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AFTER LE MANS 24-HOURS RACE TRAGEDY
WORK BEGINS TO ALTER RACE COURSE
Competition unknown Actualites Francaises.
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After last June's tragedy on Le Mans race track, which cost more than 100 lives ~~after~~ following the terrible accident during the 24 Hours Le Mans automobile race, new regulations have been imposed by the French Government for more security on all race courses.

In Le Mans, the Automobile Club de l'Ouest, organizers of the world famous 24-Hours race, have decided important transformations of their race-course, involving over 250 millions francs worth of work, to insure perfect security to the public as well as the utmost security to drivers.

These include entire destruction of the present refueling and stands stations, straightening of the road in front of the official stands in order to erase the sunlight bend at the chronometer's booth, which will give a better view to pilotes.

The refueling stations and stands will be rebuilt 15 meters back, and the "welcome" will entirely disappear.

A new 200 meters long track for slowing down to the refueling stations, with a 6meters wide parking place for drivers who have to stop.

Infront of the present place of the "welcome"(restaurant at entrance of race-track) the road will be lowered by 2 meters to increase the bend's slope thus reducing the slope angle in front of the ~~xxx~~ public's tribunes.

The security ramp will be entirely rebuilt and will measure a minimum height of 1 m.20 with a vertical face towards the racing track and a minimum width of 1 meter on the top and 2 meters at the base.

Several other alterations to insure more security both for the public and drivers are planned.

Work has began yesterday, by the destruction of the concreet refueling stands. This is the object of the present coverage which shows :

- views of the 12 tons "sheep" used to break the concrete stands, while workmen cut the iron frame with blow-pipes
- various shots of workgoing on for destructions planned.