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600 GALLONS A MINUTE

Twelve months ago Cinesound drew attention to this Australian built fire fighting trailer, then being demonstrated in Brisbane. It can pump 600 gallons per minute on four jets. Today the Northern capital has dozens of these units. On the banks of the Brisbane River volunteer firemen show the volume of water the portable pumping units can throw. Brisbane city leads other Australian cities with another important A.R.P. innovation. Salt water mains encircling a main city block. In case of air raid fire this entire block could be flooded with no effect on fresh water storage. It looks like a plan other capitals might copy. 200 volunteer firemen are having the time of their lives operating 24 pumps in George Street. Police stop the traffic, just as well. It's a sight to drive Sydney's water board to drink. With no fires to put out the boys concentrate on dampening each other and this they meet with complete success. The demonstration is an overflowing success, A.R.P. Minister Hanmann says this show represents only one third of the complete capacity. When they turn it all on, Brisbane's citizens better begin building arks. It's a warning they can't ignore. Sydney's visitors watching look down and wet.