

SOFIA IS BEING REBUILT

Bulgarians Are Putting Up Many Houses and Public Buildings

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SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 7.—Sofia, Bulgarian capital of 500,000 inhabitants, is rapidly changing its face under a rebuilding program for the center of the city and in the suburbs.

Modern workers' homes, fashionable apartment houses, ministries, children's day homes, playgrounds, hospitals and clinics are being built in areas wiped out during air raids that destroyed 15,000 homes.

At a press conference today, Dobri Bratistilov, Sofia's energetic 39-year-old Mayor, outlined the five-year municipal construction program. "Taking care of human beings is our fundamental task," he said.

Five schools, eleven children's day homes and 405 workers' dwellings were completed last year, he said, and medical aid has been considerably improved by opening several clinics and one hospital. A modern plant for the pasteurization of milk, with a capacity of 20,000,000 liters yearly, also is under construction.

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