

SKYSCRAPER 'TOPPED OUT'

London's highest building, Vickers House on Millbank, held a little celebration to mark the fact that it had reached the top - 387 feet. Land values have soared to such an extent that the new office blocks have to reach for the clouds, or they'd never make ends meet. This one goes up 34 storeys. Just imagine that when the lift's out of order.

With the Capital far below, workmen and guests of the company saw the topping-out ceremony, which is one form or another goes back to the days when the Romans occupied Britain, and used to give a drink all round for a job well done.

Vickers Chairman, Lord Knollys smoothed out some of the last layer of concrete, 22 feet higher than the cross of St. Paul's. A new landmark in 20th century London.