

MIRACLE HIGHWAY:

Through mountains that tower up to 10,000 feet, in the rugged country of Central Formosa, the Chinese Nationalists are building a highway. Primitive terrain - and primitive methods, for the 11,000 workers haven't much modern equipment. There are many spectacular canyons to cross, too - a total of 26 bridges in the 190-mile length of this fantastic road. But the Chinese have a tradition for this kind of monumental effort - after all, they built the Great Wall of China centuries before bulldozers and pneumatic drills were even dreamed of. Handpower did that little job - not badly, either - and handpower's doing most of this one.

Look, no f'lingers!

Inspecting the progress on one of the toughest sections of the highway are Nationalists leader Chiang Kai-Shek and Madame Chiang. The 70-year-old President and his wife cross a footbridge 100 feet above a roaring gorge; a sturdy bridge will span it in 1959, when the highway's due to be finished.

Opening up new farmlands and untapped mining areas, this great highway will be a boon to the five million Chinese who live and work on the island of Formosa.