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TITLE.:- ITALY'S AERIAL MIGHT.

Picture.:- Because Italy didn't send an aeroplane to compete against us for the Schneider Trophy, don't think it is because she hasn't got an air force ! XXXX Far from it ! XXXX She's got one alright - it looks almost like two, here ! XXXX There are over seven hundred machines drawn up on the Ferrara field.

That's something like about a couple-of-million-pounds-worth of aeroplanes !

The King and the Air Minister should be proud of them.

There is every kind here, scouts, fighters, bombers, reconnaissance, and - er, everything !

His Majesty and General Balbo inspect the planes at close quarters. XXXX They have to do it by car, otherwise the planes would be--

--out of date before they could finish the inspection ! XXXX
As it is they ride about ten miles up and down the long lines !

Later the King goes to Bologna, (about thirty miles away), --

--and sees a grand "fly past" of the whole of the seven-hundred machines. XXXX An impressive sight, if ever there was one. XXXX

It is one of the greatest concentrations of aeroplanes --

--in history - and that's not just "a ^{tale} ~~tall~~", although the whole thing is a plane story !