

Halifax Explosion Anniversary
November 24, 1967.

November 17, 1967.

Miss Marion Hall,
City Manager's Office,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Miss Hall:

I am enclosing a list of our pensioners and it is to be noted that a number do not live in the City. The effect is to restrict the group to whom invitations would be sent.

Another point to remember is that some years ago cash settlements were made to many persons who were injured by the explosion and also that a great number went through the disaster who were treated medically and then sent on their way.

Our files, without a search, would not readily provide this information because of their number.

I discussed this with Mr. Butler, our Chairman, and he feels that a newspaper advertisement, extending an invitation to all who were involved in the Halifax Explosion might be the way to arrange for a large audience and not hurt the feelings of anyone who under another system might be left out. This, however, is a decision for the Committee in charge of arrangements to take.

Yours truly,

E. W. CROOKS
SECRETARY-MANAGER.

It was agreed to place an advertisement in the local papers on Saturday, December 2 and Monday, December 4, extending an invitation to all persons who were involved in the Explosion to be present at the Memorial Service.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to request all City Churches to repeat the invitation in their Church Bulletins on Sunday, December 3, 1967.

Mr. Ross said that a letter had been sent to all Churches by the Board of Trade requesting that a Special Memorial Service be held on Sunday, December 3.

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PLATFORM GUESTS (SUGGESTED LIST)

Lieutenant Governor + aide

Premier of Nova Scotia

Senator Isnor

Mr. Bob McCleave

Mayor O'Brien

Mayor Thornhill

Warden Settle

Archbishop Hayes

Bishop Davis

Rabbi Wallach

Dr. Bruce Fergusson

Massachusetts guest

Hugh MacLennan

Thomas Raddall

In answer to a question by Alderman Ahern as to whether or not any reply had been received from the Massachusetts representative, Miss Cameron stated that it was her understanding that the Province through Mr. Beazley's Office had made arrangements for a representative of the Commonwealth of the State of Massachusetts to be present.

Alderman Sullivan suggested that Monsignor Buchanan, a curate at St. Joseph's Church at the time of the Explosion and Miss Delpine Stokes (a teacher at Alexander McKay School) who survived very serious injuries on the day of the Explosion, should be added to the list of platform guests.

Alderman Sullivan asked if plans were being made to make any kind of presentation to the representative from

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Massachusetts, and the Chairman said that he would ask His Worship the Mayor to make a suitable presentation.

At the suggestion of Mr. Ross it was agreed to invite Mrs. Coleman-Jackson, widow of one of the heroic victims of the explosion, to attend as a platform guest.

Alderman Ahern asked that Mr. Wm. Wells, a retired member of the Halifax Fire Department, and a survivor of the crew of the fire engine "Patricia" which answered a call to the fire and was destroyed in the Explosion, be included in the list of platform guests.

It was agreed to add the two names.

Alderman Ahern referred to the fact that a great many of the parishioners of the north-end churches are still living in the area and should be invited to the service.

The Chairman agreed and said that was the reason he favored the idea of a newspaper advertisement. He said that as a further means of advising the people involved the Churches in the north-end of the City could be asked to give the service some publicity, from the pulpits and in their parish bulletins.

Mr. Archer advised the meeting that on Sunday, December 3, a joint service will be held at the United Memorial Church to which the parishioners of St. Joseph's, St. Mark's, United Memorial and the Presbyterian Methodist Churches have been invited. He said that the joint service will be a preview of the commemoration service and an invitation can be extended to those present to attend the Wednesday Service at Richmond School.


As suggested by the Chairman, the Secretary was directed to write to Bishop Davis requesting that he delegate his alternate since he will be out of town.

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At the suggestion of Alderman Ahern it was agreed to invite Mr. Donald Crowdis, former curator of the Provincial Museum and son of Rev. Mr. Crowdis who was rector of St. Mark's Church at the time of the explosion, to attend the service as a platform guest. Miss Cameron was delegated to write to Mr. Crowdis.

Alderman Ahern also suggested that Judge R. E. Inglis be invited to sit on the platform, to which the Committee agreed.

