The early morning departure made it just a fond family farewell at London Airport - when the Queen Mother set off ther tour of Australia and New Zealand.

The last good-byes were than aboard the B.U.A.C. Airliner.

During her six weeks tour, the Queen Mother will fly some 25,000 miles and will become the first member of the Royal Family to fly around the world.

FROM THE QUEEN RINGE PAILLE PRINCES HARGARET So, amid a happy send-off the Royal Ambassador set off - and a great welcome awaits her "Down Under"

Later, while the Queen went to Buckingham Palace, the Duke flew back to Sandringham, piloting a Heron aircraft, with Princess Margaret as his passenger...

Meanwhile, a warm New Zealand welcome was being offered to Mr Macmillan, when, accompanied by Lady Dorothy, he visited a Maori tribal gathering

The transferred Maori challenge of friendship recalls memories of the Queen's visit, in 1954...

In this area, underground steam has long been breaking through the surface to provide spectacular sightseeing for tourists. Now, this natural energy is being harnessed for domestic purposes.