

The Housing Problem

- 1. LS Aneurin Bevan leaving home in Chelsea.
- 2. CU Bevan on steps of house, preferably holding brief case.
- 3. Swing shot on Bevan entering House of Commons

Aneurin Bevan, the Minister with the task of rehousing Britain, sums up the total of a six month effort and makes his first progress report to Parliament.

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- 4. LS Ebbw Vale village. 14962 ✓
- 5. LS poor street in Welsh valley township 12597-30 ✓
- 6. Interior dark cottage (library ✓)
- 7. Group of people in overcrowded house (Library poverty story) ✓
- 8. Blitz area in East End with temporary houses in foreground. ✓
- 9. LS Temporary housing estate. ✓
- 10. LS Another temporary housing estate. ✓

Few Ministers are better able to appreciate the country's need for Aneurin Bevan comes from the Welsh Valleys where dwellers on the sunny side paid sixpence more in weekly rent for their positions in the sunshine and where poverty caused overcrowding long before the blitz turned us into a nation of lodgers.

- 11. LS a finished group of permanent houses. ✓
- 12. MS a permanent house. ✓
- 13. A Portal house (Full shot) ✓

Six months of peace has brought us ... thousand temporary homes and ... thousand permanent ones. To the half million families sharing other peoples' homes the progress is gravely disappointing, for, to them, the meanest of temporary houses spells independence and the beginning of true family life.

- 13. LS a newly developed building site preferably taken on a wet day. ✓

Winter is not the building season. The great drive will commence with the Spring.. but it will start with three great handicaps, the first ~~xxx~~ of them being RedTape. 856 different application forms throttle the building industry. Many of them travel around a circle of Govt departments and back to local council only to start a new round through builders merchants to manufacturers and then to allocation committees which produce ~~stuck~~ the well known answer " We have'nt got any ".

- 14. Selected shot on same site to emphasize mud, water etc among the difficulties of winter building. ✓

- 15. Mix to CU top of desk covered with forms. ✓

- 16. Man pauses before Harrow Council offices signboard, takes letter out of pocket and moves off screen, leaving signboard in clear. wipe to

- 17. Ministry of Health sign. ✓
- 18. Board of trade sign. 14920 ✓

- 19. Postman puts letter in box. 10574-5858

- 20. Man opening official letter at table
- 21. LS a builders hut on development site.

- 22. LS Builders Merchants yard.
- 23. LS a modern factory.

- 24. Scene of a committee in sitting. 14791 ✓
- (Note 22,23,24 have supered over them "Builders Merchant", "Manufacturer" "Allocation Committee", respectively.)

The Member of Parliament for Middlesex gives his views on this..

- 25. Sound interview with Wing Cmr Geoffrey Cooper, Labour M P for Middlesborough West (His name and title to be supered under introductory opening shot)

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- 26. MS Sanitary engineers yard showing lavatory tanks and WC's in foreground.
- 27. CU WC and lavatory tank.
- 28. CU a pair (or several) sinks.
- 29. CU a pile of floor tiles or glazed kitchen tiles (or both)
- 30. LS a colossal pile of bricks at a brickfield.
- 31. Another angle on piles of bricks surrounding closed down brickworks.

"The next handicap is supplies. In sanitary fittings the delay is eighteen months to two years. In sinks.. a year's delay. Floor tiles or glazed tiles.. eight months. Bricks are in plentiful supply at the moment, but our reserve stocks of almost a thousand million represents only a seven weeks supply in normal building seasons.

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32. A big long shot showing an area of idle brickworks.

33. Full shot showing base of idle brick kiln at angle which shows smokeless chimney behind silhouetted against sky.

34. A brick kiln in action (Men taking bricks out or putting them in)

35. Men loading bricks onto wagon. Member for Wallasey explains.

Over 800 of our 1350 brickworks are still closed down through lack of labour. The industry is producing only one fifth of its peacetime output. Existing stocks are badly placed, many areas being well supplied while others suffer shortage. ~~Distribution~~ Efficient distribution is a vital factor in housebuilding, as the Member for Wallasey explains.

36. Sound interview with Capt. Harples. Member of Parliament for Wallasey.

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✓ 37. Big gen view of a crowd of workers

✓ 38. Shot of a cinema audience in half dark looking at screen.

✓ (o) 39. Small screen version as seen by audience of crowd scene at a football match. (1944)

✓ 40. Full screen scene of football match crowd.

✓ 41. LS carpenter or bricklayer at work (shot from ground looking up)

✓ 42. Cut in of a factory hooter blowing.

✓ 43. CU man at work (either sawing a beam or laying bricks)

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✓ 44. A P A Y E form or a cut from original PAYE story to indicate taxation.

✓ 45. MS back door of a house. A man carrying several pieces of timber and a carpenter's bag of tools is just entering doorway.

✓ 46. Man on steps whitewashing ceiling.

✓ 47. Carpenter in room using plane up the side of a piece of woodwork.

✓ 48. Two men at work building a chicken run (Knocking in posts or stretching wire netting around or nailing on roofing felt)

✓ 49. CU three bricks at odd angles in relation to a small mound of mortar in which a trowel is stuck

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✓ 50. A loaf of bread on a breadboard alongside a half used packet of butter with a bread knife across foreground.

And the biggest problem of all is human nature.. You .. and me .. and HIM.

It's hard to convince a man who has a day wasted waiting for material, that it's wrong to play truant at a midweek football match.

It's harder still to convince him that he should work overtime and pay a larger slice back in taxation.

And if he finds it more profitable to make the odd pound .. tax free .. by doing the overtime job for his neighbour... Well, that's not a bricks and mortar problem, it's one of Bread and Butter... and that's where all problems begin.

building him a new cupboard or whitewashing a ceiling

the reflection is not so much on the man as on the ~~system~~ economic system which treats first things last. *

_____ a point on which the M P for Stepney says...

50. Sound interview with Phil Piratin M.P x Bob Stepney (Mile End)

To be done (wait up in bath!!) again