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\$8,000 HOMES STARTED DUR- NEW YORK STATE STRIKE ING SEPTEMBER: YEAR'S REC-ACTIVITY IN '47 ABOUT 50% ORD IN EXCESS '46 LEVEL BELOW RECORD LEVEL OF '46

Washington, D. C .- September saw the start of 88,000 new per- ity in New York State is about manent homes, an all-time high half that recorded for a similar for that month, according to esti- period during 1946, according to mates of the Bureau of Labor the State Labor Department. Statistics.

the record of any previous month in the first nine months of 1947 with the possible exception of the were not much fewer than in peak month in the spring of 1925 1946, the number of workers inwhich was the peak home con- volved and of man-days lost from struction year in the nation's work was less than half. history.

months of 1947 showed an in- walkouts by organized labor recrease of 89,300 units over the corded in this state, compared same period of 1946. So far with 533 for the corresponding this year 615,060 units have been three-quarters of 1946. This put under construction.

The September estimate is 2,300 above the revised total of 85,700 units started in August, and surpasses by 30,400 the figure for September a year ago. It is most important criterion in judgports are in, the total number of dwellings started this September may be even greater than is apparent from the information received so far. Preliminary estimates for other recent months have required upward revision when final figures were received.

The high September level of housing activity prevailed in all regions of the country and in practically all types of communities. Notable in September were important increases in the larger cities (for instance, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore), in some of which housing activity had fallen off in August.

Completions of new permanent family dwellings by the end of September totaled 576,000, and were more than double the number completed during the first 9 months of 1946. Estimates show that 77,000 dwelling units were completed in September alone, a 6,700 gain over August and the largest gain in any month this year.

TRUMAN CALLS A SPECIAL SESSION ---

be delayed until January."

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New York City .- Strike activ-

Preliminary statistics showed The total for the month exceeds that while the number of strikes

From last January 1 through Home building for the first 3 September 30. there were 518 year's stoppages, however, involved only 78,900 employes direetly, compared with 377,904

last year. Man-days, idle, which is the

quite possible that, when all re- ing strike statistics, totaled 3,-686.200 this year as against 7,-587,151 in 1946. This meant about one-half of 1 per cent of the "estimated available working time" was lost through strikes so far in 1947, whereas 1.07 full employment and stability in per cent was lost at this time last year.

Communist philosophy. Strikes in 1946 were by far the This is the general conclusion most serious in numbers made; idle and production days lost in of an article written by Arnold showed a net gain of 6,000 workthe history of New York State, S. Zander, president of the AFL's ers from July to August, a gain the aggregate of strikes reaching State, County, and Municipal of three, per cent, according to a 403,400 and man-days lost 8,769,- Employes Union, and published report released by the New York 000 by the end of the year. Even by the Workers Education Bu- Department of Labor. though current strike activity is reau of America. The article is only half last year's record rate, the fourth in a series on the it is clear that 1947 will surpass general topic, "Sweden: Laborathe runner-up year of 1933, which tory in Economic Democracy." recorded 3,880,929 man-days. lost The information in Mr. Zander's from production and wages. article was the basis for an op-

### **20,000 ILL VETERANS**

Washington, D. C .- The Veterans' Administration said that 20,- tions of the article are as fol-000 of the 92,000 patients in war lows: veterans' hospitals are studying "They took me through public correspondence courses ranging works planning as we think of it TRUMAN URGES PROMPT

from college subjects to elemen- in this country. They have plans tary reading, writing and arith- for streets and sewers, public buildings, schools, and all the

In some V. A. tuberculosis other things our planning covers. hospitals, up to 50 per cent of But this is only a beginning. ditional funds will be needed to the patients are taking advan- In Sweden the people themselves alysis and resulting chaos. maintain our position in occupied tage of a choice among 234 own and operate monopoly busiareas. It is clear, therefore, courses obtained from the United nesses in the fields of power, exists in France and Italy. If that congressional action cannot States Armed Forces Institute, at transportation, and communica- the economies of these countries Madison, Wis.

depression, while in Sweden employment in these areas will be expanded as need in order to maintain full employment.

"We went on from our kind of public works planning to planning for jobs in the expansion of public utilities and then to the number of man years of work in the improvement and exten-

sion of both land and air trans-

portation; and then to similar plans for jobs in telephone, tele-

"The Swedes asked me what

our privately owned monopolies would do in case of major recea-

sion, and I replied that they

would curtail operations. This seems obvious and natural to us.

We don't visualize any other pos-

sibility. That would not be true here,' I was told. 'These monop-

oly enterprises, our public util-

ities in power, heat, light, transportation and communications, constitute an enormous reservoir

of jobs. These services will be expanded as necessary to control

unemployment and to make available at cost to our private com-

petitive enterprises these services

so that they can compete to bet-

ter advantage in world markets.'

this arrangement of things has

come to the Swedes. The taking

of these utilities from private owners has removed power from

those who would otherwise stand

"The influences which gave us Taft-Hartley law spring largely from reactionary forces

in control of monopoly enterprises. In Sweden these have been removed. The Swedes live, as a consequence, in a more liberal atmosphere. It is for this reas-

on that they are not afraid of fascist dicctatorship from the

"Their concern is about Com-

defense

munism, which they say frankly might come if they were to experience depression and mass un-

employment. As a

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## Last Polio Health Hint: **Avoid Sudden Chilling!**

Sudden chilling such as plunging into cold water on a very hot day should be avoided BOY ITS as the sixth and final health LIKE ICE precaution that should be observed in the polio season-June through September-the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis cautions through its local chapter.

Scientific research financed by March of Dimes funds has shown that when laboratory animals exposed to the polio virus were suddenly chilled.

twice as many developed acute and paralyzing attacks of the disease as did a control group which had been protected from sudden temperature changes. Therefore, take no chances. To be on the safe side avoid

adden chilling, the National Foundation advises.

SWEDEN PLANS FOR FULL against Communism they have EMPLOYMENT AS BULWARK planned for full employment as AGAINST "RED" INFLUENCE a means to a stable economy.

They have a sense of calm as-New York City. - Sweden has surance which it is a joy to see." taken steps to assure continued BUILDING EMPLOYMENT

her economy as a precaution against any encroachment of the

GAINS IN NEW YORK Employment in the construc-

tion industry in New York State

Construction contractors employed an estimated 193,400 workers in August compared with 187,400 in July and 177.200 in August 194. Average weekly earnings and hours remained at timistic declaration made to him the same level. Employment estiby the Swedes that "for ten mates cover all construction STUDYING BY MAIL years at least there would be no workers, both on-site and offunemployment in Sweden." Por- site. Average weekly earnings and hours are for site workers only.

> LEGISLATION TO STEM INFLATION: AID EUROPE

(Continued From Page 1) being crippled by economic par-

"The most imminent danger tions. We have removed these collapse and the people succumb monopolies from competition and to totalitarian pressures, there have set up government bureaus will be no epportunity for them to regulate them, but we have or for us to look forward to their

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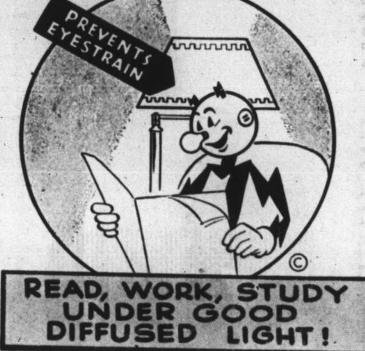
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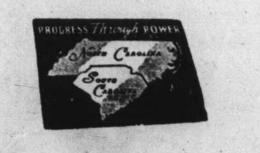




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