

HOLLAND

"OPERATION DYKE"

To close a 220 foot gap in the sea-wall near Hellevetsluis, Dutch engineers manoeuvre into place giant caissons, mainly built of concrete, to seal off the waters which laid waste to so much of their land during the recent floods.

An exact scale model of the broken dyke, enabled scientists to plan the entire operation beforehand. Delicate instruments recorded the movements of the model caissons in the laboratory tank. Basing their final plans on these findings, engineers with the aid of tugs move the colossal concrete structures into the breach where they are sunk.

Now comes the task of filling in the minor gaps which still remain. Sand and stones are hastened to the scene before the tide rises again. Many breaches have still to be mended elsewhere on the Dutch coast - but speedily the people are gaining victory in their battle against the sea.