

MYSTERY BLAZE: DETECTIVES CALLED IN

Stratford, London. Smoke pours from a corner building, as firemen battle to bring under control the fifth fire in a week to strike within a half-mile area in the East End. Mystery cloaks the worst outbreak of suspected arson in recent years. Scotland Yard detectives are investigating. From neighbouring houses, hoses flood the store - a repository of Government surplus goods. Six firemen are injured by explosives.

A senior fire-officer is first inside the building. As the blaze is checked, wreckage is searched for clues, to how it started. After nine hours, 100 firemen are still "damping down" the £30,000 inferno.

Meanwhile, the police - fearing a new wave of fire-raising - order redoubled watch on all factories and warehouses containing inflammable material.