

CORONATION MALL ARCHES

In North West London, work goes ahead on the four giant arches that will be erected in the Mall as Coronation decorations. Seventeen-foot high figures of the Lion and the Unicorn, and huge golden coronets all made of tubular steel, will surmount the arches when completed.

Every bend in the steel tubes is done by hand to ensure perfect curves. Each figure in the four arches takes 160 feet of tubing and there are more than 250 joints to be welded on each.

Already floodlighting tests have been carried out on an experimental arch to make sure that the figures will be seen to their best advantage. The arches will finally appear like this - a splendid decoration to London's Royal Highway.