

BULLDOZED HOUSE.

A heap of rubble is all that Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell has left of a house she's been building for the past seven months. She feeds her pigs outside the shack she hoped she would soon be leaving. But this 57-year old widow doesn't give up easily. Though Hampshire County Council banned her new house, and bulldozed it to the ground when she refused to stop work on it, she's all ready to start again - with or without permission.

Mrs. Mitchell's family and neighbours help her to salvage material from the wreckage. She brought the two-acre plot of land for £100 and in 1953 asked permission to build a house there. But Matcham's Park is a green belt area, and the council refused. She started work all the same, with the help of Desmond Bailey, Ian Hughes and others. Now Desmond and Ian are checking the plans for a second start.

Appeals to the Minister of Housing have been rejected; it's a green belt, and a green belt it must stay. But Mrs. Mitchell's a very determined woman. She declares: "I don't care if they send me to prison".