. Downie                               4-3781

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

	<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Home</u>
Mayor Butler	3-8181 3-7818	3-5806
O. R. Crowell	3-8181	3-4665
A. M. MacKay	3-6271	3-6208
A. H. Minshull	3-6838	3-4092
T. J. Courtney	4-1412	2-2652
W. Percy Burgoyne	3-6126	3-2534
John McCurdy	3-7606	2-3016
Hugh Mills	3-7135	2-2846
Ralph Pepper	3-7221	3-2824
A. Gordon Archibald	3-6271	3-6292
Chief of Police Conrad	3-8181	4-3904
Com. of Health Morton	3-8181	3-8488
Com. of Works MacKinnon	3-8181	3-3956
Firechief--Dept. J. W. Harber	123	3-6468

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REPRESENTATIVES

Navy.....	Capt. Miles ✓
Army.	Lt. Col. North
Air Force	Group Capt. Hanchet-Taylor ✓ - EAC - HQ RCAF
Ministerial Assoc.	Rev. J. W. MacKeigan ✓
R. C. Diocese	Father O'Neill ✓
Board of Trade	A. M. MacKay ✓
Board of Trade--Jr.	Mr. Archibald - <i>Piper</i> ✓
Trades & Labour Council	Geo. A. Smith
Youth Council	Abs Shaffner per Mary Smith
Dist. Council of Can. Legion	(Maj. Churchill-Smith) S. Thomas ✓
(N.S. Light & Power Co.	J. B. Hayes--away)
N. End Civic Improvement League	Ald. Doyle or Russell ✓

Herald & Mail	R. J. Rankine
Chronicle & Star	Fraser (Humphries)
C.H.N.S.	Major Borrest ✓
C.J.C.E.	Humphries
C.B.C.	Geo. Young
Theatres	Tom Courtney ✓ and R. S. Boddick ✓ <i>Compton</i>

Chief of Police ✓  
Com. Of Health  
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Fire Chief (sick)

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Question No. 1

Will there be any decorations on V-E Day?

Answer

Arrangements for decorations are in the hands of committees from the Commercial Club for downtown area and the Progressive Club for the northern part of the city. Of the first 100 business firms approached, 90% have advised they will decorate with flags and bunting and have their building brightly illuminated during the evening. It is hoped that household holders will cooperate in a similar way and decorate with flags where possible and burn their lights during the evening.

Question No. 2

Have any arrangements been made to take care of minor accidents?

Answer

The First Aid Division of the R.C.B.C. under the direction of Dr. A. R. Norton are manning three First Aid Posts. One of these will be at St. Paul's Hall on Argyle Street manned by personnel of Casualty Clearing Station "A" under C. M. Bowman; another in the Y.M.C.C.A., Granville St. entrance manned by personnel of Casualty Clearing Station "C" under C. H. Lane and a third in a marquee on the north-east end of the Garrison Grounds to be manned by personnel of Casualty Clearing Station "B" under Borden Langille. The lady personnel is also being supplied to these posts by the St. John Ambulance Brigade under direction of Mrs. Elsie B. Little and Mrs. V. I. Sokoloff. Ambulances will be available at each station and both the Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Brigade will have their ambulances on call.

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Question No. 3

Will not citizens desire to stay at home by their radios in order to hear any possible important announcements or possible addresses by allied leaders?

Answer to No. 3

Citizens taking part in the V-E Day celebrations at the points indicated by the committee will have an opportunity of hearing any important announcements which may come over the radio including addresses by the allied leaders if any. Arrangements have been made whereby during the daytime the Public Address system on the Garrison Grounds can tie up with any important radio features and similar arrangements are being made at the locations for street dancing at South Park St. between Sackville St. and Spring Garden Rd. and on South St. between Barrington and Hollis St. and during the evening display on the eastern slopes of Citadel Hill through the Public Address system located in the Town Clock.

Question No. 4

Are there any special arrangements for police protection?

Answer to No. 4

Police protection will as usual be under the direction of Chief of Police Conrad , in close collaboration with the leaders of the Provost Corps of the three Armed Services and arrangements have already been worked out for the necessary personnel to be available in case of emergency and the means of enabling them to proceed rapidly to any location required. It is anticipated that citizens, although in a jubilant mood, will celebrate the day in a manner worthy of the occasion.

Question No. 5

Will the members of the H.C.E.C. be on duty during V-E Day?

Answer to No. 5

Although a few groups of H.C.E.C. personnel will be required for special duty, the great majority will be free to join in the celebrations. In most cases, ARP personnel have been selected because of their leadership qualities and it is anticipated that they will assist as citizens in giving leadership of their own accord wherever they may be so that any unseemly incidents will be avoided and the celebrations will be worthy of the occasion.

Business firms throughout the city are heartily cooperating in decorating for V-E Day according to a report from Mr. A. G. Archibald, chairman of the Decorations Committee. In his report to Major Crowell, Mr. Archibald advised that of 100 firms contacted 90 intended to decorate during the daytime with flags and bunting and nearly all of these also will illuminate their premises during the evening so that the city will be brightly lighted particular during the period of the illuminated display. The arrangements for decorations have been under the direction of committees of the Commercial Club in the downtown area and the Progressive Club in the northern part of the city. It is suggested that householders as well as business firms decorate their buildings with flags or bunting for the occasion and leave their lights burning during the evening.

