



■ Craftsmen Terry Carter (left) and Eddie Williams move out a finished piano

A note of triumph

WORKERS at a world famous Gloucestershire piano factory have rebuilt their vital polishing workshop — which had been ravaged by fire — so they can return to work.

The first instruments to be made from scratch since the disastrous blaze last November left the Bentley factory at Woodchester, near Stroud yesterday.

The three pianos worth £2,000 each, are the beginning of a massive effort by staff to recoup three months of lost production.

Factory manager Eddie Griffin said:

“We have nearly finished renovating the 4,000 sq ft polishing shop to its former glory. We did most of the work ourselves.”

The fire gutted two three-storey buildings on November 23 last year.

Mr. Griffin added that workers were still clearing up the damage. “We only received new polishing and sanding machines two weeks ago, but we are doing really well now,” he said.

Bentley normally produces 30 pianos a week.