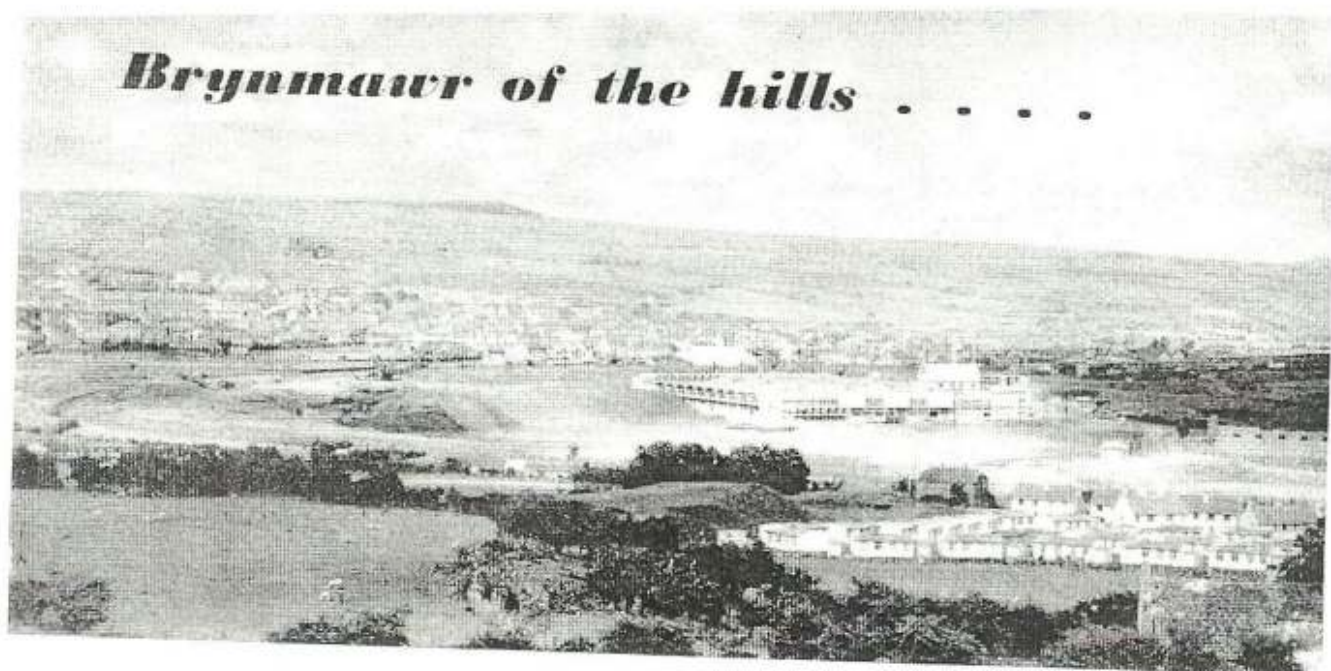


Brynmawr of the hills



OPPOSITION LEADER VISITS BRYNMAWR

DURING his recent tour of South Wales, the Rt. Hon. Edward Heath, MBE, MP. visited the Dunlop Semtex plant at Brynmawr and declared himself 'very impressed'.

Mr. Heath, who sandwiched a 'whistle stop' tour of the works between political rallies and civic receptions spoke to many of the operatives whom he met and displayed particular interest in the computer attached to 5 Line.



The Rt. Hon. Edward Heath, MBE, MP. chats to Union representatives at the reception (l. to r.), Mel Powell (AEU), Charles Bird (ASSET), Howard Foster (TGWU), Harry Lewis (NACSS), Bryn Williams (DATA), John Edwards (ETU).

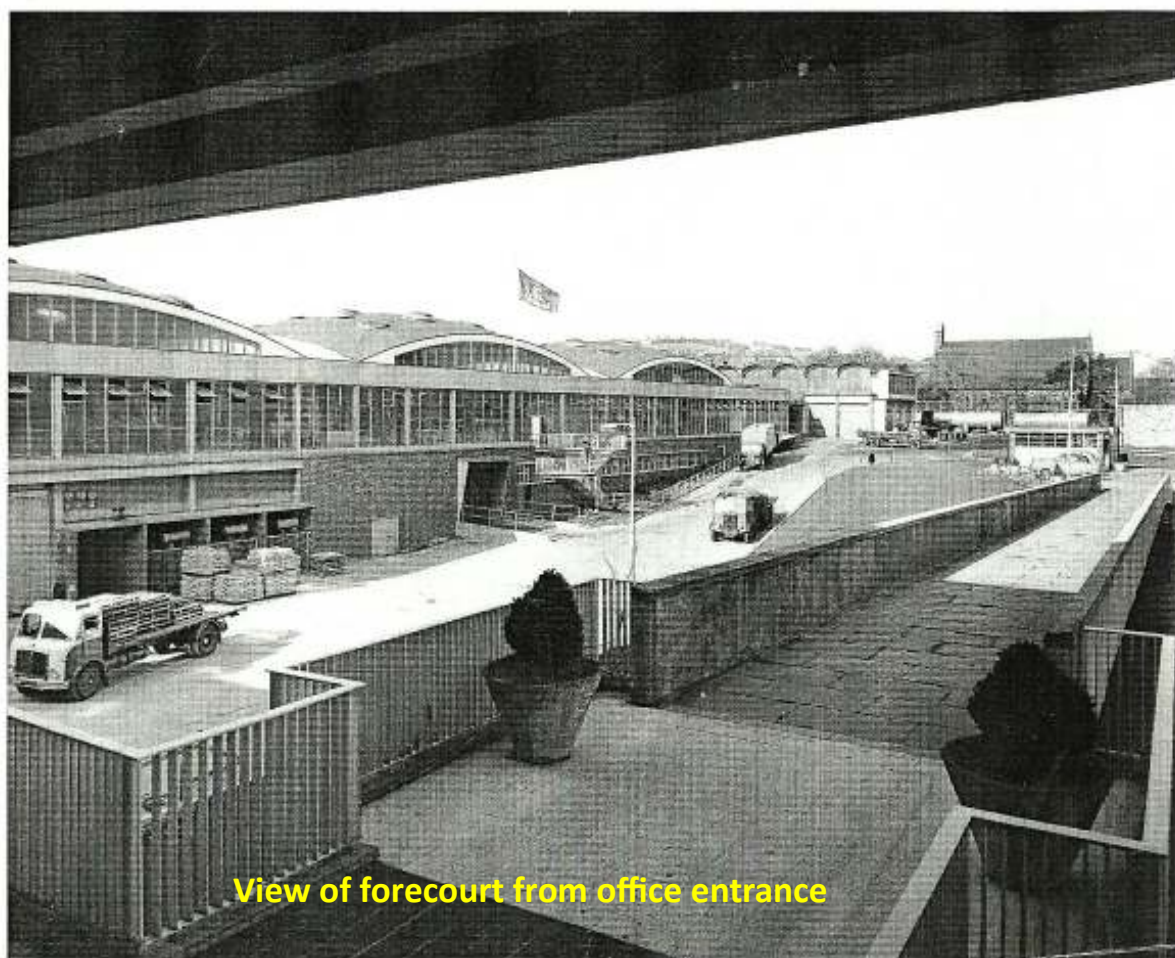
Mr. Heath showed great interest in the Computer. Here he chats to Mr. J. Barrington, watched by Mr. Morton and Mr. Sumner.

