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NEW DIESEL LOCO

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Seafall Pike, driven from a comfortable cabin that gives little hint of its 2,300 horse power, was on view at Marylebone Station. It's the most powerful main-line diesel-electric loco to be erected in British Railways own workshops. 147 more will be running by 1961. Maximum speed will be 90 miles an hour; it's another nail in the coffin of the fine old steam locomotives, whose fatal fault is that they burn too much coal. So oil takes over, as elsewhere on the British system lines are being electrified. Railway modernization makes fine headway.