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FLOODS SWEEP POLISH FARMS

The rains which have marked this summer throughout Europe swell the tributary rivers of the Vistula to overflowing. Poland's new Guechev Dam is threatened as the floodwaters pour over the recently completed spillways.

The few stone bridges left intact by the retreating Germans are the only ones to hold out against the raging torrents. Many temporary bridges are swept away despite the efforts of the engineers who work throughout the daylight hours.

Hundreds of farms are isolated, trapping the occupants with their animals in the same building.

Over a vast area, railway embankments have been washed away and hardly a single road is passable. Poland bears the brunt of this unseasonable apology for summer.