At a Press Conference afterwards, Mr. Heath said that the factory was well laid out and equipped with some of the most modern plant in the country. He added that he had met some very interesting people

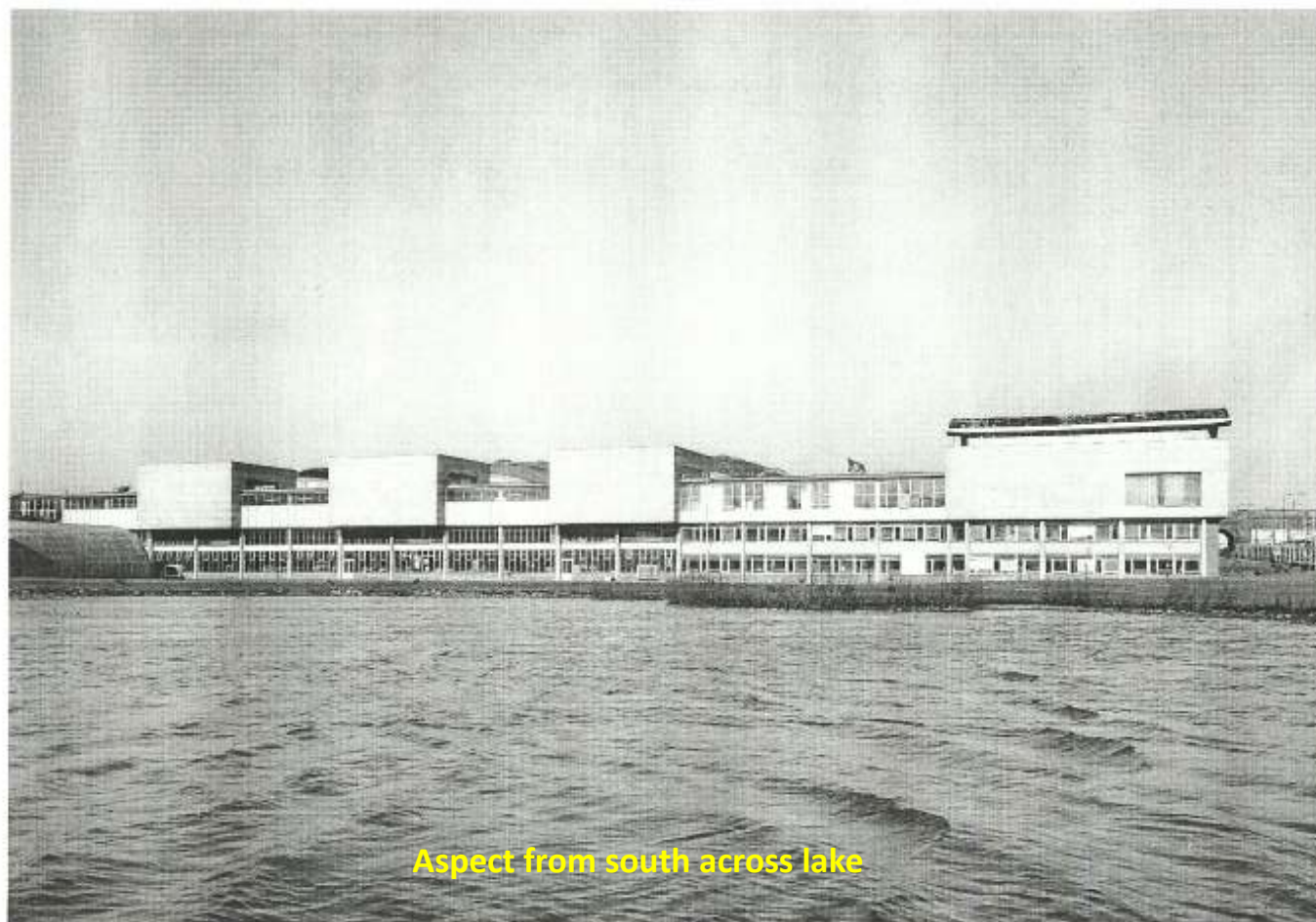
They were met on arrival by Mr. H. J. Morton, General Manager; Mr. J. D. Sumner, OBE, Works Director; Mr. A. G. Low, Chief Engineer; Mr. W. Saul, Technical Manager, and Mr. J. McWilliams, Plant



