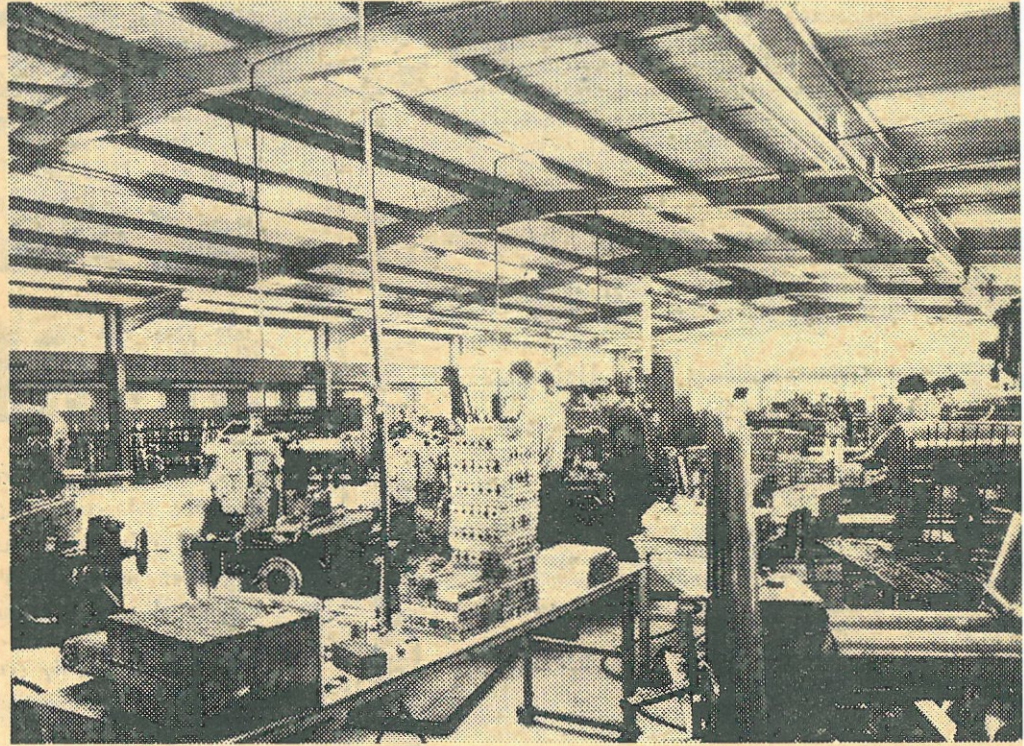


Exterior of G. W. Martin & Co. new Hillspan factory at Bishopstoke-road, Eastleigh.



Part of the interior of the new factory showing the millings and drillings department.

FAMILY FIRM'S QUICK LEAP TO SUCCESS

OPENING the new factory of G. W. Martin & Company by unveiling a plaque on Friday, Mr. David Price, M.P. for Eastleigh, commented that those present were taking part in a success story—the success of Mr. George Martin, his family and his team.

It was only in November 1959, that Mr. Martin set up production in Eastleigh and now the company had a jolly good factory and one which made absolute nonsense of those who said

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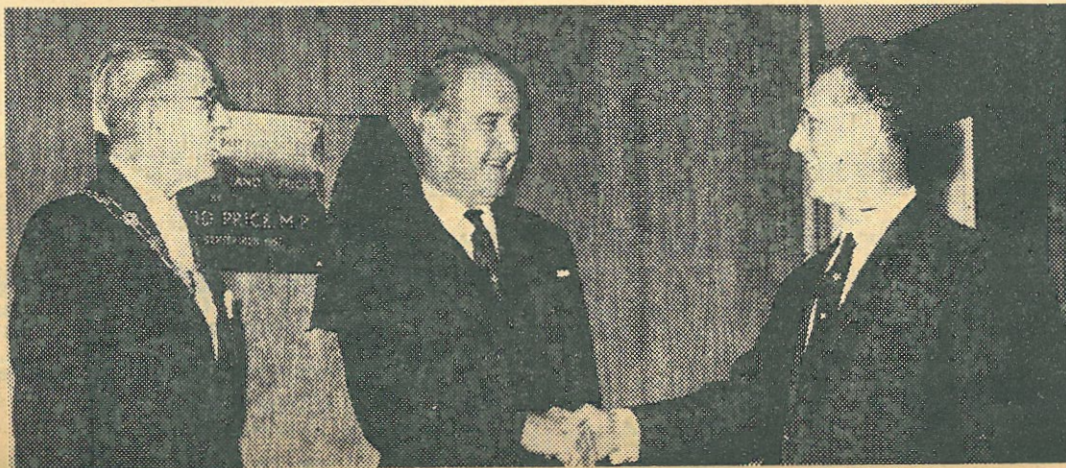
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Left to right: the Mayor of Eastleigh, Councillor A. J. Griffen, Mr. David Price, MP, and Mr. George Martin.

factories were disagreeable neighbours.

It was particularly happy that the company's success story should have happened in Eastleigh and the borough wanted many more of them. Mr. George Martin and his staff were specialists in precision engineering and particularly in the machining of stainless steel. "We may be bemused by electronics and computers, but mechanical engineering remains the heart of engineering."

It was particularly healthy for Eastleigh that when they had seen the BR works contracting and there was a certain amount of gloom about our economic prospects there should be the opening of two new factories in the borough at about the same time.

One was Martins factory and the other was for Pirelli General, opening next month.

It was symbolic that one was for a small family business and that

the other was for a large international organisation.

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Wishing Mr. Martin and his directors success for the future Mr. Price said it was interesting that in the design of their building they had made provision for future expansion.

"This has been done with confidence it is indeed confidence we want in industry at the present time."

He wished the staff a worthwhile and profitable life.

The Mayor of Eastleigh, Councillor A. J. Griffen, said a distinguished gathering of guests were seeing the opening of one of the most modern factories in Hampshire.

He had watched the growth of factory from the foundation stage to completion and remembered when the site was allotment ground with some uncultivated plots and grass and weeds a foot high.

He hoped to see the factory expanding and that a good number of export orders would be obtained.

The company had complied with all the requirements of the planning authority and there were lovely gardens and lawns at the front. There was also ample car parking space which would be a great asset as in the view of the Borough Council there was already enough parking on the roads.

Mr. George Martin welcomed the guests and thanked Mr. Price, the Mayor and Mayoress and others for attending.

He said the new factory was the

result of good teamwork and the help and encouragement of many friends. He added: "There is enthusiasm in our company for getting a job done."

Mrs. N. T. Martin presented bouquets to the Mayoress and to Mr. Price for Mrs. Price.

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