It was also agreed to add the following names to the list of platform guests:



Mr. James Vaughan, M.L.A.
Mr. Gerald Regan, M.L.A.
Mr. Michael Forrestal, M.P.
Rev. J. Murray Armstrong, Mulgrave Park Baptist Church
Rev. Eric Ingraham, St. Margaret's of Scotland Church
Canon Melvin French, Rector, St. Mark's Church.
Rear Admiral J.C. O'Brien
Senator Harold Connolly
A representative of the Canadian Red Cross Society
A representative of the St. John Ambulance Society
A representative of the Salvation Army

Discussion ensued as to the capacity of the platform, and it was agreed that the first two or three rows of seats in the audience be reserved for any overflow of platform guests and for surviving pensioners of the Explosion who have been invited to attend.

PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS - RICHMOND SCHOOL

Alderman Sullivan volunteered to make arrangements with Mr. Scott Ernst, Principal of Richmond School, to provide ushers from the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and other similar organizations, if necessary.

Also to make arrangements with Mr. Ernst respecting

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the seating of guests on the platform and the reservation of three or four rows of seats, and any other physical arrangement necessary such as the provision of potted plants, etc.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Archer, that Dr. Bruce Fergusson, Provincial Archivist, be invited to address the gathering. Motion passed.

PROGRAM

Chairman His Worship Mayor Allan O'Brien

O Canada

Invocation Archbishop Hayes

Introduction of platform guests by Chairman

Remarks Premier G. I. Smith

Remarks Alderman Allan Butler
Chairman Halifax Relief Commission

Greetings Visitor from Massachusetts

(Prayer or
suitable reading
from Scripture) — Bishop Davis

Address Dr. Bruce Fergusson

Presentation of Memorial Book by Mayor O'Brien to
Chairman of Halifax City Regional Library
Board.

Prayer Rabbi Wallach

God Save the Queen.

NB A suggestion has been made that a wreath might be presented at this ceremony for placing later on the graves of unidentified victims of the Explosion. I believe there are such graves in Fairview Cemetery and on Bayers Road near St. Andrews School.

The suggested Program as prepared by Judge Green and Miss Cameron was then approved as submitted with one change -- the substitution of an alternate for Bishop Davis.

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It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor be requested to assume the cost of the wreaths as a charge against the Mayor's Contigent Account.

PUBLICITY

At the suggestion of the Chairman, Alderman Ahern was requested to prepare an article relating to the part played by the people of Massachusetts in assisting the victims of the explosion and to forward same to the Managing Editors of the Boston "Herald Traveler" and Boston "Globe".

The story could include an invitation to any former resident of Halifax living in the Boston area to attend the Memorial Service.

INVITATIONS

The Deputy City Clerk advised that according to information received from the Mayor's Office, printed invitations had been sent to a list of representative persons which included pensioners living in the City and environs; and including spouses, approximately 210 people were involved.

It was agreed that the invitation should be sent to all pensioners regardless of where they now live, and if necessary an additional supply of invitations be purchased.

LIAISON WITH PROVINCE

It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor, or the Chairman, be requested to ascertain from Mr. C. L. Beazley whether or not the Governor of Massachusetts has indicated if he will be attending the ceremony.

SERVICE BAND

At the request of the Chairman, Major Boulton, representing the Armed Forces, agreed to endeavour to arrange for the provision of a Service Band to be present.

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It was agreed to meet again on Friday, December 1,
1967, at 4:00 p.m. in order to finalize the program and other
arrangements.

5:00 p.m. meeting adjourned.

N. P. MEAGHER,
DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

W. J. CLANCEY
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.





PUBLIC NOTICE

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MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
HALIFAX EXPLOSION



A MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HALIFAX EXPLOSION WILL BE HELD
JOINTLY BY THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND THE CITY
OF HALIFAX AT RICHMOND SCHOOL, ACADIA STREET, HALIFAX, N. S.
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1967 AT 3:00 P.M.

