

CHANCE OF A HOUSE

In Britain today, four people out of every five are asking "What are our chances of a house this year?" Pathe's industrial survey team went out to find the answer. They open their report in the great industrial belt of the Midlands. First port of call - Sheffield - heart of Britain's steel empire, city of half-a-million people.

To big pre-war slum clearance schemes is now added the devastation of war. On levelled sites, pre-fab towns offer drab consolation to house-hungry thousands. To speak for the towns of South Yorkshire, our reporter brings Keith Gardner, editor of the Sheffield Telegraph.

After Sheffield, the twin spires of Coventry. The city of the blitz; savagely battered by German bombers; home of thriving light industries. Prosperous; energetic. At Meads Park, Coventry, we were given these opinions by building workers.

From Coventry to Wolverhampton. The same problem with a different setting.

With the best house-building record in Britain, Wolverhampton's spokesman is housing director Harold Davies.

Outside, the people who hope - for houses.

So they wait. People in hundreds of thousands, people in shacks and shelters - in blitzed and partly demolished houses in every part of Britain. Government, local authorities, builders, building workers can solve the problem. With so much in human happiness at stake, we believe Britain will build the houses.