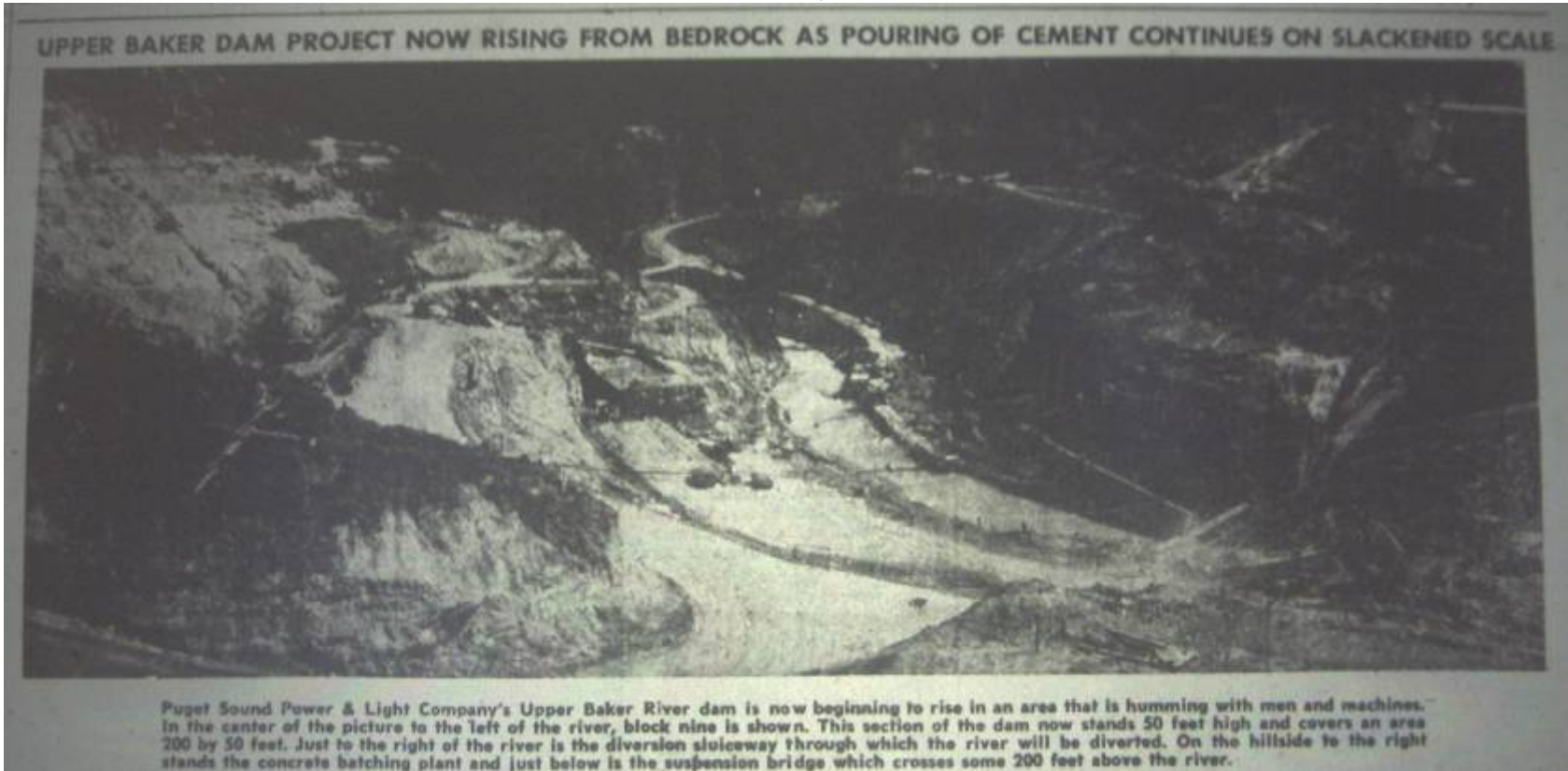


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An ironic situation has developed on the Upper Baker River dam project the past week as lay-offs were necessary due to lack of cement – and the local cement plant is still closed by strike with its storage bins full of the precious commodity. However, work continues at the dam and during the month of September the employment averaged about 850. Highest total workers on the project, including subcontracts, during the past year was 1,004.

The pouring of concrete has been under way on four of the 25 blocks, or sections, of the dam. Block nine, which is the farthest along, covers an area 50 feet by 200 feet and now stands 50 feet high. The dam when completed will stand 300 feet high, 1,200 feet across and 200 feet wide at the base.

The north training wall and the concrete floor of the diversion sluiceway have been completed and they contain 3,053 yards of concrete and 118,152 pounds of steel. A coffer dam will divert the river thru the sluiceway when it is complete so that other sections of the dam can be built on the river bottom. The coffer dam, now under construction, is expected to be ready for use this month.

Clearing work has been going on all summer long with logging contracts followed by actually scraping the remaining debris down to the bare earth. Some 1,128 acres have been cleared and more than 75,550 cubic yards of materials removed from the west dike area by earth moving machines and dredge. Burning of huge piles of slash will be done as fall rains start.