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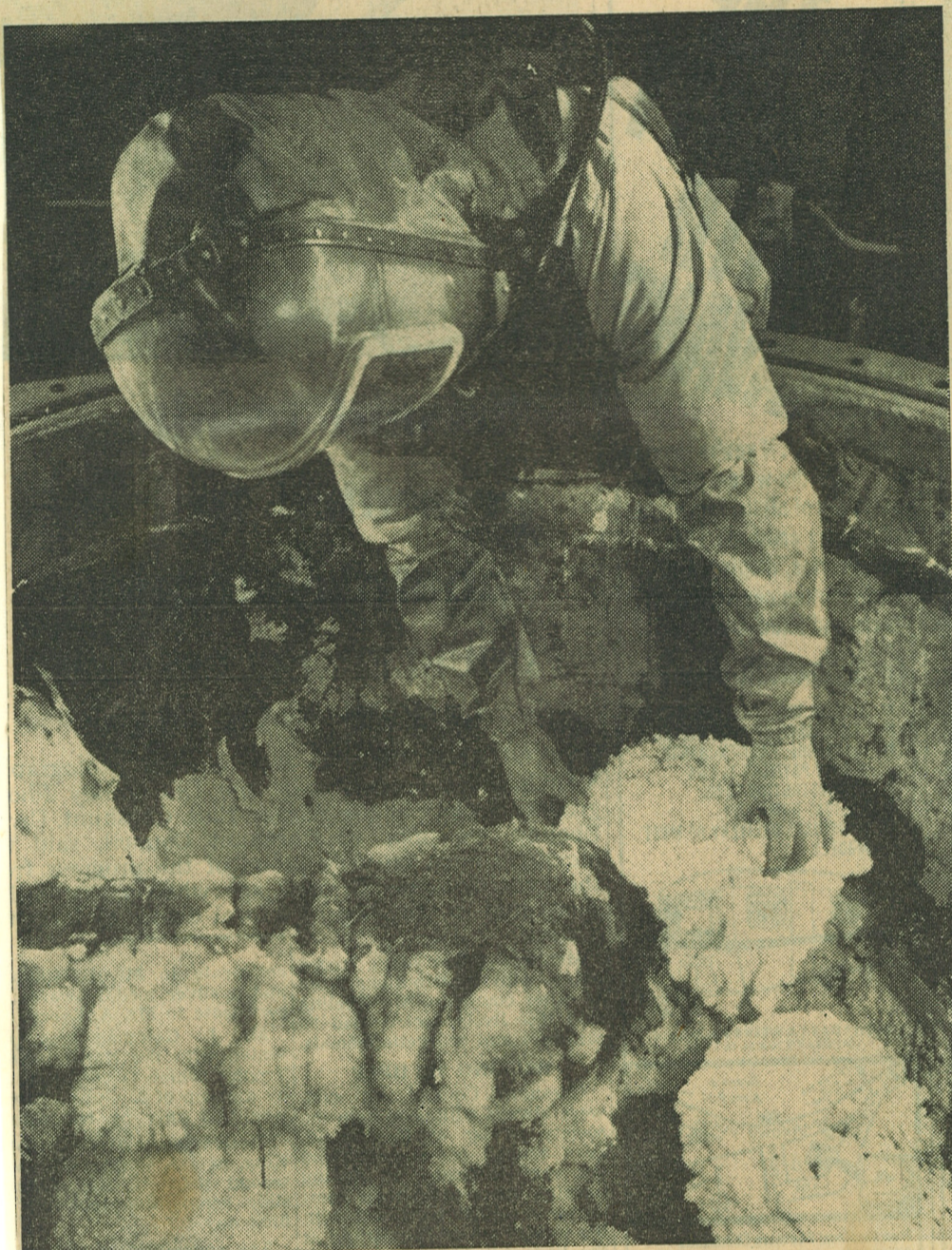
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**O**UTER space? A shot from a science fiction film? Both wrong. The answer is that this is one of the experimental high-temperature reactors at the Explosives and Research Development Establishment,

Waltham Abbey.

This futuristic picture shows one of the establishment's scientists removing a silicon nitride "whisker" from the reactor. The worker is wearing protective clothing and mask to avoid inhaling "whisker" dust.

Silicon nitride "whiskers," when added to normal everyday materials, become extremely strong and light.

This was one of the displays that enthralled many of the establishment's visitors at their open day.