

ORDERED POLICE TO BE VIGILANT

Mayor Received Hint of Con- templated Anti-German Demonstration Today

Acting on some private information which he had received, Mayor Martin gave instructions to Chief Campeau yesterday to prevent any hostile demonstration today, if such were attempted, against German residents of Montreal.

"I don't know whether this is true or not," said Mayor Martin, "but we must protect these people, and if there are any English people in Montreal who want to fight the Germans, I think they should enlist and go on the other side of the ocean."

His Worship declined to give the source of the rumor, and when asked if he believed it to be true, he replied, "You never know what may happen. I don't think it is right to have any trouble in Montreal, and I have told Chief Campeau to take the necessary precautions."

While the number of Germans in Montreal is less than may be found in most American cities of the same size, Mayor Martin contends that so long as they remain peaceful they should not be molested, and in that view, he thought, he would have the

support of all classes of the city's population.

Today being a patriotic holiday, Mayor Martin added, the City Hall would be closed, but the police would be on the alert to prevent any disturbance of the peace.