

Self Service Supply Center Run by Army

Fort Hood, Tex.—The Army has turned to the super-market principle for more efficiency in supplying troops. Fort Hood's new Self Service Supply Center aims to do away with the tedious requisition method by which units obtain field and office supplies.

The center contains some \$85,000 worth of merchandise on eight miles of steel shelves covering 25,000 square feet of floor space in an old mess hall. Each Fort Hood troop unit is given an account at the store and a catalog of the items available. All purchases are charged against these accounts.

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Relocating of Project Area Dwellers Presents Problem of Houses-Hunting

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Washington — "Arrangements are being made to relocate the residents of the project area."

That sentence usually appears prominently in the public announcement of a new slum clearance project. To people who are not directly affected, it carries the reassuring implication that no one will be hurt by the municipal face-lifting operation.

But to slum dwellers whose homes are marked for destruction, relocation is an ominous word. It means they have to move from a neighborhood which, however "blighted," is at least familiar. For many of them, there is no place to go—except to another slum.

The plight of these urban DP's attracted little public attention in the past, when slum clearance projects were few and far between.

Today, however, virtually every city in the country has one or more major civic improvement projects in progress or on paper.

Federal housing officials estimate that about 85,000 city families will be uprooted from their homes during the next year as a result of "government action."

About one-third of them will be displaced by slum clearance projects carried out with federal financial aid under the Urban Renewal Act of 1954. As of March 31 there were 525 such projects in various stages of planning and execution in 317 cities.

The remaining two-thirds of the families will be ousted to make way for new highways, schools and other public buildings, or as a result of condemnation proceeding against dwellings that violate municipal building codes.

To qualify for federal financial aid a community must demonstrate that it has a "workable plan" for relocating the displaced families.

Theoretically, the "workable plan" must show that "decent, safe and sanitary" housing is available in the community for each displaced family, at a price or rental that family can afford.

In actual practice, the community sets up an official relocation agency which does its best to help each family find quarters at least as good; and if possible better, than the

slum housing being evacuated.

Have Priority

About half of the families displaced by urban renewal projects are in the bottom income brackets eligible for admission to low-rent public housing. They have a priority on available vacancies in such housing. But a government survey last fall showed that only 24 per cent of the evacuees from urban renewal sites actually move into public housing.

Where do the rest go? The survey showed that 12 per cent buy homes. About 10 per cent move into private rental units which they find for themselves—but which the relocation agency later inspects and certifies to be "standard" housing.

The rest scatter far and wide, some into known slums, others into borderline housing. A substantial number—about 10 per cent—simply disappear. In officials' reports, they move into "accommodations, the location of which is not known."

A few cities go beyond the minimum requirements of federal law and provide relocation service to all families displaced by government action—the evacuees from highway rights-of-way and other projects as well as those in "urban renewal" areas.

New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and New Haven, Conn., are among the cities that have attempted to help relocate all types of displaced families.

Shift Becomes Harder

Housing officials agree that the shifting is becoming harder all the time. The number of new public housing units that can be built each year is limited by law to a maximum of 35,000. During the past two fiscal years, actual construction averaged only half of that.

Section 221 of the Housing Act authorizes 40-year no-down payment mortgage guarantees for private builders who put up homes costing \$9,000 or less for families displaced by urban renewal projects. But to date, construction commitments have been made on only 5,800 such units in the entire nation.

The law also authorizes long-term government loan guarantees for community agencies or non-profit private groups that will undertake to build rental housing for slum displaces. But only three such projects are underway in the country—two in Columbus, Ohio, and one in Pittsburgh.

One complicating factor in the relocation problem is that about 60 per cent of the families displaced from condemned slums are members of minority groups. For them, income is not the only barrier to finding a "decent, safe and sanitary" home elsewhere.

Electromagnets to Signal Disorders

Los Angeles, Calif. — Tiny electromagnets about the size of a little finger tip may be used to send out signals from troubled organs of the body long before external symptoms appear.

This is the hope of University of California medical researchers who recently reported on their experiments. The technique also may determine the effect of therapy on a diseased organ.

The small magnets, in the experiments, were implanted in experimental animals, the system serving as a flow meter to pick up electrical signals induced in the moving blood. Signals are carried by wire to a recording system.

Experimental records show definite patterns in response to various stimuli. For example, smelling food makes a characteristic increase in blood flow through the carotid artery—a characteristic reflex preparatory to ingestion of food.

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Basic equipment for hiking should be a compass, a knife, waterproofed matches, first aid kit, canteen, flashlight, and food—so suggests the Boy Scouts of America.

World War I was touched off in 1914 when a Serb student assassinated Archduke Ferdinand of Austria and his wife at Sarajevo, Bosnia.

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A substantial increase in building would eventually reduce interest rates on home loans which will encourage more building which will increase employment, which will increase the sale of more materials, more necessities — which will increase prosperity.

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