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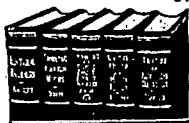
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BOMBAY, INDIA: American engineering firms are to be retained to supervise construction of the multimillion dollar Damodar Valley Irrigation and hydroelectric project in northeast India. Government officials have announced they are studying the matter of whether to entrust the work to a single firm or a group of firms. This would be the second dual-purpose dam project to be turned over to American "know how." Earlier this year it was announced that American firms would be asked to play a major role in the Ramapada dam construction proposed in Madras province. Although there has been some protest from nationalist interest, both deals are likely to go through if matters of finance and remittances of payments can be arranged.

Battery Meter Co., Cleveland, Ohio, recently inaugurated its 1948 cadet engineering class. A large group of engineers reported, including several from Canada and one from England. Representation in the class included 23 universities and engineering colleges. R. E. Sprinkle, director of education, and J. H. Dennis, assistant director of education, conduct the course.

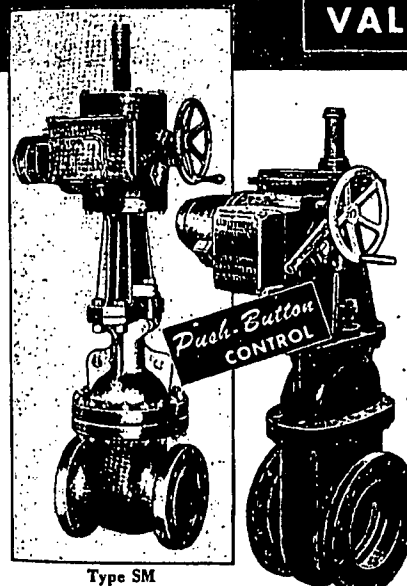
Georgia Power Co. is to start construction soon on a new steam-electric generating station that eventually will be of 600,000 kw capacity, the largest in the South. Initial construction at the new plant will be for a 100,000-kw unit at a cost of \$10,500,000, including transmission lines. It is expected to go into operation in the fall of 1950. The generator and boilers have been on order for some time. President C. B. McKinnis said that the new plant will be in Georgia County across the Chattahoochee River from Whitesburg, between Veranda and Carrollton. Power from the plant will go mainly to Atlanta, Newnan, LaGrange and West Point, industrial and textile centers.

Distribution of an additional 147,000 cu ft of natural gas daily in Chicago and northern Ill. area came a step closer with recent shipment by Midwest Pipelines & Supply Co., St. Louis, of a final consignment of fabricated piping for the new Texas-Chicago pipeline of Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America. As pipeline laying crews and suppliers meet schedules, the new line is expected to be in full operation by midwinter. The line, which parallels and supplements one built in 1931, will increase daily supply of natural gas in Chicago from 229,000,000 cu ft to about 376,000,000 cu ft. It is partially operating already in an auxiliary capacity to the old line throughout most of its 900-mile length.

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