

THREAT TO KARIBA SCHEME

The vast Kariba hydro-electric scheme on the Zambezi River in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland has again received a setback owing to unprecedented floods. The river, which reached a record flow last year, has again come down in flood and these pictures show the high waters within a few feet of the top of the circular coffer dam which protects the work on the main dam wall. (Since these pictures were taken the cofferdam has burst.)

The floods are sweeping down from the upper reaches of the Zambezi above the Victoria Falls, inundating African villages and cutting road communications. At Kariba the pier of a bridge was swept away by the floodwaters last week and traffic over the bridge was suspended.

Thousands of sandbags were placed around the top of the cofferdam in an effort to add height.

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