

## New Highways across Tibet

In Lhasa/Ti<sup>1</sup>, a convey of motor lorries gets ready to start out on a route which will take them over two new highways linking the cities of Lhasa and Shigatse and Shigatse and Gyantse. b. 517040

To mark the opening of the new roads to traffic great celebrations were held in Lhasa and Shigatse.

The motor convey moves across the vast pasture lands and then climbs towering peaks some 15,000 feet above sea level. It used to take eight days to travel from Lhasa to Shigatse, now it takes only two. What used to be a two-day-journey from Shigatse to Gyantse now takes only 3 hours. The two highways have brought the eastern and western parts of Tibet closer together than ever before. Many people have come afar to welcome the convey.

With opening of the new highways, large quantities of goods will now reach western Tibet.