ALL PERSONS WHO WERE IN ANY WAY INVOLVED
IN THE HALIFAX EXPLOSION ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BE PRESENT
AND TO TAKE PART IN THIS MEMORIAL SERVICE.

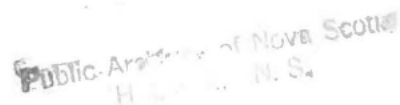
By Order of the Chairman,

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

2 Columns x 4 inches

INSERTIONS - DEC 2 & 4, 1967

~~HALIFAX~~ CHRONICLE - HERALD & MAIL-STAR



Special Ch. re Explosion 4:00

Dec. 1/67

Chairman AMB Athol Miss Cameron Nathan
Green WJC. MDS McKelly

6:00 - 10:00 music programme

- ④ The Queen
- ⑤ 4 bars for Isadora
- ③ Incidental music including hymns
- ② Canada-m cue * Handel
- ~~Agony~~

band to start playing 2:45 pm
music to create the mood.

copies of boards to "Aria with Me"

Nath Green. G. C. Col. 191

Notes: ...

Many concerns of cost of
"O, O" heart from guests

Ex: Gov. premier

~~Notes on the~~ 3 clergy Amb

Main guest "Nathan Green"

MDS cop 1 be 1.4 C

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for: ...

MDS cadets to do the ~~decorating~~

upsetting and arranging
flags and entire decorations

Mr. Frank Flinn Vice Chairman Hal. Relief Com.

" W. E. Tibbs Hal. R. Com.

" Edgar W. Crooks, Secretary Hal. Relief Com.

Rear Admiral J. C. O'Brien Commander CFB

Air Commodore R. F. Miller, Chief of Staff Logistics

Colonel Malcolm Turner, R.A. Park

Chief Supt. Eric Parter, RCMP

Mr. G. Mc L. Daley Hal. Herald Ltd

" F. W. Arenburg Mgr. CHNS

" E. Finlay Macdonald CTC H

" S. R. Kennedy CBC

" Jack Beasley Can Press

Dr. C. Bruce Ferguson

Mr. C. L. Beasley

" L. A. Kitz A.C.

" Ch. Vaughan

" J. E. Lloyd

" Mrs R. H. Staddon

" " S. A. Ward

Mr. D. S. Seant Pres Bd of Trade

SS Jacobson 1st VP " "

OR Robertson QC 2nd VP " "

KA Ross Gen Mgr " "

J. C. Achilles

B. N. Bowman

Ray Bowman

G. D. Caldwell

Jack Campbell

R. C. De Mont

A. F. Duffus

J. P. Dumaresq

J. H. Haylock

Peter Herschman

R. D. Hurst

F. H. Keenaghan

L. F. Kirkpatrick

J. K. Lawton

W. O. Morrow

F. J. ~~Mac~~ Munro

D. W. Myers

Geo. Macdonald

K. W. McEail

Murray A. North

G. C. Piriey A.C.

George Riley

D. W. Solesman

Ray & R Shaw

Arthur Speed

J. E. Zipler

Dr. S. J. Zinning

Barbara A Smith Pres H D & D K C

Arthur Sanford V P " "

~~Chas. Smith~~

W T Brooks "

Henny Martell "

J. K. Bell "

Joe Rodgers

80 Survivors

David Lyle Prin. St Andrews Sch.

Mr. S. L. Cross " Richmond Sch.

Dr. M. E. Keatinge Supt of Schools

Rev. Lloyd Archer United Memorial Church

Rev. Monsign McCauley St Joseph's Church

Mr. J. A. Lane

Miss M. Eileen Burns

Hon. Justice F. W. Bissett

Mrs. H. H. Marshall

Miss Alberta G. Letts Dir. N. S. Prov. Library

" Brian MacQuarrie Asst Dir "

Mrs. Carol Somers Hal County Reg "

Mr & Mrs Louis Vaziano Dal. Univ Library

Rev. Gibson Hallam SMO Library

Sister Francis Dolores M S V Librarian

Mr & Mrs Mohammed R. Hussain N S T C Library

" " Daniel Hawkins Dal Reg P "

