OPERATION BOOTSTRAP

Paced with economic difficulties five years ago, Puerto Rico, Uncle Sam's "Little Nephew", has followed a master plan of economic recovery that has brought 50 new industries to the island.

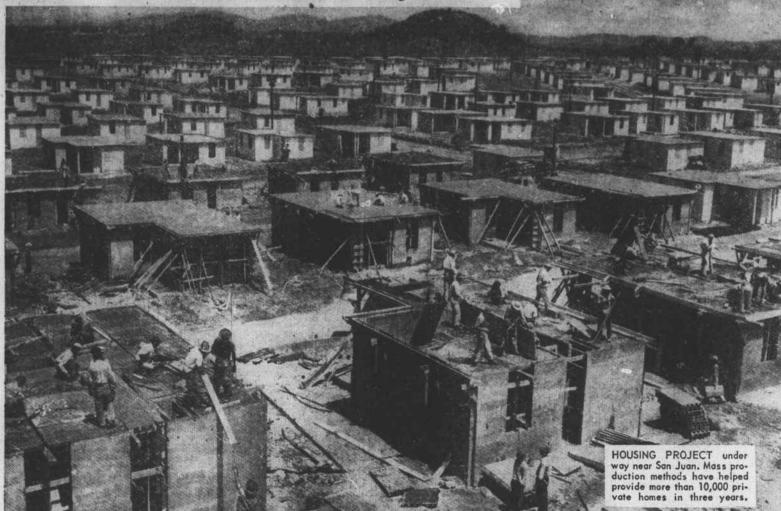
Operating on a fiscal budget of only \$70,000,000 for its 2,000,000 population, the island has undertaken an impressive program of economic and social self-government. Its public debt of about \$8,000,000 is 75% under what it was less than ten years ago. It is now a major market for U.S. goods, buying at the rate of \$337,000,000 annually. Income has tripled since 1940 to a present total of around \$630,000,000.

The island has launched huge housing projects, is working out an electric power program, and is modernizing its water sanitation and irrigation services. Its new industries will boost industrial wealth by nearly

new industries will boost industrial wealth by nearly \$50,000,000. Some of Puerto Rico's industrial and technical "know-how" is pictured here.



WELDING CLASS at the vocational trade school at Rio Piedras. The school, one of world's largest, has 3,000 students.









STREET SCENE, Traffic cop and row of cars in Sae Juan remind one of a U.S. Main Street. Modern stores line thoroughfare.



SALT WORKER at Cabo Roio where sea water is dehydrated to produce a valuable crop.