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The First Aid Division of the Halifax Civil Emergency Corps under the direction of Dr. Allan Morton will assist on V-E Day, Major O. R. Crowell, Director of Civil Defence, stated today. Although not anticipating any accidents, it was felt advisable to take the usual precautions. ~~The H.C.E.C. are manning three F~~ in view of the large crowds anticipated. The H.C.E.C. are manning three First Aid Posts. One of these will be at St. Paul's Hall on Argyle Street manned by personnel of Casualty Clearing Station "A" under C. M. Bowman; another in the Y.M.C.A., Granville St. entrance manned by personnel of Casualty Clearing Station "C" under C. H. Lane and a third in a marquee on the Garrison Grounds to be manned by personnel of Casualty Clearing Station "B" under B. W. Langille. The lady personnel is also being supplied to these posts by the St. John Ambulance Brigade under direction of Mrs. Elsie B. Little and Mrs. V. I. Sokoloff and Mrs. Alex. MacAulay. Ambulances will be available at each station and both the Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Brigade will have their ambulances on call.

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- (3) Committee should arrange a 24 hr. program and the time the news is announced would govern the execution of these plans.
- (4) Contact Mayor of Dartmouth & find out their plans for celebration.
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Reports indicate the possibility that the end of armed resistance in Germany may not be far distant. True, this is only one phase of the total war and a bitter enemy in Asia has yet to be defeated. True, many lives must still be sacrificed before peace will be assured. True, clearing up the pockets of resistance in Germany and even the occupation of that country will be both difficult and dangerous. However, after all these years of strain, an official announcement of the end of Armed resistance in Europe would, no doubt, be the cause of celebration.

Halifax has seen more of the ravages of war than probably any other city in Canada and we cannot help feeling that this day has a special meaning for us.

No doubt, thanksgiving will be uppermost in our hearts and we will wish to give thanks to Almighty God that this phase of the war is nearly at an end. Our churches will be open and many of them will be holding services at 11:00 a.m. on the day when the news arrives, if this should be received early in the morning, otherwise at 11 a.m. on the following day. It is planned also that there will be a thanksgiving service held by the Navy, Army and Air Force on the Garrison Grounds, and citizens are invited to join in this service including the singing of the hymns led by the bands.

We will on this day also remember the great sacrifices of those, who, by their valiant service, have made this day possible. On a later occasion, suitable Remembrance services will be held.

Meanwhile, let us make our celebrations of jubilation on V-E Day of such a nature that they will reflect credit on our city. In order that all may take part, arrangements have been made to use the Citadel as the central point for our celebrations and during daylight, these will be largely around the Garrison Grounds.

There, seven bands marching in from various parts of the city will converge and be ready to lead you in singing, in parades and further joyful demonstrations. Entertainment of various kinds is also being arranged. Street dancing will be held nearby on South Park Street. Any late news or speeches by the leaders of our United Nations as well as announcements, music and songs will be broadcast through loudspeaker systems. Wh

When the good news comes, therefore, decorate your homes and stores and then, with flags, horns, streamers, confetti, etc. which should be secured before hand, assemble on or near the Garrison Grounds.

In the evening after dark, an illuminated display with fireworks has been arranged on the harbour with the assistance of the services. The best point of vantage to see this is on the upper eastern slopes of Citadel Hill. Bands will be in attendance and the music and singing and any important news will be broadcast through the loudspeaker system being installed in the Old Town Clock.

We have a special message for the A R P.

With the exception of a few groups, most Civil Defence workers will probably not be tied down by any special tasks that day but A R P workers will recall that most of them have been selected for their ability as leaders and that they are never off duty in the interests of our city. This will furnish each and every one of you with an opportunity by your example and leadership to make this V-E Day not only one which we will long remember but also one which we will remember with pride and satisfaction.

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DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENCE FOR HALIFAX.

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May 15, 1945.

A meeting of the H.C.E.C. executive was called by him yesterday, at the request of the Director of Civil Defence, Mayor Allan Butler advised the Press today. Major Crowell by letter had suggested that since the war in Europe was over that the Committee might make a reexamination of the hazards in this area and consider what changes might be made in the Civil Defence organization. He repeated his desire to be relieved of his duties as Director at the earliest possible moment in order to return to his peacetime occupation.

The committee recalled its consultation some months ago with the Federal authorities, who pay a substantial portion of the cost. The chief reason why the organization had been maintained since then was not in anyway connected with air raids but because of special hazards in this port <sup>the danger of</sup> including certain wartime shipping. Authorities consulted this week <sup>relating to the movement of munitions</sup> advised that these hazards have not yet abated, and suggested that the organization be maintained until a later examination of the situation <sup>in the near future</sup> might justify a change.

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Meanwhile, preliminary plans will be made for a winding up of the organization as soon as <sup>removal of</sup> war dangers will warrant. Consideration is also being given to the <sup>possible reversion</sup> conversion of some branches of it to a peacetime basis. Arrangements are being made for the <sup>which might be of service in peacetime and fire and port and protection</sup> ~~eventual~~ disposition of the many thousands of dollars worth of equip-

\* The siren tests on Wednesday morning are being discontinued but they can be sounded when necessary to call all workers to their posts and to signal the alarm. Some revision is also

ment and supplies now being used by the Civil Defence organization.

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The executive, the Mayor added, were unanimous in requesting Major

~~Crowell to continue for another three months.~~

*for a period which ought not to exceed three months*

The Mayor referred to the splendid work performed

by the H.C.E.C. during the past week and said the District Officer

Commanding Brigadier White and the Assistant Provost Marshal of the

Airforce, Wing Commander MacCallum had both commented very favorably.