Factory as viewed from south



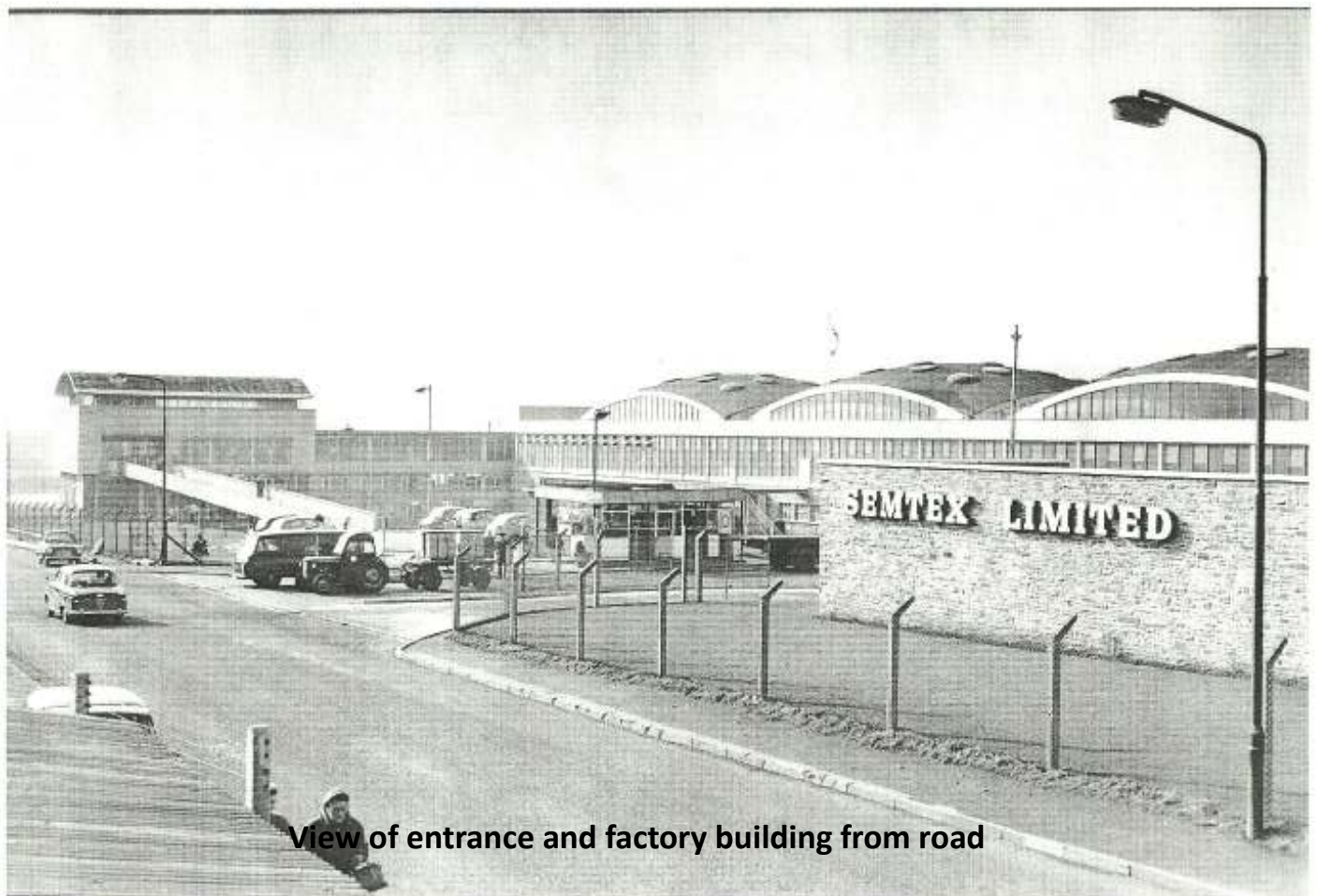
View of forecourt from office entrance



Aspect from south across lake



