

PORT TALBOT

GIANT STEEL WORKS READY

Where once the economic blizzards of former years swept across Port Talbot there now emerges the Abbey Steel Works - the £60 million mammoth project which four years ago the Steel Company of Wales started to build. Today this triumph of British private enterprise provides the Government with its greatest export asset. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, comes to open the largest steel plant in Europe. Engineering and architectural genius is everywhere evident in this vast undertaking. Here at Margam the conversion from iron to steel takes progressive form; the very heart of an industry celebrated for achievement. Thirty thousand tons of steel ingots can be cast here every week. Mr. Gaitskell is to turn a lever which will launch a massive slab through the mill, ultimately to be formed into a thin coil of gleaming steel. Operators employ fingertip control over white hot sheets of metal in this 80" continuous strip mill at Britain's new City of Steel in Wales.