

*had Austin welcome greeted Sir Kingsley Wood
when he went arrived at Longbridge, near B'ham, 4/8*
SHADOW FACTORY AT BIRMINGHAM.

and I think An important stage in the shadow factory scheme ~~was marked~~
~~Longbridge near Birmingham by the visit of Sir Kingsley Wood.~~
~~Received by Lord Austin,~~ The Air Minister inspected the first
Battle plane produced in the air-frame factory. Apart from the
value of the shadow factories in Britain's scheme of defence, they
give employment to many thousands of British craftsmen who would
otherwise be ~~unemployed~~ workless. ~~Then~~ And Britain's motor-car
industry which is second to none, helps to put the Royal Air Force
also at the top. While on the subject of flying, we must give
a welcome to the Civil Air Guard. It is a scheme under which civil
and private planes and pilots become a voluntary reserve for time
of war. Moreover, thousands of new pilots ~~will~~ of both sexes will
be trained at a cost of about a shilling a week each. This is
another great scheme to be developed under the fatherly eye of our
new Air Minister.