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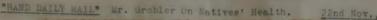
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Port Elizabeth, Sunday. WHEN the Mayor, Mr. J. McLean, Har sandth sub-economic house erected Wil in twelve months in connection with Ma ma the city's £1,500,0000 slum clearance the and re-housing scheme, the Minister of Labour, the Hon. H. Lawrence, de-Bre scribed Port Elizabeth as having given and a lead to the rest of South Africa. in

wer I The scheme, he said, was a "magnificent achievement," and he was amazed to see what a great project the city had embarked on. When the he went back to Pretoria, Mr. Lawrence continued, he would be able to report that the Council's labours were bearing fruit.

They had tackled social problems in the right manner by introducing these schemes. Young children who grew up in the new houses would be influenced by the change of environment, and various forms of vice and crime caused by improper upbringing would be pu gradually stamped out. "What pleases th fo me most about these municipal schemes in Port Elizabeth," he concluded, " is M that they cater for all sections of the VC community. I want to emphasise that, as much as it is the duty of the Government to look after Europeans, so, also, is it its duty to look to the wants of non-Europeans."

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CITY HOUSING.

"The Star" 2,600 More Houses. City's £1,300,000 Scheme. 23td., Nov., 1938.



Work is to start as soon as possible on building 1.164 more houses for Europeans and 1.500 houses for non-Europeans at a cost of about £1,300,000 in economic and sub-economic schemes by the Johannesburg City Council in its big drive to eliminate slums and provide decent comfortable housing for the poorer section of the community at a nominal rental.

The Council also plans to establish six residential clubs for girls in the city, at Pioneers Township, Cottesloe, Langlaagte, and three at Jeppe when the lowering of the line is completed and ground now covered by a maze of railway tracks becomes available. The Pioneer Club is under construction.

SCHEME EXPLAINED

In an interview to-day, Mr. L. Leveson, chairman of the Public Health Committee of the council, said the city engineer's department had been in-structed to prepare plans and full details for the proposed construction of the 2.664 new houses The council had available a housing loan of £1,500,000 which was to have been utilised to build 2.000 Furgeage

been utilised to build 2,000 European sub-economic houses at Klipriviersberg. In the negotiations with the Govern-ment it had been agreed to cede a large part of the ground to the Rail-way Administration and it was under-stood that 600 houses would be put up by them for relivary to get up by them for railwaymen to cater for the staff that would work at the new goods and marshalling yards in the converted Prospect Township

The committee now proposed to use the money to put up 105 sub-economic houses in the Vrededorp compound. 634 sub-economic houses at Albertsville, 325 at Claremont, and 100 economic houses at various points in the city, all for European families; 600 Asiatic sub-economic and economic houses in Claremont for Asiatics, and

nouses in Claremont for Asiatics, and 900 economic and sub-economic houses for coloured people in Coronation Township and Orlando. "This will give thousands of people now existing in difficult conditions a chance of living in decent comfortable houses with room for gardens and at low rentals which would release more money for food and other necessities. The people would have security of The people would have security of tenure and would have no fear of being exploited "

FAMILIES REHABILITATED

Mr Leveson added that in the existing sub-economic and economic hous-ing schemes many families were being rehabilitated and set on their feet. Several families had reached the stage where they could start paying off homes of their own and others would occupy their places in the Council's houses.

"The great thing these people want, too, is space for a garden. Most of them are very proud of the gardens they have created round their new homes.

The new scheme is another nail in the coffin of slum tenements.

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ANSVAAL, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1938, SLUM ELIMINATION AT BOKSBURG Г M.O.H. REPORTS ON WORK OF REHABILITATION

The progress of slum elimination | houses, and four two-roomed houses 116 in Boksburg, the development of the ay municipal loan scheme for economic he housing, the proposed extensions to ed the location, the establishment of a modern Asiatic township, and details ar of the proposed European subon economic housing scheme, are discussed in a special report on housing prepared by the M.O.H. of Boks-L burg, Dr. J. J. du Preez le Roux and included in his annual report.