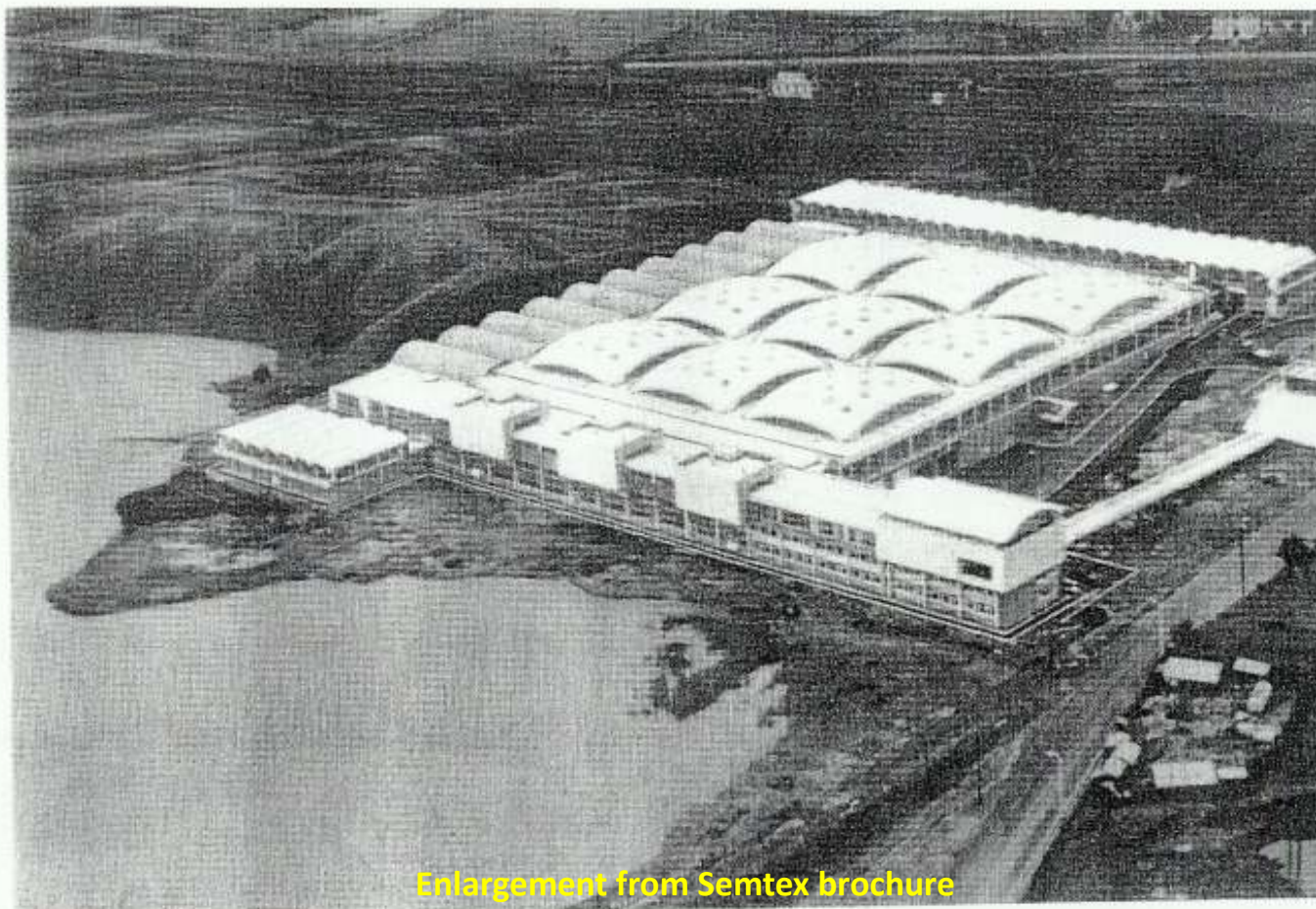
View of factory from south east



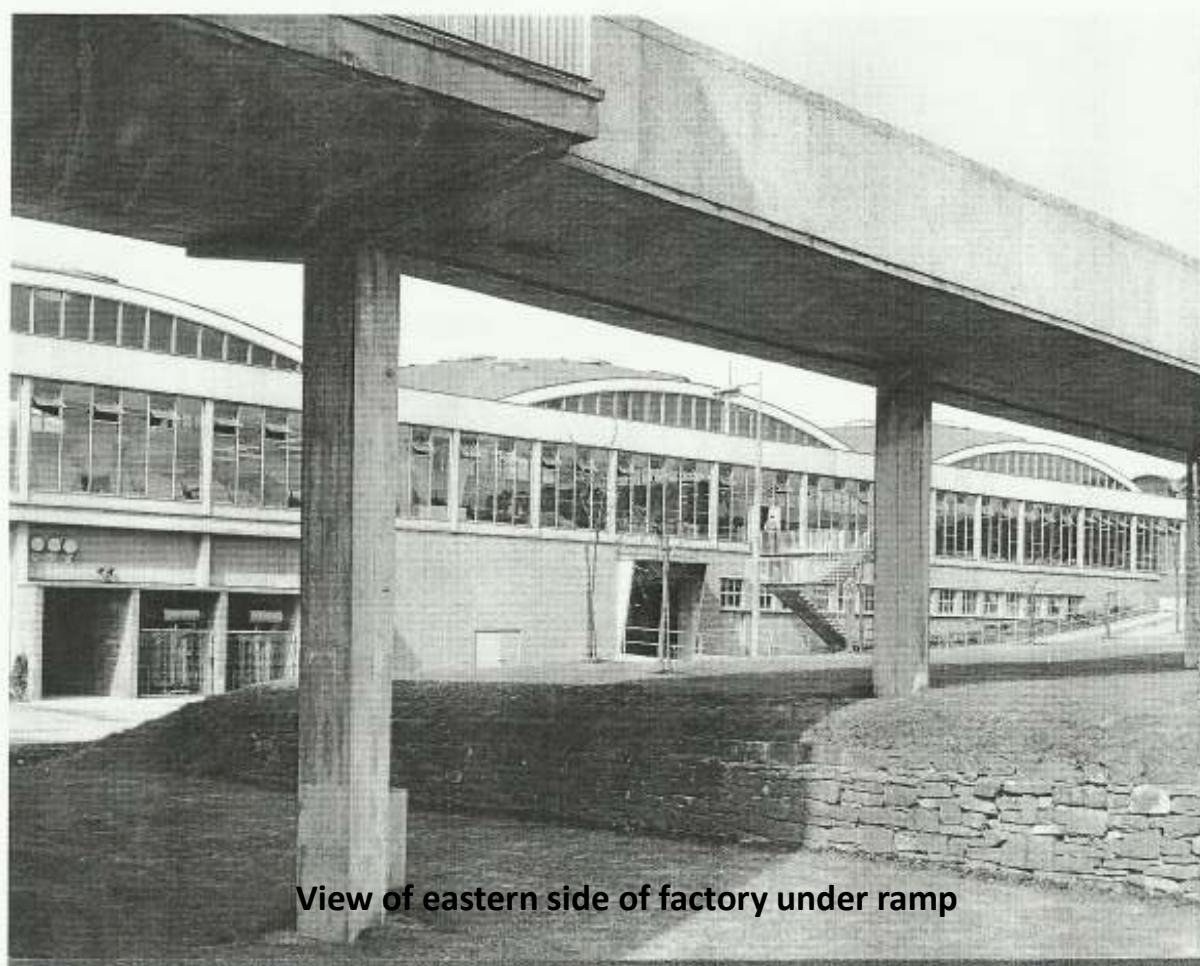
View of entrance and factory building from road



