

KARIBA LAKE ACTIVITIES - 1961.

With the mighty ZAMBESI River rising to near flood conditions water rushes over the main cataract at the Victoria Falls at the rate of 75 million gallons a minute, presenting a never to be forgotten sight.

The flow of water thereafter continues along the gorge to the now famous Kariba dam down stream, and the main lake now rapidly taking form should completely inundate the planned lake area by 1964.

When completely filled the lake should inundate an area of 2000 square miles, with a shore line of 2500 miles with a capacity of 40,857, 500 MILLION gallons of water.

Here at Singazongwe (pronounced SING-A-SONG-WE) on a site of a perfect bay, construction is rapidly nearing completion of a full sized harbour and slipway, and boat construction yard.

(THE STORY MAY BE RUN ALONG THE LINES OF "THE WORLDS ONLY DRY LAND HARBOUR".)

This area in the Zenge river valley is at present on completely dry land miles from the nearest trace of water, but with the present rate of fill the harbour should be completely inundated with water and operative as a harbour by early 1964.

Singazongwe should thereafter become the lakes second largest harbour (after Kariba harbour proper) and will provide a base of operations for fishing activities, lake transport, boat building and repairing.

The actual quay wall in construction is 520 feet long and the wall is concrete reinforced with earth and rock fill having utilised 680 yards(cu) of concrete along with 50,000 cu yards of earth and stone fill in its construction.

Bush clearance operations have cleared the major obstacles in the valley and it is hoped that the area will become an important base of operations bringing trade and prosperity to the Valley Tonga africans living in the area.

As construction carries on according to schedule, the Authorities feel justly proud of the progress that has been made, and they hope that the foresight and planning that has gone into the project will result in the area becoming an important centre of trade.

^part from the tourist potential a considerable African fishing trade has already been built up and the vast potential that the valley holds will be realised in the near future.

Here is magnificent scenery and peace indeed, contrasting oddly with the throbbing power that Kariba generates to feed the length and breadth of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyusaland, and tribute to those who planned this mighty project who have faith in the future of this country.

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