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PIAGGIO WORKS  
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CONDITIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PIAGGIO WORKS

- Of two establishments at Pontedera, the air force one, built for the construction of engines, remains almost intact, and its industrial equipment (machinery), that had previously been sent to Biella, is serviceable and at present in the process of being transported back. The 31st. of March this year is the date foreseen for the reopening of this establishment.

- The aluminium foundry at Pontedera is intact and working.

- The dependant establishments in the Province of Genoa, damaged during the war, have been repaired and are at present producing material for railway carriages.

- The technical personnel, draughtsmen and workmen of the air works, are all in fit conditions and ready for employment.

- The Piaggio works at the Pontedera establishments are in possession of 100 to 150 million spares for aircraft engines.

- Orders for engines and aircraft spares from Switzerland and Spain are in the process of being carried out. This is in order to renew and maintain air force material assigned to these countries by the Italian Government some time ago. A previous representation of small proportions would have already been made.

It is, however, not considered likely that an export trade of these articles would be started on any real scale.

- The Piaggio has firm intentions of continuing with its air works productions, taken into account, nevertheless, the fact that Italy's position will have to be settled within the near future. It also gives the lie - thus making quite clear its own point of view - to rumours circulating in the Air Ministry and according to which the Piaggio works had no more intentions of working for the Italian Air Force. It, resultingly, deploras the fact that works of inspection to be carried out on the numerous Piaggio engines salvaged in Northern Italy after Liberation, should have been assigned to other firms, when Piaggio could have carried them out with more right to do so, and under more favourable conditions.

- Apart from the construction of material for rolling stock, and a few domestic type of articles, Piaggio is in the process of making a motorcycle "Utility type", of which the first ought to be out by next week, and sold at the retail price of 50.000 liras.



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