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THAT

some of the water in the Missouri  
River will produce power six times  
under the control plan

by

Fort Peck Dam.....Montana  
Garrison Dam.....N. Dak.  
Oahe Dam.....S. Dak.  
Big Bend Dam.....S. Dak.  
Fort Randall Dam.....S. Dak.  
Gavins Point Dam.....S. Dak.

THAT

in April, 1945, the Missouri Basin  
Inter-Agency Committee was estab-  
lished to coordinate activities of many  
federal and state agencies, some of  
which are :

Interior Department Agencies,  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,  
Corps of Army Engineers,  
Federal Power Commission,  
Governors of the Missouri Basin  
States.

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THE MISSOURI  
RIVER PLAN  
OFFERS MANY  
BENEFITS

## IT WILL PROVIDE FOR ...

*Power*—billions of low-cost kilowatt-hours of electricity per year.

*Flood Control*—by dams and levees.

*Irrigation*—thousands of farms secure against drought.

*Municipal Water Supply*—for many cities and towns.

*Navigation*—uniform flow of water will insure navigation.

*Wildlife*—fish and game habitats will be protected and expanded.

*Recreation*—reservoirs will offer many facilities.

(See inside)



# DID YOU KNOW THAT

.... moneys have been appropriated to be used in South Dakota for construction and research work as outlined in the Missouri River Plan.

.... irrigation and flood control work is being done on twelve different projects in South Dakota.

.... one large dam (Fort Randall) is now being built across the Missouri River near Lake Andes.

.... the Fort Randall dam is scheduled to be completed in 1953.

.... the Flood Control Act of 1944 authorizes the construction of four large dams across the Missouri River in South Dakota, all of which will develop power.

.... the Corps of Army Engineers will build all of the dams on the main stem of the Missouri River.

.... the Fort Randall power plant will have a generating capacity of more than twice that of all power generating equipment now installed in the whole state of South Dakota.

.... the Bureau of Reclamation will market the power from the Missouri River dams.

.... the Flood Control Act of 1944 requires that preference in sale of such power shall be given to public bodies and cooperatives.

.... the Bureau of Reclamation is investigating the James River Valley to find about 750,000 acres of suitable land to irrigate.

.... the James River Valley has had droughts within a wet year.

.... irrigation means greater stability.

.... a dam is under construction near Hot Springs that will supply irrigation water for about 16,000 acres of farm land.

.... the nation's population increased nearly 50 per cent during the past 35 years, while acreages of improved land in farms has increased by only 10 per cent. (South Dakota can well be the elbow room of tomorrow.)

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