



Cars and pedestrians stream across the Carrington St viaduct, New Plymouth after its official opening today.

## Postwar peak price

(NZPA staff correspondent) LONDON, Friday. — Prices for New Zealand crossbred wool reached a new postwar peak last month, according to the Commonwealth Secretariat's monthly wool prices circular.

At the Dunedin sale on October 7 crossbred values rose 4% to 7% followed by another 1.5% to 2.5% at Timaru on the 15th, the circular said. A reduction of 2.5% to 5% at Invercargill five days later, and some further weakening at Napier on October 25, was short-lived, it said.

The losses were largely made good at Auckland on October 29, with a rise of 2.5% to 3% on the floor and an increase of up to 7% in CIF sterling terms, carrying the latter to a new postwar peak, according to the circular.

## Minogue circulates draft

Wellington bureau A non-partisan committee is being formed in New Zealand to help promote freedom of information. Government backbencher Mr Michael Minogue, (Hamilton West) says this when circulating a draft United Kingdom Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill. The Bill seems more appropriate to New Zealand conditions than do the American, Swedish or suggested Canadian or Australian Acts, writes Mr Minogue. He invites constructive comment or criticism about a freedom of information Act for New Zealand or about the United Kingdom draft Bill.

# Simple ceremony opens major roading project

A plaque was ceremoniously unveiled; scissors gilded in the mid-morning sun as they sliced through a blue ribbon and New Plymouth's Leach St-Vivian St viaduct was officially opened.

Today's ceremony was the culmination of about 18 months work on the project, which will ultimately cost about \$850,000. More than 100 people attended the opening, which was chaired by the New Plymouth City Council's works and

traffic committee chairman, Mr L. W. Penrose. They heard addressed by New Plymouth MP Mr A. P. D. Friedlander, the Mayor, Mr D. V. Sutherland, the district highways engineer with the Ministry of Works and Development in Wanganui, Mr R. T.

West, and Mr W. E. Still, representing the contractors, Riddick Bros and Still Ltd, before Mr Sutherland unveiled the commemorative plaque on the eastern end of the viaduct. Mrs Sutherland then cut the ribbon and joined her husband and Mr

Friedlander in the first official car to cross the structure. They were followed by a long stream of motorists getting their first taste of the one-way pair system which comes into effect at 6 a.m. on Monday.

## Longest legal judgment

(NZPA - Reuters Copyright) LONDON, Friday. — A tiny island in the South Seas moves into the legal limelight because a week when a High Court judge delivers what is likely to be the longest judgment in the history of English civil law.

The vice-chancellor, Mr Justice Megarry, is expected to take four and a half days to give his decision starting on Monday in the longest and most costly civil action in British legal history — one that took 221 working days to hear and cost more than \$175,000. It concerns the fight of some 2000 Islanders, called Banabans, for a bigger share of royalties from phosphate deposits on remote Ocean Islands, their former home. They sued Britain for \$12 million.

The Banabans were moved to Rabi Island, 1500 miles away, 30 years ago while a British - Australian - New Zealand Government consortium, the British Phosphate Commission, exploited the phosphate resources. Counsel for the Banabans argued at the High Court hearing that royalties paid had been a gross under value and that the principal beneficiaries had been the farmers of Australia and New Zealand, over whose "bread acres" the cheap phosphate was spread.

# Working in the dark

New Plymouth City Council employees will be working in the dark to bring the new one-way street system into operation at 6 a.m. on Monday.

From midnight Sunday three teams of council workmen will be erasing redundant street markings, painting on new ones and erecting 140 traffic control signs. Under the system, Powderham St and Courtenay St become one-way for east-bound traffic and Vivian St and Leach St, linked by the viaduct over Carrington St, one-way for west-bound motorists.

Deputy city engineer Mr Jack Kettlewell said about six men, two road markers and a digging machine would work throughout the night with the help of street lighting and perhaps floodlighting. All sign poles had been positioned and the signs were grouped for quick erection, he said.

Work would continue probably until about 7.30 a.m., when traffic would have built up.

"We must remove all conflict for motorists by 6 a.m. Monday. They must not be put in a position of having to break traffic regulations," Mr Kettlewell said.

"If it rains and we can't get new road markings down, the normal road code will apply. Road markings are intended only to assist motorists. Only the road signs will have legal standing and these must be followed."

Ministry of Transport traffic officers would be on duty from about 6 a.m. to police the system. But motorists making mistakes need not panic. If they turn the wrong way on to the one-way streets they should pull over and wait until it is

safe to make a U turn or reverse.

Power poles would be used as a temporary kerb to block part of New Plymouth's Carrington St-Courtenay St intersection.

The poles would be placed from the flower beds in the intersection island, to the National Party rooms' corner, creating about 10 new parking spaces.

Mr Kettlewell said the spaces would not be marked or metered initially.

About 90 new parking spaces would be created by the one-way pair, mostly on Courtenay St, between Currie St and Liardet St.

Mr Kettlewell urged motorists still would be able to turn onto Carrington St because part of the Carrington St-Courtenay St intersection next to Fitzpatrick Motors Ltd has been realigned and widened.

A sign would be unveiled at the Pendarves St-Carrington St intersection, warning west bound Carrington St motorists to turn right on to Pendarves St, left on to Liardet St and left again on to the west bound arterial of Leach St-Vivian St.

This slight inconvenience

Full parking would remain in Carrington St.

Today, all yellow parking restrictions were to be removed on Courtenay St, between Currie St and Liardet St. The 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. parking restriction on Powderham St and Robe St would be lifted to allow all day parking.

It would take about a week to change parking meters in line with the new system.

The streets' centre lines would be removed and pedestrians would have full right of way at all pedestrian crossings in the system.

The large "one way" signs would remain for a week or so to help motorists.

The new traffic system is bounded in the east by Eliot St and in the west by Morley St. The one-way arterials have preference over intersecting streets, except those two, Gover St, Liardet St, Brougham St, Dawson St and Mt Edgumbe St traffic can cross the one-way pair, note that motorists cannot cross Powderham St until a protected lane is formed.

## \$90,000 property deal

A \$90,000 property purchase near central New Plymouth was announced today by a New Plymouth motor company, R. J. Burkitt Ltd. The land, covering about 2ha (about half an acre), fronts Eliot St and is bounded by Lemon and Leach Sts. Mr R. J. Burkitt the man-

## City's best

The beta garden, best street and best commercial frontage in New Plymouth in centennial year have been selected. Pictures of the winners of the contest jointly sponsored by the Taranaki Herald and the New Plymouth Public Relations Office are on the back page.

## Today's best from Europe