

Boom Seen In Demand Inside City

Life in the city is fast becoming the "new American dream," replacing the old ideal of a house in the country or the suburbs, according to a Washington real estate executive.

This new ideal of city life is developing as the result of a revolution in thought and action that is remaking American cities, says Harold A. Lewis.

Lewis is president of River-view Realty Corp., sales and management agent for the \$66 million Watergate project in Washington's Foggy Bottom area.

As a result of a radical change in thinking, Lewis said, many Americans in recent years have begun to realize that what is now happening in and to American cities "will change their lives, and the lives of their children."

He said we are in "the mid-year of the Decade of the City. When this decade is finished, the groundwork will have been laid for a new era that future American historians may measure in terms of centuries."

Americans now know that the cities have done "a pretty terrible job of providing for people," and have decided that cities can be improved.

"If man is capable of building an atomic submarine he ought to be able to devise an effective system for moving people from one part of the city to another," Lewis declared. "If we can make a man relatively comfortable while he orbits the earth, we should be able to provide the amenities for those millions of people who want to live in our cities."

Lewis said that people do want to live in the cities, if they can be made comfortable and secure.