

FRENCH DAM RHONE FOR NEW POWER

In the Alpine foothills at Genissiat, close to the Swiss border a dam is being thrown across the Upper Rhone for a hydro-electric plant. Premier Ramadier satisfied himself that the work is going ahead with all possible speed, one part of the French Government's answer to the acute coal shortage - far more serious in France than in Britain.

The work was begun ten years ago, suspended by German orders during the war and only lately resumed.

By loud-speaker to foremen direct to gangs.

Six hundred German prisoners are among the four thousand men at work on the dam. ^{France,} Lacking much of the coal imported from Germany ^{by the war,} ~~is~~ ^{looks} ~~to~~ ^{to} water-power to make up ^{part of} the balance.

(Angle) Two turbines will be working to generate electricity before the end of this year, if operations keep up to schedule. How much power the French hope to obtain from this ambitious scheme they have not yet disclosed, contenting themselves [&] stating that the Dam will be one of the largest in Europe. A wise move on the road to reconstruction.

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1. TITLE: FRANCE'S GREAT POWER PROJECT! -- RUSH MIGHTY DAM ON RHONE RIVER!
 2. Out of France come spectacular films of this country's great new power project -- Genissiat Dam. Arriving at the site on a tour of inspection is Premier Ramadier. France, facing a desperate crisis because of the grave shortage of coal, is banking heavily on power from her electrical dams. Now, work is speeded up on Genissiat, after years of heartbreaking delay. First operations began in 1937 -- operations that came to an end during the long years of war and the Nazi occupation. Almost 4 thousand persons are now at work here, (600 of them German prisoners.)
 13. Foremen's orders go out over microphones. The dangerous nature of the enterprise has already cost the lives of more than 100 workers.
 19. Concrete is poured into great buckets for the dam that will span the Rhone River not far from the border of Switzerland. Completed, the dam will be over 300 feet high.
 26. By the end of the year, (it is hoped,) two huge rotary turbines will be put into service. France, unable to produce the goods her people need under present conditions, looks toward such projects as Genissiat for more power, more reconstruction and industrial production, more exports and world trade. Today, one of Europe's greatest dams nears completion -- key to power in a France desperately striving for recovery and a better way of life!!