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## UNDERGROUND FACTORIES.

At the invitation of the Ministry of Aircraft Production, we take you below ground to look over a ~~subterranean~~ subterranean factory. The Control Room is a good stepping - off place....Here records of production are kept, and bottle-necks in output prevented.

Conditions in the Drawing Office are ideal. Draughtsmen and women say they would rather work here than in most of the above-ground offices they know. Similar conditions apply to the workshops. Perfect ventilation, heating and lighting provide the work people with three essentials to well-being.

It is difficult to believe that these people are making aircraft parts anything between forty and sixty feet below the surface, but they are, and they like it! This particular underground factory is only one of several in this country.. and even now is being considerably extended. You'll notice that the roof is false, leaving room between it and the rock for the air-conditioning ducts.

Having seen one of our underground factories in operation, we now take you over to another, in course of construction. Excavating for such colossal subterranean factories is a hefty job. As to the amount of rock taken out, well, your guess is as good as mine. We'll go below and see what is happening.

Going down! This time we're going even deeper. Parts of this factory will be as much as ninety feet below ground. And if that's not deep enough for absolute safety "there ain't no sich place".

The air here is just as fresh as it is up above... and the temperature will be maintained at an even level, which is more than is possible in most work places above ground.

When this factory is completed it will be the largest underground plant in the country. Its area is enormous; if I told you what it is in square feet you'd probably doubt me, so I won't put it into figures. When the job is done, a walk through all the corridors alone would be like a Sunday hike in the country in summer. This shot will give you a slight idea.

The air conditioning plant is the last word. Every amenity is being provided for the comfort of the people fortunate enough to be employed here. Above ground within easy reach, are modern kitchens, with a big airy canteen - well on the way to completion. By the way, I forget to mention that down below work-people will be able to wash and brush up before leaving at the end of their shift. All this was certainly an eye-opener to us, and as such we pass it on to you.