"It is gratifying to report," he states, "that only 66 out of the total of 221 properties originally classified as slums remain unaltered." The buildings were classified in a survey undertaken the previous year. Since then the health depart-ment had arranged personal inter-views with owners of all slum properties and the requirements of views with owners of all slum properties and the requirements of the department explained to them and detailed in writing. As a result of this, 71 buildings had been recon-structed and 75 were under recon-struction, five having been vacated. Of the buildings listed as slums in Of the buildings listed as slums in the original survey, 124 were in Boksburg North, 70 in Boksburg and 27 in other parts of the municipal area.

MAJOR PROBLEMS

The M.O.H. points out that the majority of the 66 premises that have remained unaltered are rehave remained unaltered are garded as major slums which should be vacated or demolished, "many be vacated or demolished, "many of them being yard buildings not originally intended for human habitation.

"Further action must necessarily be delayed until the completion of the proposed sub - economic housing scheme for Europeans, in order that our efforts to improve conditions should not make matters even worse for an already harassed section of the community," states the report, pointing out that "the installation of waterborne sewerage has already had the effect of increasing rents, thus making greater inroads on the finances of those who, by reason of their small earnings, are forced to occupy slum dwellings."

The sub-economic housing scheme provides for only 24 houses-half the number originally recommended, because it is hoped that the balance of the scheme will be better for the experience gained on this first experi-mental section. There will be 12 fourroomed houses, eight three-roomed

and the rentals of the three types will be 17/6 a week, 15/- a week, and 12/6 a week. The free services will in-clude sanitation, 1,500 gallons of water and 20 units of electricity a

REHABILITATION

"The sub-economic scheme should in time develop from its original ob-ject of 'rehousing' into the complete rehabilitation of the slum dwellings," states the report. "This will be possible if tenants are encouraged, once placed on a sounder financial footing, to acquire their own properties under the municipal loan scheme." This will enable them to purchase their own homes by monthly payments not greatly in excess of the proposed sub-economic rentals.

Since the end of 1934, 40 houses to the value of £31,826 have been completed under the municipal loan scheme.

"Most of the existing townships are now more or less fully built up, and the continuation of building progress will depend upon the proposed new Cason, Comet and Cinderella Townships becoming available at an early date."

Because the Asiatic population de-pend mainly for their income on native trade, a site near the Stirtonville location has been selected for the modern Asiatic township, which will consist of 168 houses. The town-ship will contain a properly laid-out trading centre. "To cater for the customs of the Asiatics, who favour the accommodation of manied abit the accommodation of married chil dren under the parental roof, many of the proposed dwellings will be built in semi-detached groups."

"FULLY JUSTIFIED"

"Any cost or effect which can be directed to the completion of this scheme will be fully justified," states the report, "as it will eliminate an area in which conditions of a most undesirable nature at present exist.

As soon as final approval has been obtained from the Provincial Ad-ministration, building operations will be started on the location extension scheme, which "will materially assist in relieving, although it will not com-pletely solve, the present housing shortage. The scheme provides for the accommodation of about 2,000 natives in 230 three-roomed cottages, which will be let at 22/6 a month, and 145 four-roomed blocks to be let at 12/6 per room, will be let.

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THE STAR" An Indian Township. 17th December, 1938.



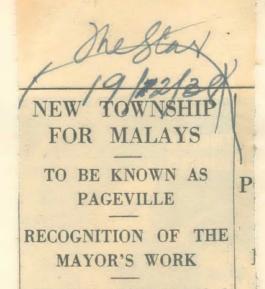
detailed the changes suggested in regard to the Malay Location. on Briefly it is proposed, by arrangees ment between the standholders and Xthe City Council, to substitute freehold to title for the present monthly permit 10system, the cost of freeholding ranging pe from £100 in the case of business 1d stands to £50 for residential stands. he Certain topographical changes are also ld to be made. A broad roadway flanked of by a barrier of trees will be erected on it the south between the location and re Mayfair, and a similar barrier on the S. north between Eighteenth Street and of Braamfontein, and the narrow 25ft. Sstreets are to be made one-way streets. The proceeds of the charges for freeholding are to be paid into a special fund, from which, in the first instance, will be paid the survey and expropriation charges which the scheme necessitates, and the balance is to be devoted to much-needed improvements in the area itself. The whole scheme reflects great credit upon the Council and its officials, and the representatives of the Indian community, and it is to be hoped that it will be duly ratified. As Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr pointed out when, as Minister of the Interior in

