

QUEEN MOTHER AT GUILDHALL:

At the Guildhall, the City of London welcomes the Queen Mother home after her Commonwealth tour - a tour which has made her the first member of Britain's royal family to fly round the world. Thirty-five thousand miles by air - to Canada, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, across the Indian Ocean, and finally to Africa. Princess Margaret is on the platform with her mother as the Lord Mayor, Sir Denis Truscott, gives London's greeting. In her reply, the Queen Mother refers to the engine trouble which marred the last stages of her programme:

"I have myself some experience of the disappointment of seeing dazzling success snatched from one, even after the last fence! (Laughter) And my sympathy is much with the gallant crews who worked so unceasingly to complete their task. It is hardly possible without a personal contact to realise the intensity with which membership of the British Commonwealth is cherished by those who I am so lately seeing. It is my belief that and my prayer that the unity and the strength of the Commonwealth may yet provide the foundation upon which may be built that for which we all pray today, peace throughout the world".