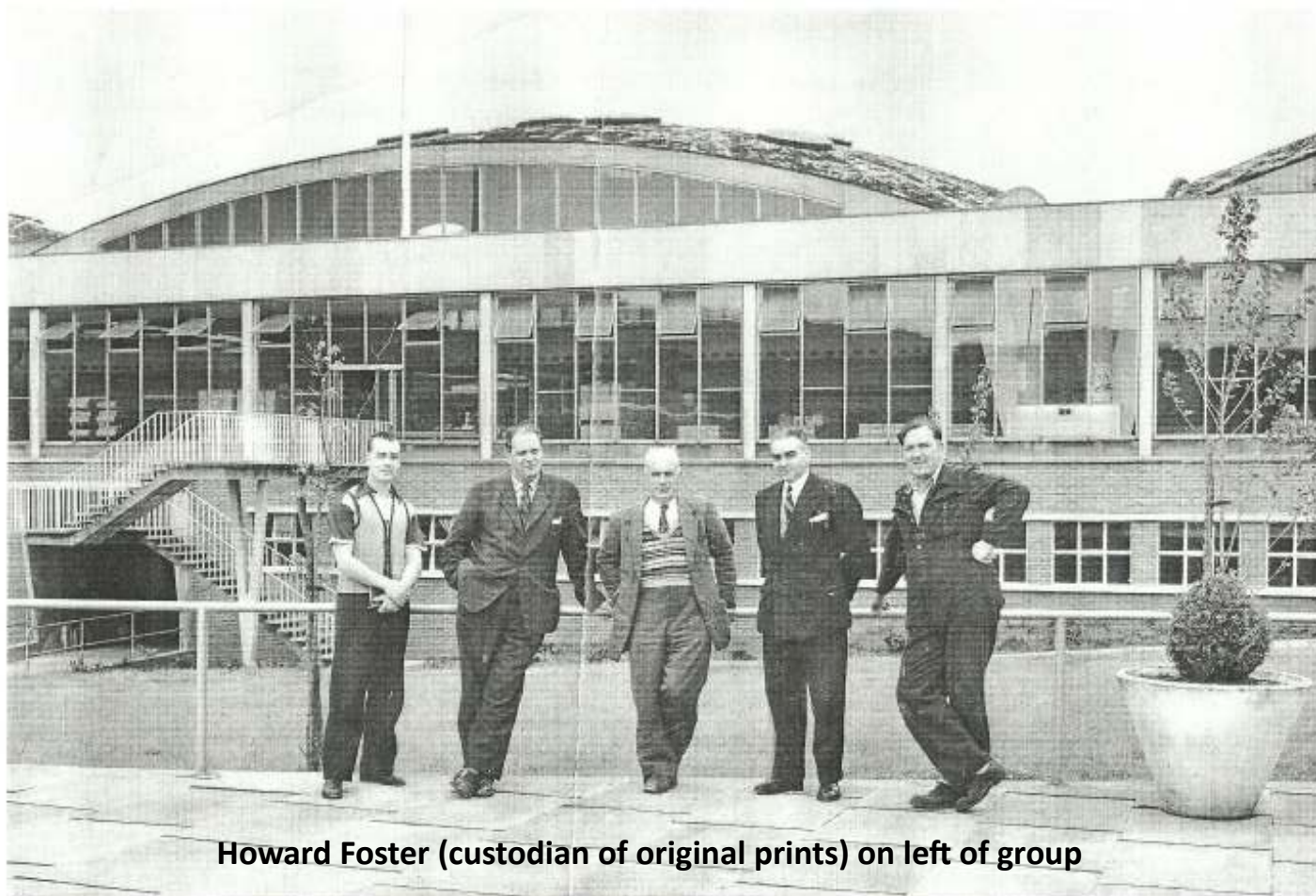
View of southern side of factory



Enlargement from Semtex brochure



View of eastern side of factory under ramp



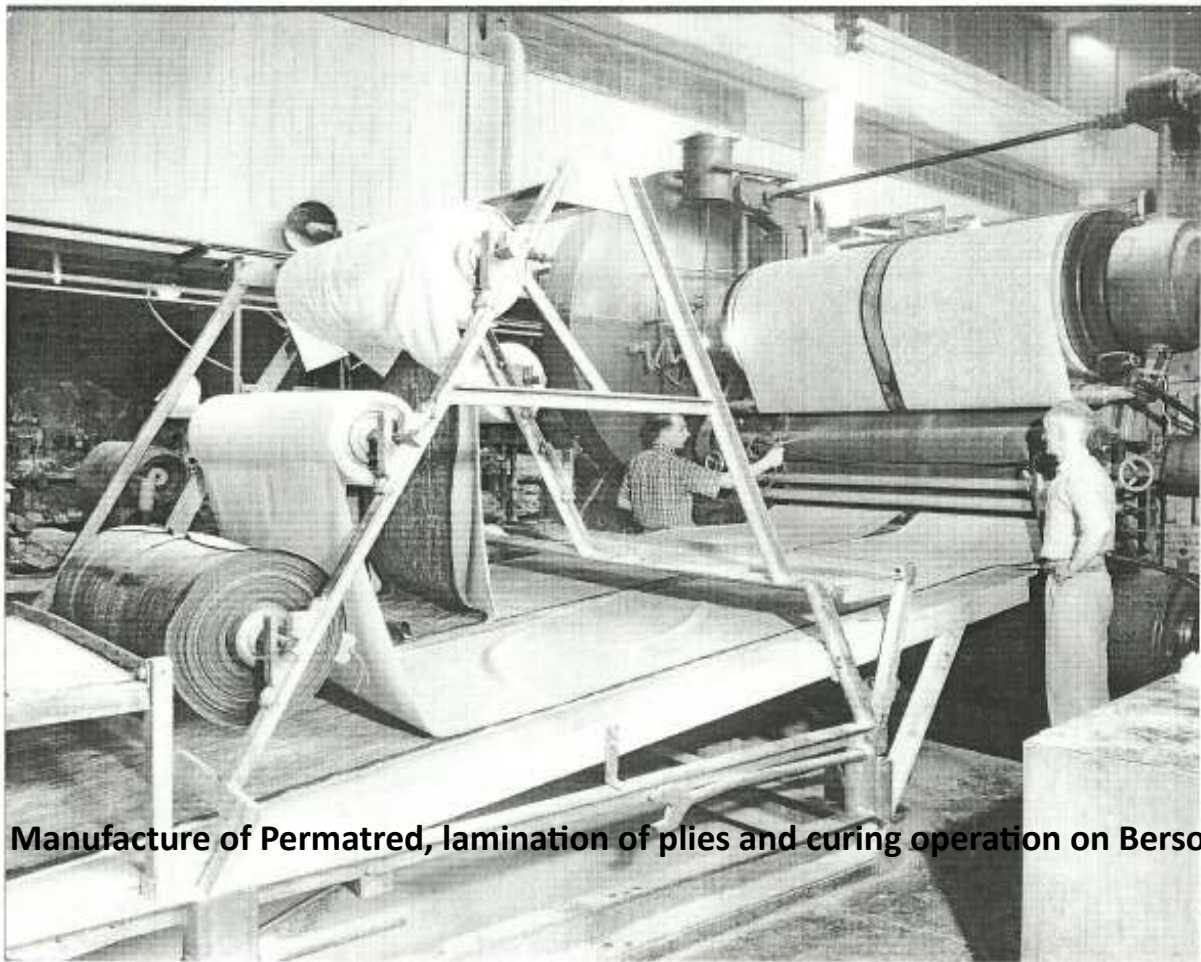
Howard Foster (custodian of original prints) on left of group



