


•  15290 (K 2500) 24652

Na 6 uur ~~17000 en 20450~~

•  POLYGOON HAARLEM

HET NATIONAAL WEKELIJKS FILMJOURNAAL VAN POLYGOON-PROFILTI

Redactie

Haarlem,

KOUDENHORN 8

Closing of hole in dam in Krainingen Velder Length: 50 metres.
Date of event: July 24th 1953.

Nearly six months have passed since the storm of February, which also struck Krainingen, on the isle of South Beveland (Zealand) Six months, and during this time the village and its fruitful surrounding arable land, were inundated each day again by millions of cubic metres of salty water, which could invade the country through a hole of 150 metres.

In order to stop this gap unhindered, the harbour of Krainingen had to be closed temporarily, for which a dam had to be built. One of these days the rest of the hole in this dam, the breadth of 62 metres, has been closed by a huge caisson. Towed by 7 strong tug-boats this caisson - of English origin - approached the place where it should sink, to close South-Beveland entirely for the water, and to save in this way Krainingen and its surroundings.

It was a precision-work for the men on the boats, on the caisson and on the shore.

The colossus, the length of 62 metres, the breadth of 19 metres and the height of more than 18 metres, had to be turned in the gap like a door and this had to be done before the force of the water should become too great again.

With their thousands of horsepowers, the tug-boats pushed the caisson into the gap. Slow but sure they pushed 7½ millions kilograms on their place.

Four minutes before the tide came, the dam was a closed barricade and behind this one can now begin with the repairs of the dike.

-o-o-o-o-

186

190 ft

60