

THE CHANNEL

TUNNEL OR BRIDGE ?

Looking out over Channel (French story)

Dover Harbour storm-bound

Inspection of old working of C. Tunnel (our side)

Diagram of proposed new tunnel

French diagram, showing joining up of borings from both sides.

French newspapers headlining proposal to build bridge instead of tunnel

Still picture of bridge, showing both rail and road.

Proposed Station at French terminal of bridge.

Car Channel Ferry loading up

Silver City planes loading up

Airliner off to Paris

Goddard in airliner

Air shots Paris

Dover coast

Big view Channel

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Theme:

Frenchmen gazing over the Channel once again turn their thoughts to the idea of the Channel Tunnel. Absurd in this day and age that storms can hold up ships for days, as happens every winter. Now, a different idea; why not bridge the Channel? Bridge-builders say it could easily be done, if the money's forthcoming. The big advantage over a tunnel would be that it could not only carry a railway, but a road capable of taking 6,000 cars an hour. It would have stations at each side, with customs, restaurants, etc. Present arrangements for crossing the Channel, by car ferry, air ferry, steamers and airliners handle an enormous amount of traffic, but a bridge or tunnel would tremendously increase it. And as Britain will probably enter the Common Market, there must be one or the other, to put Britain really on the Continent. It's intolerable that the Channel should still be a barrier between us.