S.D.T Manufacture – mixing machine has just been loaded



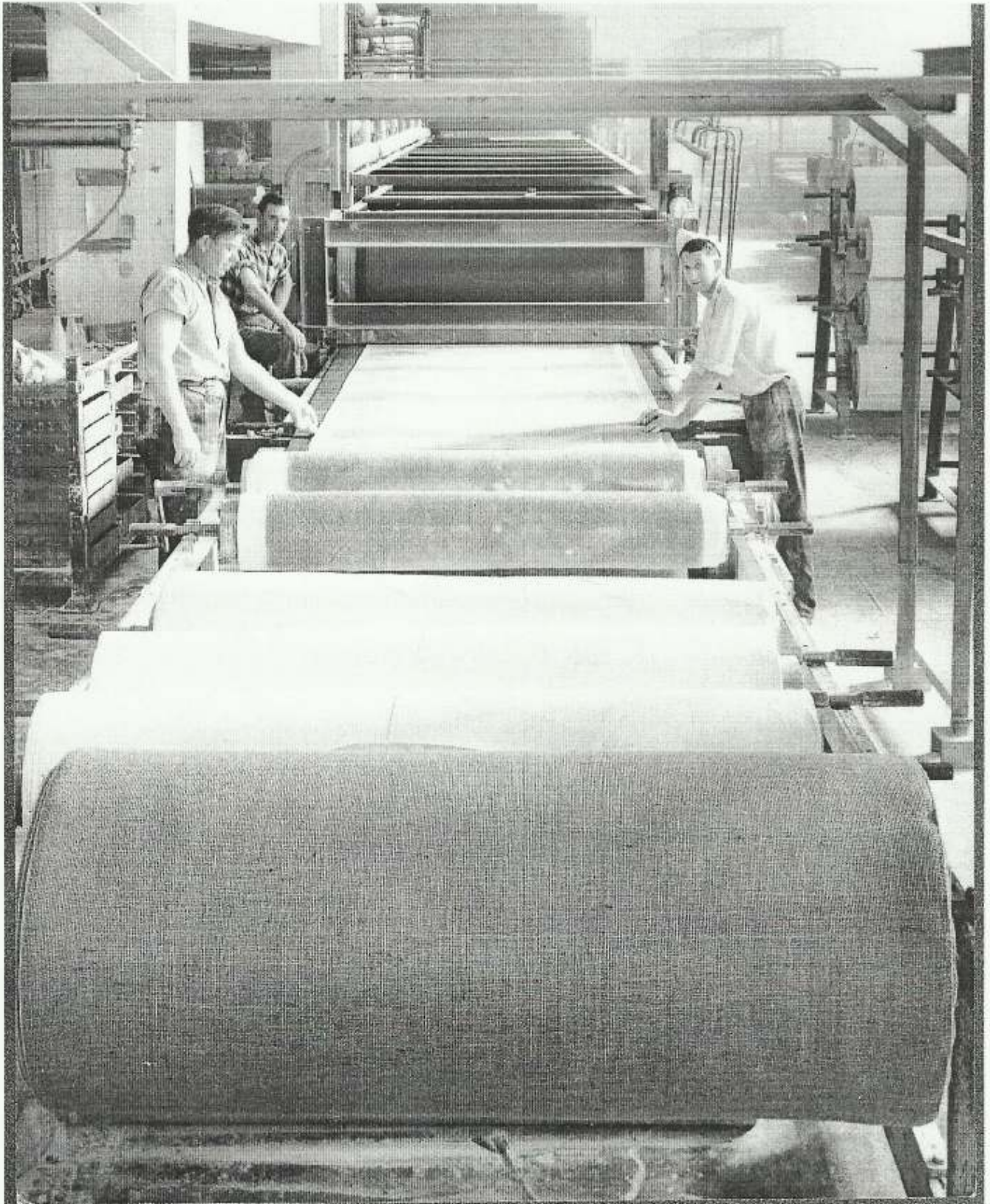
View of thermoplastic tiles, cooling after manufacture, on conveyor



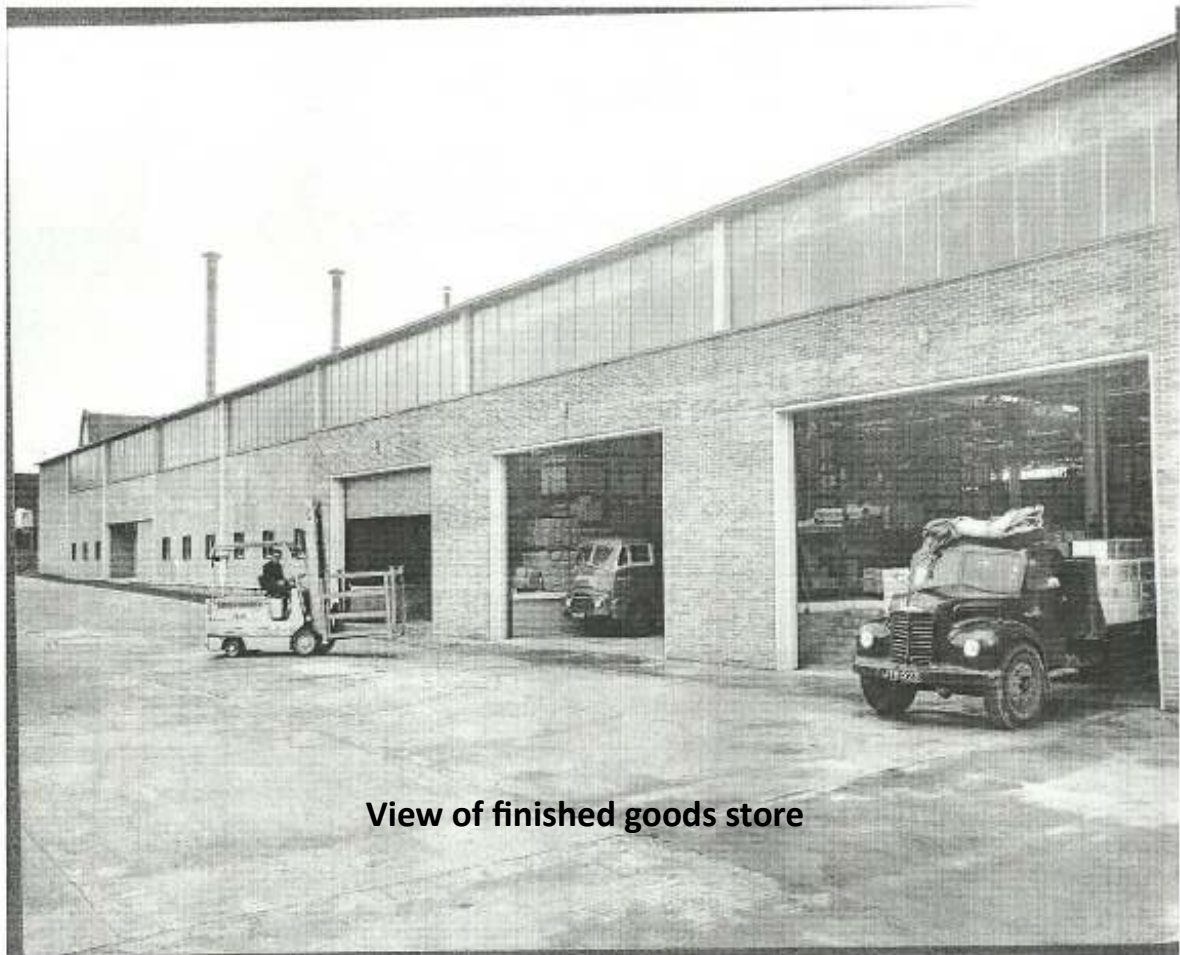
Manufacture of Permatred, lamination of plies and curing operation on Bersorff



