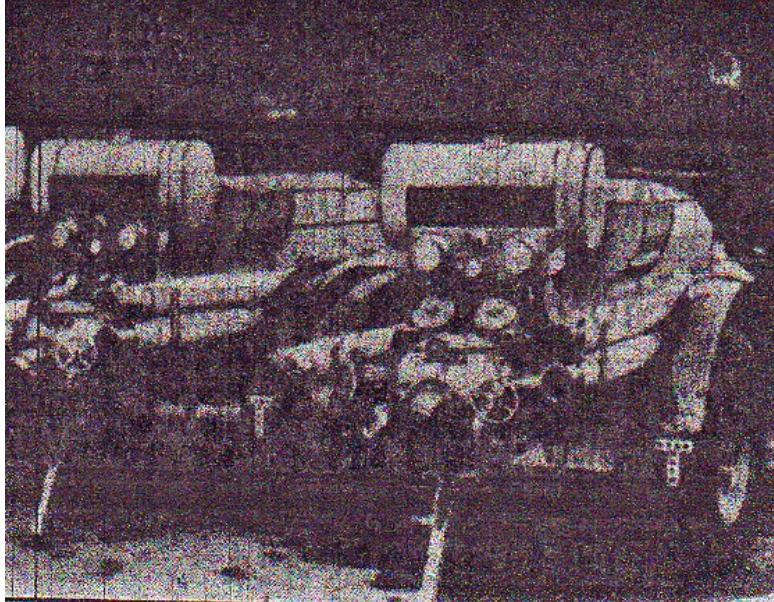


Many New Fire Stations Sheffield Anti-Air Raid Plans Protection for all Districts



The reopening of the Manor sub-fire station marks the start of a huge Sheffield scheme to establish emergency fire fighting bases throughout the city, as part of the air raid precautions plans.

These sub-stations manned by Sheffield's Emergency Fire Brigade Service, will counter the threat of incendiary bombs. They will be equipped with many of the new Home Office fire-fighting machines.

Although the sites for the new sub-stations have not yet been revealed, the "Sheffield Telegraph" understands that they will be spaced round the city to cover all areas, including the vast estates which are springing up in the outlying districts.

At present the scheme is not very far advanced, Chief Inspector J. Singleton, of the Sheffield City Fire Brigade, told a "Sheffield Telegraph" reporter last night.

Latest Machines

"The Home Office have supplied three new trailer Fire-fighting units, and these are being stored at the Manor sub-station. They are primarily for the training of people enrolled in connection with the Emergency Fire Brigade Service, but they may be used for ordinary fire calls," he said. Many more machines are expected. The Manor sub-fire station was originally a fire station with a crew and an engine, until these were moved to Attercliffe. It then went into use as a garage, but has now been claimed by the Corporation for the new scheme.

In addition to the protection of the sub-station, a system of street patrols is to be organised, so that in the event of an air raid the city would be systematically "covered."

Volunteers Wanted

Major F. S. James, the Chief Constable, yesterday said that the personnel required in Sheffield for the Emergency Fire Brigade Service, which will supplement the normal Fire Brigade, will not be less than 1,000 men.

The volunteer auxiliary firemen will be trained by the members of the normal Sheffield Fire Brigade, but will be taught anti-gas measures by the police instructors.

Application forms for recruits are obtainable from the Central Fire Station, Division Street, or any of the divisional police stations.

Each auxiliary fireman will be required to pass a medical examination before being accepted.

“I am anxious that suitable men should volunteer for this service as, in the event of an emergency, the services they will be able to render to the city are of vital importance,” the Chief Constable said.

“As the Government consider an efficient fire-fighting service essential, I hope that a ready response will be made by suitable men.”