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KING OPENS KINGSTON POWER STATION

On the day of Britain's first nation-wide electricity cut, a new power station - the first of seventeen now being built - is opened at Kingston-on-Thames. Accompanied by the Queen, the King pays the first visit of a reigning monarch to this Royal Borough. Their Majesties are former residents, having lived here as a young couple. In declaring the new power station open, the King says that it will increase Britain's electricity supplies and continues:-

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Costing six-and-a-half-million pounds, the plant - with an ultimate output of 120,000 kilowatts - took three years to complete. It needed five million bricks, 5,000 tons of structural steel, four giant turbines (each capable of lighting a small town) and an army of workmen to put it into shape. Kingston's power station - the first product of a newly nationalised industry - will help to shed the load.