

# Long term plans to rebuild factory

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**WORKERS** at fire-hit Bentley Pianos near Stroud are pulling together to get the firm back on its feet.

The 46 employees of the Woodchester factory have spent the week clearing up since a massive million pound blaze gutted their workshops.

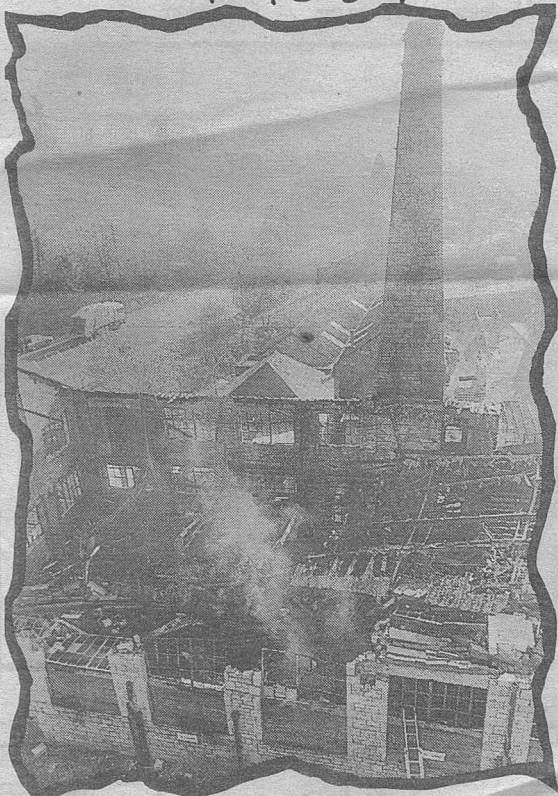
"We have mainly been sorting through and tidying what we can," said Mr. Peter Freke, company secretary.

But it will be at least the New Year before Bentley's can produce any more of their world-famous pianos.

Customers around the globe have been very supportive, said Mr. Freke.

"We shall be rebuilding on our present site in the long term, but in the short term we have already found alternative storage space at Woodchester," he said.

Mr. Freke also said his workers were doing everything they could to salvage their firm as quickly as possible. "We have been working very hard but there is a great deal to do," he said.



■ A flashback to the recent blaze