le 1936, he introduced the second read-Ving of the Bill to permit Asiatics to he acquire freehold in certain restricted eareas, nothing is more certainly n calculated to create slum conditions W than insecurity of title. Once security n is given, and improvements become 2, practicable, a new era will dawn for the locality; and it would be suitable 2 if its advent were accompanied by a suitable change of name. The term "Malay Location" may have been 0 suited to the mining camp conditions of the 'nineties, but it is obviously incongruous as applied to an up-todate township, with many three and four-storeyed modern buildings, wherein the capital investment approaches one million pounds. Moreover, there is a definite social and business slur in the word location, for that quarter will in future be a creditable township, and neither Malay nor a location. If we might venture on a suggestion, it is that the name of the Mayor in whose year the change is to take place, and who himself has dow a great deal to bring it about, she be honoured in this respect.

HOUSING.

"THE STAR"

New Township For Malays. 19th December, 1938



The Mayor of Johannesbrug, Mr. J. J. Page, has consented to the proposed new Malay township, which will be a big extension of the present Malay location, being known as Pageville. The suggestion, which was the recommendation of the Transvaal Indian Congress, has been accepted by the City Council.

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of controversy and negotiation. Commenting on the article which appeared in The Star last week on the future of the Malay location, Mr. Th sa: th the future of the Malay location. Mr. S. M. Nana, secretary of the Trans-vaal Indian Congress, stated to-day that a deputation of the congress made representations to the parlia-mentary select committee on the 1936 Act, and requested that, as a first step. Indians should be given the CO sil bc ac m su right of ownership in the proposed "freedom" areas. including the pre-U coloured townships of dominantly or Newclare, Sophiatown and Martindale and the Asiatic bazaars and townships in de such as the Malay location. The committee acceded to the reni ar

quests of congress and as a result Sections 1 and 2 of the Amendment

Act were placed on the Statute Book. Representatives of the congress and the Malay Location Standowners' Association met representatives of the Johannesburg City Council in June last year The appeal submitted then for Indians to be given freehold title

"This progressive step," said Mr Nana, "is welcomed by the Indian community and is an indication of the relaxation of the laws prohibiting Indians from holding property. It is hoped that the granting of free-hold title will lend an impetus to the great improvements which have been effected already in the Malay location

That policy, he added, would be ac-celerated if the Council made provision for economic housing loans under Government housing schemes. While there were some wealthy stand-

in the location, there were not well off, and by liberal housing adiately

READERS'VIEWS.

Housing. Where The Money Goes. (Mather Smith) December 19th, 1938.



To the Editor Sir,—Before je are committee to the expenditure of author units of money on housing and shim-clear-ance scheme, it would surely be ad-visable to make some further study of the results of similar schemes in other countries. In answer to Mr. H. Day in the House of Commons, on May 26, 1938, Mr. Walter Elliot said that for the five years ending March 31, 1938, the number of acres acquired under the various Housing Acts by local authorities in England and Wales, outside London, had been 35,000, for which £8,000,000 had been paid. In reply to the Rev. James Barr the said that from 1919 to March 1928, the State had paid in housing subsi-dies £193,304.622. The aggregate num-

ber of houses built with the help of

State subsidy was 1,404,576. Mr. A. W. Madsen, in his "Why Rents and Rates are High," says: "This huge sum, taken from some taxpayers to give to others," (it is so easy to be generous with other people's money) "reflects the state of poverty in which people live whose wages do not enable them to provide or occupy houses for themselves. Nor is the sum the whole amount of subsidy, since millions have to be added which local authorities have paid out of the rates. The land monopoly, the rings and trusts, have had their hands deep in this out-pouring of public money; but the housing problem still awaits solution."

