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QUEEN VISITS POWER STATION

The Queen learned some interesting facts about the country's supply of electricity, at the National Control. It's at Bankside, on the site of the historic Globe Theatre of Shakespeare's day, since then, things have changed. Here now, is the nerve-centre of the whole country's supply, something undreamt of before the days of the national grid. How it all works only the experts know, but obviously it's in good hands.

Then Her Majesty saw the adjoining Bankside Power Station, which supplies the City and a large area of North London. Bankside is one of the smaller generating plants, about a quarter the size of Battersea, for example. The old power station here, built about 50 years ago, was replaced by the present oil burning plant, a few years after the war. For the Queen it was a pleasant and informative afternoon.