

STOPWATCH BUILDING:

London Airport has seen a few world record broken in its time - but here's one of a different kind; an office block as big as 10 modern four-bedroomed houses; completely finished between dawn and teatime on one day! Prefabricated sections arrive at the Airport by a shuttle service of 30 lorries; four mobile cranes hoist them into position; and four construction teams are waiting to erect each section as it arrives, while plumbing, lighting, heating, and interior decoration are completed in the finished sections.

To show you the whole process, we set up a special camera to compress the ten hours of building into 15 seconds of film. And here comes the result, complete with changes of weather and light, of course.

At three o'clock, Mr. H. Collett Bolt, managing director of the construction firm, hands over the complete building to Lord Douglas, Chairman of British European Airways. Offices for 100 B.E.A. technical staff - and anyone who had the day off is going to be shaken rigid in the morning!