

FLOODS DAMAGE KARIBA DAM:

The circular coffer dam of the Kariba Hydro-Electric scheme is threatened by the swirling, flood-swollen waters of the Zambezi River. Unless the round, concrete structure holds against the hourly increasing pressure of the rising waters, months of delay will add to the construction costs, already estimated at £80m. Faced with Nature on the rampage the engineers could do nothing but wait, and hope for the best.

The circular dam was built in midstream, and then drained of water, so that the foundations of the permanent dam could be made on the river-bed. Soon after these pictures were flown to England the river breached the concrete walls. All on the spot now pray that the flood waters will very soon fall.