

ROAD BUILDING
MARVEL IN FORMOSA!

Through mountains that tower to 10,000 feet, across spectacular canyons, through the rugged country of central Formosa, Nationalist China is building a highway. As primitive as is most of the terrain, so is most of equipment at the disposal of the 11,000 workers. But they have a tradition for monumental construction - it goes back to the great wall. In building the 190-mile highway, 26 bridges are needed to span a network of rivers and gorges.

Just as the largest part of the power is manpower, the greatest part of the manpower is handpower. Hand drills, eliminate overhangs.

Beguiled by the camera, but he never hits his thumb.

In order to see how the important work is progressing, President and Madame Chiang Kai-shek visit a section through some wild terrain. Crossing 100 feet above a roaring gorge, the 70-year-old leader and his wife present the picture of a devoted couple in these informal scenes.

The road, due for completion in 1959, will be a great boon to the Chiangs and five million of their countrymen. The highway will open up new farm lands, mining areas for a better future.