

IMMIGRANTS BEAT CLOCK

The Spanish ship "Begona" reached Southampton with several hours to spare, and for the 450 coloured immigrants she brought to Britain, anxiety was over. At midnight, the new Commonwealth Immigrants Act would come into force, with some controls applying to would-be settlers in this country. Hence the rush to arrive in Britain. In the last week, in addition to those coming by sea, about 2,000 flew in.

12-year-old Marie Williams came alone, to join her parents in London. A tender brought the travellers from the ship to the landing place, and then their new life had really begun.

The large influx of coloured people from Commonwealth countries has created several problems, but Britain does not intend to call a halt. The government's attitude on the matter will remain liberal and humane, as it has been all along.