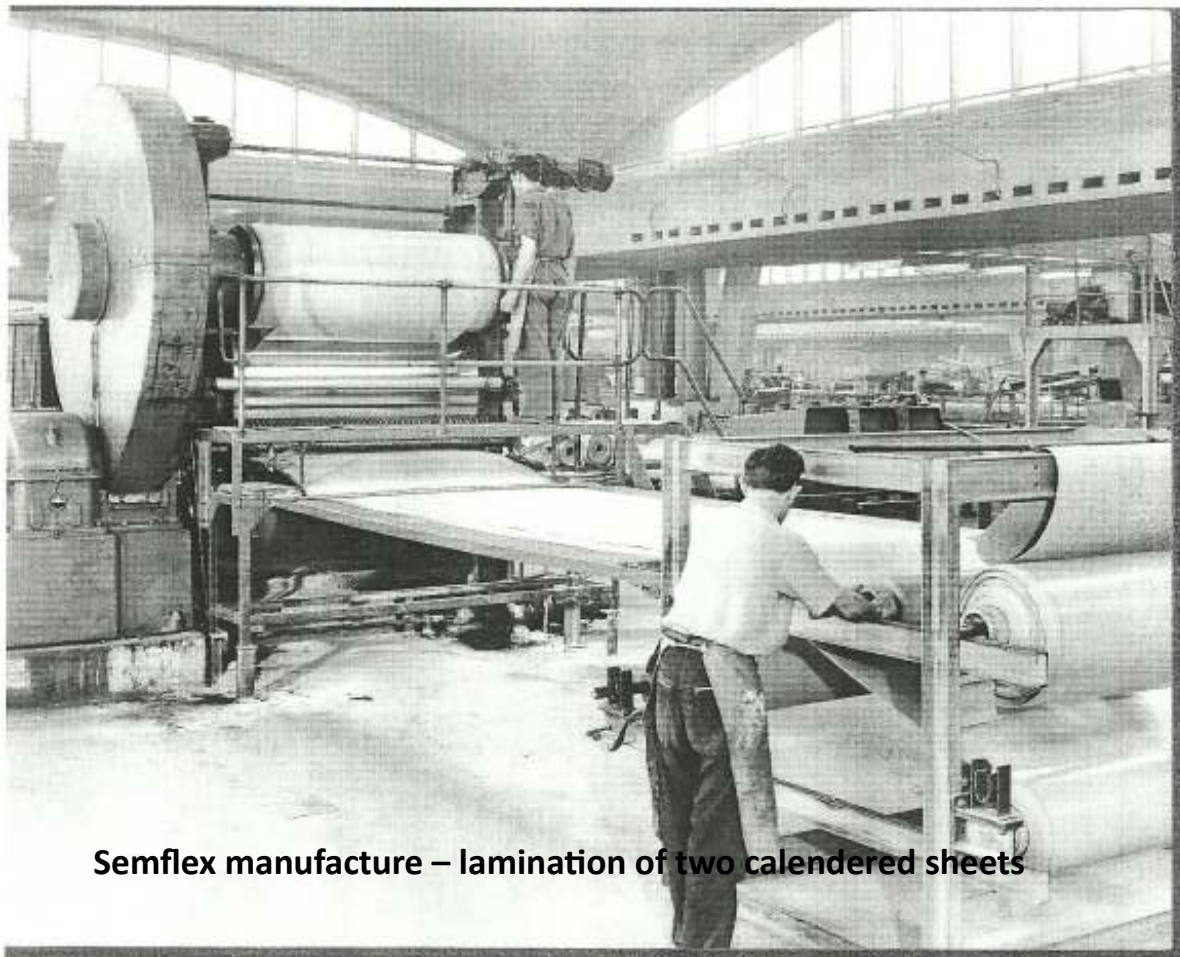
Thermoplastic tile manufacture – view of mixers and mill



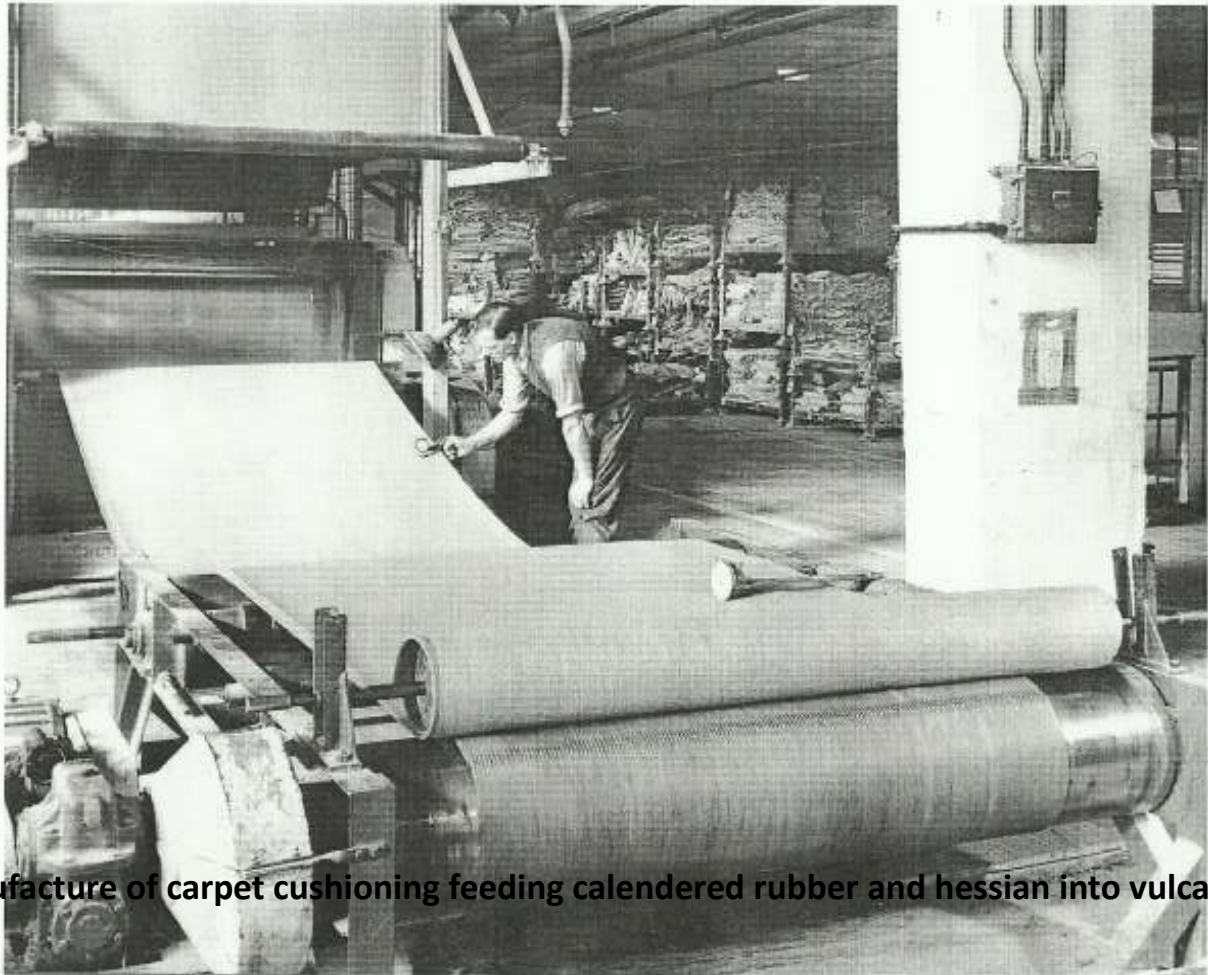
Manufacture of carpet cushioning feeding calendered rubber and hessian into vulcaniser



