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| Latin America ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 12 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 25. | 20 | 55 |
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| Oceania | 25 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 44 | 19 | 37 |
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| Latin America $^{\text {b }}$ | 20 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 39 | 16 | 45 |
| Europe $^{c}$ | 15 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 36 | 24 | 40 |
| Asia | 10 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 10 | 68 |
| Africa | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 9 | 75 |
| Oceania | 25 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 50 | 10 | 40 |
| World Total | 13 | 5 | - | - | 28 | 14 | 58 |

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| North America ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 40 | 12 | 10 | 15 | (77) | 13 |
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| Latin America ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 25 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 50 | 10 |
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| World Total | 21 | 7 | 6 | 8 | $42$ | 12 |

[^0]In the E.C.A.F.E. countries, demands for beter housing begin with basic necessities such as land, education water supply and sewers. The housing demand itself is for nothing more than a single room where all the family can eat and sleep together. The number of dwellers per housing unit is 12.76 in Hong Kong, 10 to 15 Djakarta. In Calcutta, 58 per cent of all city dwellers live in single rooms with more than five persons, and the number of single-room houses totals 79 per cent of all the houses.

The housing situation in Japan presents a very peculiar case. The housing standard is very low; for example, the size of apartment units for five member families built by the Japan Housing Corporation is only 45 square meters. On the other hand, their ownership of durable consumer goods such as $T$.V. sets, electric refrigerators and washing machines is high (almost 100 per cent). The sophisticated attitude of the tenants, whose educational level is higher than average, demands that dining and sleeping take place in separate rooms, parents and children sleep in separate rooms, and each room fulfill a specialised function, etc. As a result of such demands, the master bedroom becomes as small as 8.5 square meters, and the dining kitchen as common spaces becomes as small as 7.5 to 8.5 square meters. In view of the fact that, in Tokyo and Osaka, one-fourth of the households live in one-room apartment-houses of wooden structures, those built by the Japan Housing Corporation may be adeaute so far as the Japanese housing standard is concerned.

On the other hand, competition for resources for housing and production facilities is not so keen in developed countries which have already achieved a high standard of living. In the developed countries a large investment in housing is needed, both socially and economically to promote building and other related industries. The prcsperity of the building industry, like that of other consumer-oriented industries is essential for the prosperity of the economy as a whole. In the advanced countries, the public's desire to elevate the housing standard to other standards of consumer life is very strong, and housing construction plays a key role in the economy. This is radically different from the situation in less developed countries where the present standard of living is low and a considerable sum of investment in basic production facilities is needed. Gererally speaking, it is easy to invest resources in housing; it is, however, sound economic policy and effective housing policy to invest in housing only those resources which are not suited to investments in production and other facilities.

Housing investments consume capital, material, labour and other resources. They also effect the growth of investments in production facilities indirectly. Subsides are needed to fill the gap between
overhead expenses for maintaining modern housing and average incomes and to meet rising housing demands effectively. Such subsidies necessitate higher tax rates, and higher tax rates in their turn exert negative effects on personal savings and corporate savings which are the sources of investment money for production facilities. This problem becomes increasingly important in less developed countries where large subsidies are needed to bring new low-rent housing within reach of the general public。

LAND PRICE INDEX AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX IN SIX MAJOR CITIES OF JAPAN 74 (March $1955=100$ )

| Classification | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 |  |
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| Total | 188 | 226 | 294 | 494 | 708 | 839 | 986 | 1082 |  |
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|  | 161 | 173 | 231 | 370 | 500 | 558 | 641 | 696 |  |
| Commercial Land | 191 | 236 | 303 | 436 | 614 | 763 | 928 | 1038 |  |
| Residential Land | 213 | 270 | 361 | 675 | 1017 | 1192 | 1391 | 1514 |  |
| Industrial Land | 178 | 220 | 280 | 399 | 507 | 594 | 677 | 768 |  |
| Average Urban Land |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 103 | 104 | 108 | 114 | 121 | 131 | 135 | 146 |
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74 Heihachiro Adachi, "Present Housing Problems and Home Land Development in Japan," paper circulated at the Tokyo Seminar of the International Federation of Housing and Planning 1966.

The Six major cities used in this calculation are: Tokyo, Osaka, Magoya, Yokohama, Kobe and Kyoto。

## TAX RELIEF.

Tax relief is a measure designed to channel more funds into housing investment. In West Germany, for example, taxable incomes may be sizeably reduced through the provisions for accelerated write-offs for personal investment in housing, and up to 30 per cent of corporation profits may be deducted from taxable incomes if the corporations use such money as no-interest loans for social housing construction. These measures have succeeded in diverting more personal and corporate money for investment in housing.

France has a housing fund for low-income families called H.L.M. Under this system, builders of rental housing can borrow up to 75 per
cent of the housing cost at the rate of 1 per cent per annum with an amortisation period of 45 years, and with no payment in the first three years.

The Calcutta Ketropoliter Plan deals with a city in a state of crisis, We have not seen human degradation on a comparable scale in any other city in the world. This is a matter of one of the greatest urban concentrations in existence rapidly approaching the point of breakdown in terms of its economy, housing, sanitation, transport and the essential humanities of life. If the final breakdown were to take place it would be a disaster for mankind of a more sinister sort than an disaster of flood or famine. It would be a confession of failure, at the first major confrontation of mankind's ability to organise the vast, rapidly growing urban concentrations into which humanity seems inevitubly destined to move.

The remaining $63,25,000$ were in the 1961 "household population" - people reaiding in some form of non - institutional shelter. Altogether, they occupied $13,29,000$ housing units, providing, on an average, one unit for ever 4.76 persons. This ratio itself is not particularly high. The real problems of the existing housing supply arise from two other factors. First, most of the units are extremely small in relation to the number of people who are forced to live in them. Second, the majority are in a squalid condition with few of the physical amenities of decent homes.

The first point implies overcrowding of remarkable proportions. This can be illustrated by two simple facts: (a) in 1961, the average CMD housing unit size was only 1.55 rooms; the average occupancy rate was 2.99 persons per room; (b) it has been estimated that 77 per cent of all Calcutta families in 1957 had less than 40 square feet of living space per person.

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