

MOTORWAY OPEN SOON.

The London-Birmingham Motorway, first of its kind in Britain, will open for traffic on November second, barring unforeseen delays. Its many wonders include (near Luton) a high retaining wall, 16 feet wide at the base; also a six-span viaduct to cope with River Ouse flood water. Minister of Transport Harold Watkinson, touring the motorway, congratulated the men who made it. Using amazing roofed-over machinery they'll have the 75-mile London-Birmingham stretch completed on schedule, despite terrible weather early on. A 26-foot wide polythene sheet is laid on sand, before the concrete is applied, to prevent the water dropping through. Millions of tons of concrete have been made along the road in the past 17 months.

A record was set at one stage, when 12-hundred feet of reinforced concrete, 26 feet wide, was laid in eleven hours. And that's to say nothing of about 180 bridges and flyovers they've had to build. From Birmingham, the road will go north, bringing Yorks and Lancs into the picture. Motorists have had to wait a long time for express highways. We're getting them at last...