View of finished goods store



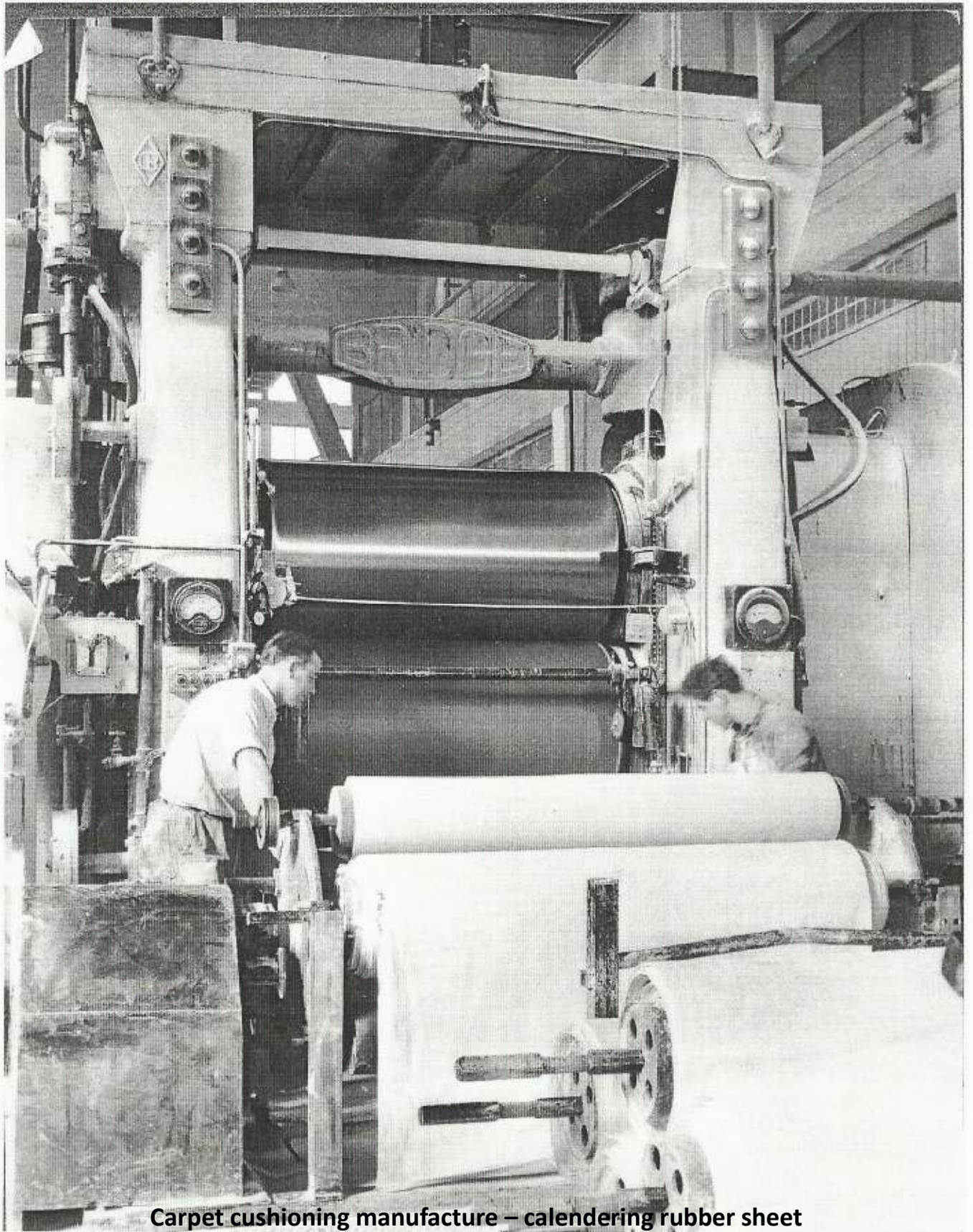
Semflex manufacture – lamination of two calendered sheets



Manufacture of carpet cushioning feeding calendered rubber and hessian into vulcaniser



Semflex manufacture – calendering P.V.C sheets



Carpet cushioning manufacture – calendering rubber sheet

Farewell Howard . . .

On the 2nd March, Mr. Howard Foster, for 20 years Secretary of the Transport & General Workers Union at Semtex and Chairman of the District Committee, East Wales Transport & General Workers Union, left the company after 22 years of unselfish, dedicated, and diligent service.



Mr. Howard Foster

He left to take up his new appointment as Area Organiser of the Shop Distribution and Allied Workers' Union. Based at Cardiff, he will be working to improve working standards of the lower paid categories, especially shop girls, etc.; a job to which Howard is looking forward with great interest.

Starting at the Factory as a mill man only three months after the opening of production at the factory, he later moved to the Technical Department, before becoming the first ever storeman at the New Stationery Stores. In 1965 he moved to take charge of the Special Sales Shop.

In his 20 years as Secretary of the Transport & General Workers Union, at the Factory, he has never been opposed for the office, which speaks volumes for the respect and confidence that everyone felt for him.

Farewell Howard Foster

