

### Settlement of Squatters' Position

The Supreme Prosecutor's Office has decided that squatters are to be divided into three categories. The first consists of those who took arbitrary possession of residential premises between 23rd October and 31st December 1956, because they were previously homeless. These could be officially registered as tenants of the premises concerned, and no punitive measures will be taken against them. The second group includes people who arbitrarily occupied dwellings before 23rd October or since 31st December 1956. They cannot be accepted as tenants, are liable to a fine, and to eviction without alternative accommodation being provided for them. The third category is of squatters who have been officially recognised as tenants in buildings they have occupied. Sub-tenants and members of the tenant's family can be accepted as tenants on the same terms as the squatter, provided that they can prove the principal tenants' title to the premises, and that they moved in before 31st December 1956. (Budapest 16.00, 29.4.57)