

QUEEN OPENS GATWICK AIRPORT AND VISITS
CRAWLEY.

Gatwick, the £7-million project which is to take some of the strain off London Airport, is ready for action - its highly complex control tower ready to handle one airliner every three minutes. Gatwick is on the Surrey-Sussex border, 25 miles from London - and it's the first airport in the world to provide access by dual-carriageway main road and at the same time a direct rail link to the capital.

The Queen and Prince Philip arrive at Gatwick for the inauguration ceremony which will start its life as Britain's No.2 airport.

After unveiling the plaque, Her Majesty is shown round the terminal - starting with a model of the buildings, and then seeing the passenger facilities which make Gatwick one of the most convenient airports ever built. On the same day, nearby Crawley - both the New Town and the Old - is honoured by a Royal visit. Crawley New Town is not merely close to Gatwick geographically - it is close to it in spirit, too for both were built to relieve overcrowding, in one form or another - and both are proud of being the most modern of their kind.

The Queen calls at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond and their family - typical of the people who live in Britain's new towns where a very large proportion of the population are schoolchildren or younger. It won't be long before towns like Crawley are run by men and women who can say: "I was born and bred here!"