The figures for Scotland are not included in the above figures, but Glasgow, to my knowledge, has been spending huge sums on slum-clear-ance schemes for many years past. And the result? Mr. R. Morrison, K.C., giving evidence before a Parliamentary Commission on July 28, 1937, said that: "Of the 276,130 houses in Glasgow at Whitsuntide, 1935, no fewer than 259,769 fell under the overcrowding survey in accordance with the 1935 Act. This revealed an almost staggering total of 74,952 overcrowded houses exclusive of over 10,000 houses found to be unfit for human habitation and half of which were also over-crowded." Since the war the City Council of Glasgow spent £3.059 979 on land purchase of which £1,080,139 was for housing; £791,626 for streets and sewers, and £137,205 for parks.

A city held to ransom! Let the towns of Transvaal beware.

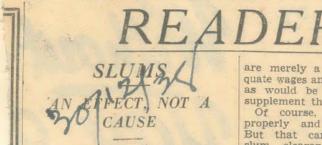
MATHER SMITH, Secretary of the Farmers' and Workers' Party

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SLUMS. An Effect, Not A Cause. F.A.W.Lucas. 30/12/38.

THE STAR. JOHANNESBURG. TRANS



To the Editor of The Star

Sir,—I should like to thank you for the sub-leader on Slums in The Star of Tuesday. For many years we have had far too much of "the too prevalent idea that housing by itself will ... solve the slum problem." Slums are not a cause. They are an effect. They are signs of poverty, unemployment, low wages. Slum clearance can never destroy those evils, but if, as we easily could, we were to destroy poverty, slums would cease to exist and with them the need for housing schemes and other forms of charity—slum clearance is really only a kind of charitable activity.

In 1915 the M.O.H. for Woolwich showed that good wages while they lasted ended slums in his area. Woolwich had for long been known as a bad slum area, but when, with the outbreak of the Great War, the munitions factories in Woolwich became busy and wages rose, it was found that what had been slums ceased to be such and the people who had been living in them ceased to be slum-dwellers. Those same people, with enough money coming in to meet their reasonable needs, soon recovered their self-respect and they began to take an interest in and to beautify their homes. People do not live in slums be-

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People do not live in slums because they like it. They live there live because they must. No slum clearance scheme ever raised wages. Such schemes often actually reduce the amount the residents have to spend on food, because more has to be spent on transport than formerly, but the always tend to raise rents elsewhere and to reduce wages. Under our present economic

Under our present economic system there is always a shortage of jobs and competition between workers, for the jobs that are available, sets up a constant tendency towards lowering wages. In such competition, a man who may have had his rent expenditure reduced by £1 a month, through a subeconomic housing scheme, will not hesitate to offer to take a wage reduced by £1 a month, if that is the only way he can keep or get a job. Our housing or slum clearance enthusiasts would hesitate to sug-

Our housing or slum clearance enthusiasts would hesitate to suggest a direct subsidy for wages, because it would be obvious to them that the immediate result would be a reduction in wages by the amount of the subsidy. They ought also to see that their spectacular schemes are merely a subsidising of inadequate wages and are just as ineffective f as would be a direct payment to supplement those wages.

Of course, everyone should be properly and comfortably housed. But that cannot be achieved by slum clearance or sub-economic housing schemes. It can be achieved by removing the cause of poverty. That can be easily done when we wake up sufficiently to demand it. Nature has provided enough for

Nature has provided enough for everyone, but, by a man-made law, we have laid it down that no one shall use or enjoy what nature has provided for all, unless and until we first pay a landowner what he demands for giving us permission to work or live or breathe. That is why we have poverty and unemployment and slums.

F. A. W. LUCAS.

CITY HOUSING.

"THE STAR" COUNCILLOR APPEALS FOR REPOUSING "DRIVE". 22nd December, 1938.



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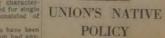
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