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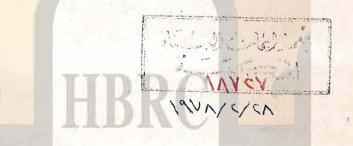
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Housing Policies in Capitalist and Socialist States

A quick study of some housing problems in various states of the world, and some of the methods followed to solve these problems, will be useful for the identification of the general trends and guidelines to face the housing problems in the world, and how these trends developed in various efforts to overcome these problems in some of the countries whose circumstances are much similar to those of Egypt. Among the capitalist states, Greece and Turkey were chosen for this study, and among the socialist, countries Poland and Yugoslavia.

GREECE

One of the South-European countries; it lies on the north coast of the Mediterranean.

The housing problems follow from two basic factors:

- a) The second World War destroyed around 500,000 housing units of the total units which amounted to 1,740,000 units. This represents 28 per cent of its total units.
- b) Earthquakes destroyed around 80,000 of its housing units between 1953 and 1956.