



LABOUR SHOWED THE WAY TO *Better Housing*

Not just MORE homes, but BETTER homes, has always been Labour's goal. And a record number of new homes, plus the thousands of beautiful State homes, each individual in design and complete in amenities, provide eloquent proof of Labour's housing success.

Home building under Labour has broken all records

In 1939, before the war slowed up Labour's housing programme, 4,661 homes were built by private owners, the greatest number for eight years. In addition 3,432 State homes were built—a total of 8,093 homes and an all-time record for New Zealand. Since 1937, 24,000 loans for private dwellings were financed through the State Advances Corporation—giving the lie direct to the accusation that Labour discourages private ownership. More houses have been built under Labour than in any other similar period in our history.

What happened to building during the war years

The demands of war building halted the housing programme which came almost to a standstill in 1943. Meanwhile, defence requirements swallowed up 383,000,000 feet of timber, enough to build 17 towns each with a population of 10,000 people. Even then, when man-power and materials were short, 39,637 houses were built between 1940-1946. Between 1930-36, when only the will-power was short, the Nationalists built only 21,942 houses.

19,000 ex-servicemen already housed

Fifty per cent. of State houses are allocated to ex-servicemen and more than 5,000 have already been provided. Over 11,000 low-interest loans to buy and build houses had been granted in less than a year after VJ day, and nearly 3,000 more for the purchase of farms.

LABOUR will build 60,000 HOMES in the next 5 years

Through giving every possible encouragement to the private builder, and vigorously proceeding with its Government housing schemes, Labour will promote the building of 12,000 houses a year in the next 5 years. Labour has financed 4,000 servicemen in the building of their own homes—it will go on doing so. By opening new timber mills, by eliminating luxury building, by training thousands of ex-servicemen for building and allied trades Labour will overcome war-born shortages and solve the housing shortage.

Some Nationalists views on housing

Mr. Watts says that the Fair Rents Act is "an interference with the Natural law of supply and demand." Labour says we know only too well what happens when that law operates.

Mr. Sheat says that the main effect of the Land Sales Act "seemed to be to discourage dealing in land." Labour says that more land transfers are being made now than before the Act was passed.

Mr. Holland says that the National Party wants to "give everyone the right to own the freehold of his own home." Labour says they not only have the right but, under Labour, the means to do it.

Mr. Holland says that the National Party will give "all the occupants of State houses the right to acquire them by a system of weekly payments not exceeding their present rentals." Labour says that the State Advances Corporation advises that purchase under this plan would take 77 years! No one would live long enough to own his own house.

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