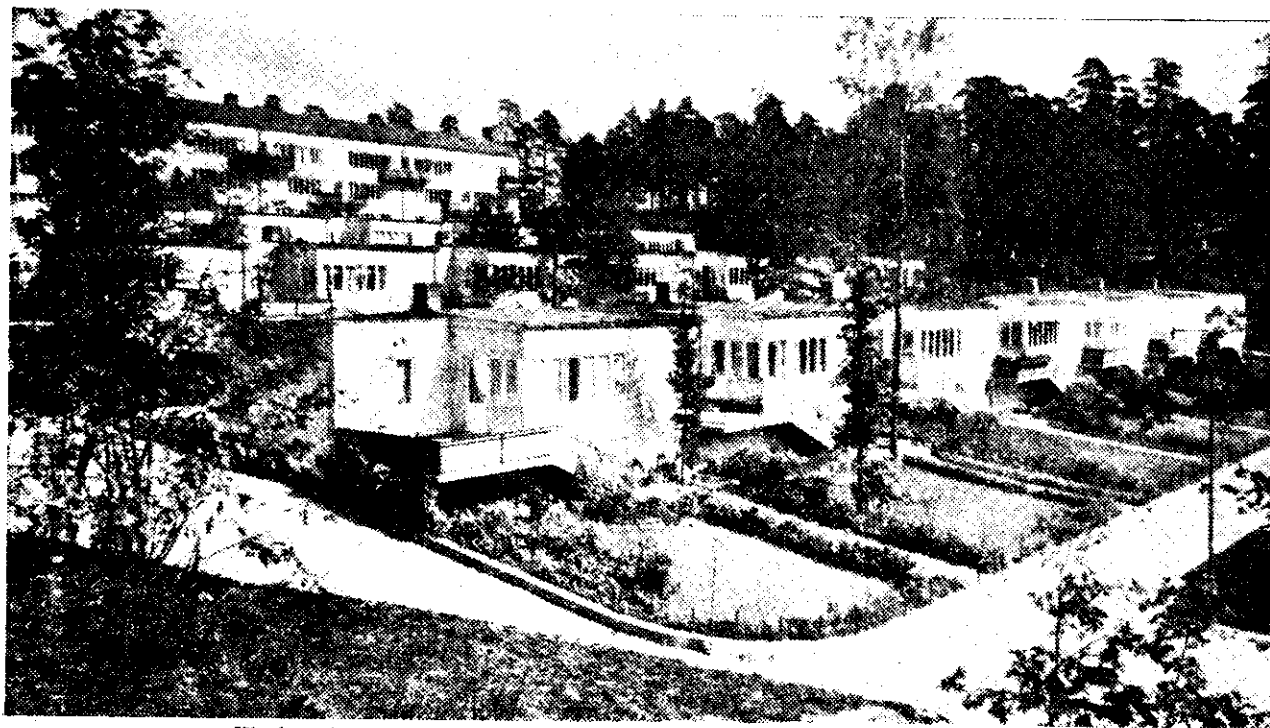


# WHY NOT BUILD YOUR OWN HOUSE?



Workmen's dwellings of the Co-operative Society at Kvarnholmen, Stockholm

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"STATE House" v. "Your Own Home" will continue to be a political argument rather than a practical alternative for most of us until New Zealand's supply of houses catches up on our demand for them. But is there no third course? Must we who are without houses wait endlessly (so it feels) for our names to come top of the State House list for our town or for some "rich uncle in Australia" (or, more probably, Tasmania) to leave us a windfall?

Of course if we work in the bush or live at the beach the answer is No. For in these places the good old New Zealand practice of a man building his own house with his own hands still continues, as the week-end sound of saw and hammer and the sight of many queer structures testifies. But building your own looks scarcely practicable in city or town.

For all that at least one municipality in the world—a city much larger than any of ours and very much more difficult to build in—has for years sponsored a literal version of "build your own home" and to-day "boasts" (the exact

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