

# Mushrooming Shanty Towns To Be Wiped Out In France

PARIS (CP) — The mushrooming shanty towns of France are to be wiped out by official decree, although it's likely to take longer than the five years the government has set as its target.

French authorities estimate that 70,000 persons — mainly immigrant workers from Algeria and Portugal — now live in the sprawling, ugly collectifs as "tourists" and staying

tions of wood and tin shacks known as "bidonvilles" that have sprouted around several major French cities in recent years.

Nearly 50,000 persons live in the 90 separate shanty settlements around Paris alone. East of Paris, a single bidonville at Nanterre is home for an estimated 10,000 persons, mainly North Africans, while another 14,000, largely Portuguese, are reported living in a shanty town at Chamigny, southeast of the city.

France's two-thirds of the housing was built before 1914. A quarter of the population lives in overcrowded conditions. Much of the existing housing, particularly in the country, is still without inside plumbing. Government programs of low-rent housing have not nearly kept up with post-war demand.

On the other hand, many new homes and apartments remain empty for months. A recent study showed that nearly 9,000 new apartments were vacant in the Paris area alone — a quarter of the total built since the beginning of the year and enough to accommodate 40,000 persons.

**PRICES TOO HIGH**

Construction companies blame a shortage of mortgage money and a sudden spurt of building, particularly of elegant complexes of apartments going up around the major cities. But potential buyers complain that prices are just too high, that the cost of an apartment has doubled in the last 10 years.

The bidonvilles are a particularly malicious aspect of the whole housing problem.

Spreading like cancerous growths across disused waste land, they generally comprise nothing but shacks built from remnants of wood and metal.

**HOUSING INADEQUATE**

The national government — prodded by Finance Minister Michel Debre, who has long campaigned to eliminate the shanty towns — has brought down laws to expand official powers of expropriation, provide temporary accommodation for the dispossessed, boost the public-housing program and make housing loans easier for municipalities.

Debre has announced that immediate public housing plans are to be expanded by 5,000 apartments solely for people living in the shanty towns.

The problem of the bidonvilles comes at a time when housing is a prime concern for the average Frenchman.

On the one hand there is a continuing and serious shortage of adequate housing in

# Success Claimed In Plastic Ship

SOUTHAMPTON, England (Reuters) — Britain has claimed a technological breakthrough in the construction of plastic ships which may revolutionize shipbuilding.

and shipbuilders, backed by the British defence ministry.

Its construction follows research to determine whether glass-reinforced plastics could be used for ship construction on similar lines to aircraft construction.

Builders of an experimental 600-ton plastic ship said the successful completion of the 100-foot ship is a sight.

Plastics have been used for building boats up to 20 feet. It has not been economically possible to build larger vessels because of the amount of stiffening needed for the skin of the hull.

"This barrier has now been broken and plastic ships up to a length of 200 feet are immediately practicable," a spokesman for the project said Wednesday.

The experimental vessel is being built by Aeroplane, plastics

A 24-foot test section of the vessel was shown to shipping and plastics experts Wednesday. It consisted of a hull made in one piece with prefabricated decks, bulkheads and superstructure consisting of only 24 parts. Not one screw, nail, bolt or other form of metal fastening was used.

The ship is to be launched Jan. 3 — less than four months after construction began — and subjected to rigorous sea tests by the British Navy.

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- 5:30 p.m.—Let's Sing Out
- 6:00 p.m.—Talent Spotlight
- 6:30 p.m.—Academy Award Hunt
- 6:45 p.m.—Lighting of Christmas Tree—Rockefeller Centre
- 7:00 p.m.—CFCY TV News
- 7:15 p.m.—Robin Hood Buckboard
- 7:20 p.m.—TBA
- 7:30 p.m.—The Virginian
- 9:00 p.m.—Get Smart (Color)
- 9:30 p.m.—The Tommy Hunter Show
- 10:00 p.m.—Friday Theatre
- 12:00 p.m.—CBC TV News
- 12:18 a.m.—Local Weather and Sport Scores
- 12:19 a.m.—Sign Off

#### CKCW-TV

- 9:57 a.m.—Station Sign On
- 10:00 a.m.—Canadian Schools
- 10:30 a.m.—Nova Scotia Schools
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- 10:00 p.m.—Friday Night at the Movies
- Part I—Silver Chalice
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- 12:00 p.m.—CBC National News
- 12:20 a.m.—LTV News Highlights
- 12:22 a.m.—Friday Night at the Movies
- 9:30 a.m.—Station Sign Off

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## RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT



**ACROSS**

1. Marble found in Belgium
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5. Skins
6. Ruffie
7. Spirit lamp
8. Harangues
9. Mar's name
10. Wished
11. Promote
12. Level
13. Foul
14. Noisy ghost
15. Epoch
16. Stagger
17. Tins
18. Mottos
19. Janitor's scrub
20. Exertion
21. Bend out of shape
22. Movies
23. "Mr. Moto"
24. Fencing position
25. Bismillah
26. Crest
27. Fr. city
28. Bamboo-like grass
29. DOWN
30. Early slipping fruit
31. Rabblerouser
32. Dolt

**DOWN**

1. Librarian
2. Musical
3. Letter
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## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

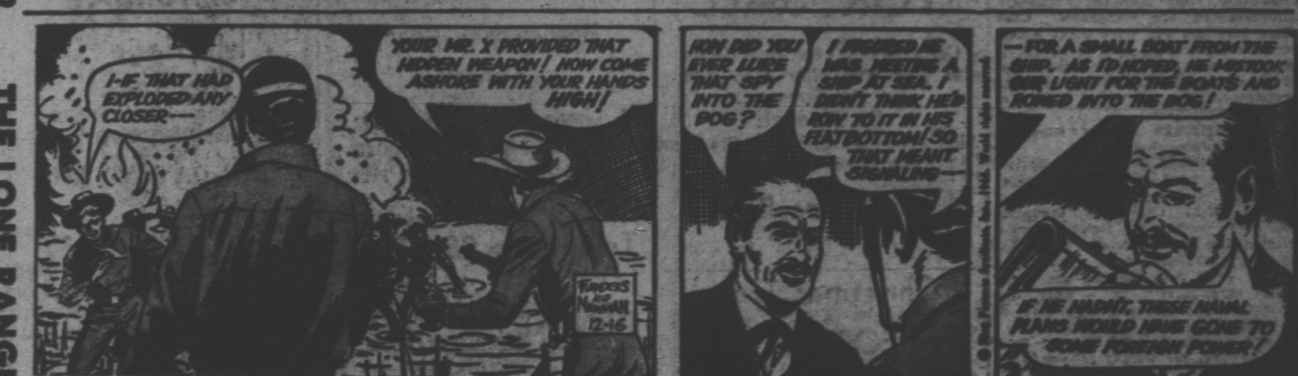
One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Question**

YKXHT LE PV XROTH YHOXK VD-YLFXDWT DN SMP YKMF IVSTE VG SOELI—EVYTHX DRYVPLFA

Yesterday's Cryptogram: LIFE IS NOT DATED MERELY BY YEARS, EVENTS ARE SOMETIMES THE BEST CALENDAR.—DEBRANE

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