## 1.150 POLICE TO AID CROWD IN TIMES SQ.

Election Lights Will Flash To-

night for the First Time Since War Began

With a huge Times Square election night crowd in prospect for onight, police prepared yesterday or their annual task that becomes particularly strenuous every four years. Service men and those attracted

by the moving electric bulletin sign of THE NEW YORK TIMES on the Times Tower, the bulletins that will be flashed on a screen set up on the north side of the building and the light beacon that will signal the leader and winner in the Presidential race are expected to add to the normal pedestrian crowd. This will be the first year since the beginning of the war and the lifting of blackout restrictions that the lights will flash on election night.

## "We expect the largest crowd in Times Square since the Armis-

**Expects Record Crowd** 

tice," said Deputy Chief Inspector James J. Sheehy, in command of the traffic division, who will supervise the area. According to plans announced at Police Headquarters yesterday, 1,-150 policemen, including 900 uni-

formed men and 250 detectives, will be in the Times Square area. They will be aided by 100 members of the City Patrol Corps. Specifically assigned are 250 foot patrolmen, 100 mounted men and 100 traffic police. The others will be held in reserve in police stations in Manhattan West precincts. Automobile traffic going north may be diverted east and west at Fortieth Street and south bound traffic may be diverted at Fifty-

the area. Buses and trolleys also may be excluded at the peak, ex-

second Street if the crowd covers

pected between 11 P. M. and mid-

Plans for Pedestrian Traffic

When pedestrian traffic becomes heavy the groups will be directed

night.

## to use the sidewalks on the east side of Broadway going north and the west side of Broadway going

south. Two sound trucks operated by the Police Telegraph Bureau will issue the instructions and direct police operations. Two police emergency trucks will be stationed in the area along with two ambulances and several pieces of fire apparatus. firemen have been assigned to watch fire alarm boxes to prevent

unnecessary alarms. Headquarters for the police will be set up in two booths. The information center at Broadway and Forty-third Street will serve as a base of operations for Chief Inspector John J. O'Connell and Mr. Sheehy. Traffic headquarters, charge of Deputy Chief Inspector James J. Phelan, will be based at the booth at Broadway and Fortysixth Street. In charge of the police detail will be John W. Con-

tor.

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