Aederman Eileen & Mr W P Stubbs

Councillor Mary T. King-Myers

Robert Starna

Mr & Mrs. Keith L. Graham

" " J. Solomon

" " Allen Mac Millan

" " Murray Mac Rankin

Rev. Sister Aida Michael Pres Office M S V

Very Rev. C. M. Nicholson Pine Hill

Dr. Thomas Radwell

Mrs. E. G. Freeman

Mrs. Catherine MacNeil St. Mary's College Librarian



Miss Barbara Smith Bright. NS Prov
Museum Library

Mr & Mrs W Palmer

Mr & Mrs A W Hinton

John R. Millidge

Prof. Mrs. A. S. Mowat

Mr & Mrs H. L. Webster

Mr & Mrs Gordon Rice

Mr & Mrs L. J. Zincker

Angus Wainwright

Chas & Mrs G. Law

Mr H Diamond 45 Chestnut Ave Westmount
(Preparing Mem Book) 6 P2.



Re: Memorial Service
50th Anniversary Hfx. Explos.
Wednesday, Dec. 6/67 3: p.m.
Richmond School, Acadia St.

Invitations sent to:

Mr. A. D. Wigglesworth
Can. Red Cross Society

Dr. J. D. McLean, Pres. Hfx. Branch
Can. Red Cross Soc.
Dean of Diocese

Major S. Zuck
Salvation Army.

Senator Harold Connolly

Miss Jean Frost
1055 Bucknaw St.

Dr. Col. J. E. D. Miller
St. John Ambulance

Major George Heon
Salvation Army

Brig. Leonard Knight
Salvation Army

Monsignor Buchanan

Miss Delphine Stokes

Mrs. Coleman-Jackson

Mr. Wm. Wells

Mr. Jas. Vaughan, M.L.A.

Mr. Gerald Regan, M.L.A.

Mr. Michael Forrestal, M.P.

Rev. J. Murray Armstrong (Bapt.)

" Eric Ingraham (Ang.)

Canon Melvin French (St. Mark's)

Rev. Admiral [unclear]



CITY OF HALIFAX
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.
November 29, 1967.

Dear Reverend:

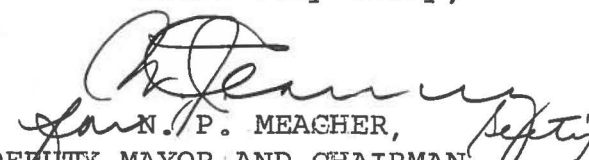
A Memorial Service commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion is to be held jointly by the Province of Nova Scotia and the Corporation of the City of Halifax at Richmond School, Acadia Street, on Wednesday, December 6, 1967 at 3:00 p.m.

Formal invitations have been sent to a large number of representative people, including the Lieutenant-Governor and the Premier and people who were known to have played a leading role at the time of the Explosion.

A Committee has been appointed to complete the arrangements for the Service and it is the desire of the Committee that as many of the people who were involved in any way in the Explosion as possible be invited to attend this Memorial Service. To this end, advertisements are to be published in the local papers on December 2 and December 4 inviting such people. The Committee also decided to seek the cooperation of all the churches in Halifax and to request that you include in your weekly bulletin an item concerning this Service and inviting your parishioners to attend. If it so happens that your bulletin has already been printed, it would be appreciated if an announcement could be made from the pulpit at all services on December 3.

Your kind cooperation would be appreciated by all concerned.

Yours very truly,


JOHN P. MEACHER,
DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. STODDARD
CITY CLERK

W. J. CLANCY
DEPUTY CITY CLERK



OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

HALIFAX
NOVA SCOTIA

TELEPHONE
423-8181

November 20, 1967

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Sir or Madam:

You are requested to attend a meeting of a Special Committee which has been appointed by His Worship the Mayor to arrange a program for the memorial service to be held on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion.

The meeting will be Chaired by Deputy Mayor N. P. Meagher, and will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, November 24, 1967, at 4:00 p.m.

By Order of the Chairman.

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

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