

MAJOR AS FIRE RAISER.

Picture:-

To-day's slogan is "Clear Away the Slums", so these huts are condemned.

The last furniture load leaves the old home,--

--and the clearance begins. A policeman stealthily advances with a petrol tin,--

--and then His Worship the Mayor turns fire-raiser. With a flare obtained from the UNIVERSAL cameramen, he starts the 'home fires burning'.

One hundred of these bungalows are--

--to be burnt down. I am told that thousands and thousands of lives will be lost, and it won't--

--be such a biting winter as it--

--was last year. In fact by the vulgar, these condemned shacks have been--

--called "bugalows". They were built originally for munition workers, so actually the Government itself created this particular slum corner. It has been suggested that the remaining huts should make--

--a municipal bonfire on Guy Fawkes Day. The kiddies are all in favour--

--of it. Anyhow, the quicker they go, the better Budley will be pleased. Burning is a cheap but effective--

--way of clearing the vermin-invested area. The Council's decision to destroy by fire was unusual, but very wise!