

# BREAD IS IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE CITY

A WARNING that there would be a shortage of bread in Belfast to-day has come from a spokesman in the Inglis group whose main depot in Eliza Street came under siege this morning.

And bakery shops report panic buying among people anxious to get in supplies. There were bread queues in the city yesterday, and early this morning many shops were already sold out.

A spokesman for Milanda bread which is baked at the Eliza Street depot of Inglis, said: "It is quite possible that as far as Inglis and Milanda are concerned there will be no supplies to-day.

"If we can get the bread that was baked last night out of Eliza Street there might be bread later on."

At Bernard Hughes' in Springfield Parade, there is no shortage. "We are working to full capacity, but we have cut out things like pastry and cakes which are unimportant."

The main problem there is distribution, but, said the spokesman, vans are going as near as possible to troubled areas and waiting for people who can manage to get out to buy bread from them.

The Ormeau bakery shop in Arthur Street was "besieged" this morning as soon as it opened.

"All the bread was gone

inside an hour, and we won't be getting any more until to-morrow," said the manageress.

The picture was repeated in many shops which found that stocks of bread had completely gone by mid-morning.

"There is a panic on for bread," said an assistant at O'Hara's shop in Crumlin Road. "People are coming from all over, but they are being very reasonable if there is no bread."

Early closing by public houses, and a voluntary curfew by Belfast people has meant that the feared shortage of beer should not be serious.

Some companies are de-

livering supplies, but Bass Charrington's brewery at Glen Road has come to a complete standstill. It is understood that workers were sent home in the interests of their own safety.

A housewife who telephoned the Belfast Telegraph from the Moyard area said that people there were virtually under house arrest:

"We can't get out to get bread or milk and there are a lot of young families in this district," she said.

"We haven't seen a postman, a milkman or a breadman for days. There is a terrible feeling of being trapped."