

# New restaurants, units cost \$1m

More than \$1 million is being spent in separate redevelopment projects which will give Taranaki two new restaurants and an extra 30 motel units.

## Tanker hit by missile

**BAHRAIN, Sunday.** — Iranian firemen tonight were still fighting a blaze aboard the Turkish oil tanker *Buyuk Hun*, hit by a missile south of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal in the Gulf.

In Baghdad a military spokesman said Iraqi warplanes had hit two ships today, but Gulf shipping sources could only confirm the hit on the 80,652-ton *Buyuk Hun*.

A military official in Iran said the vessel was hit by an Exocet missile, apparently fired at long range from a French-built Super Etendard.

At least five of the tow-flying fighter-bombers were delivered to the Iraqi air force late last year.

Iranian news agency

Irna said all the tanker's crew were safely rescued by Iranian vessels. But the Turkish Foreign Ministry said 3 of the 39 crew, previously thought missing, were now believed to be injured and in hospital on Kharg Island.

The *Buyuk Hun* was the 10th tanker known to have been hit in the waterway since mid-April, when the 44-month-old war between Iran and Iraq started to spill over into the shipping lanes of the Gulf.

In Istanbul, a spokesman for the tanker's owners, Um Denizcilik Ve Ticaret A.S., said the vessel had been on its way empty to Kharg to load a cargo of oil for Turkey. He had no information on the attack.

Both are centred on large old New Plymouth buildings which have until recently been used as boarding houses.

The larger project involves Te Ara Lodge on Devon St East opposite the Mangorei Rd intersection. Mr Phillip Jefferies and his wife Judith bought the property in 1970 and are spending about \$1 million on a two-stage programme redeveloping it as an 80-capacity restaurant and building 30 tourist units.

The restaurant is expected to be completed and open in about a month. The 30 tourist units will be built next year.

The lodge was a boarding house from the 1940s to about 3 years ago. Earlier it was the private home of a New Plymouth dentist Mr Parker.

It was built in 1917 and Mr and Mrs Jefferies, with the tradesmen, who have worked on the job continuously, have kept to the old style.

Mrs Jefferies said they wanted to keep the tourist lodge elegant and simple. All the original furniture has been retained and the couple bought some pieces from the auction following the closing of the city's

Criterion Hotel.

"We wanted some of the history of the Criterion too," Mr Jefferies said.

There are some new fittings.

The original ballroom and dining room will be the restaurant's dining room. This was the sports room when the lodge was a boarding house.

The restaurant will retain the name Te Ara.

Closer to central New Plymouth Ascot House in north Dawson St is being refurbished as a seafood restaurant.

Mr Gary Langley and his wife Pat plan to spend \$45,000 renovating the old house as a high-class restaurant with seating for 45.

**Ventures**

The house was originally built for Mr A. E. Sykes, a wholesale chemist involved in several manufacturing ventures including making lemon squash and petroleum jelly. The soft drink of the same name is believed to have developed from his original product.

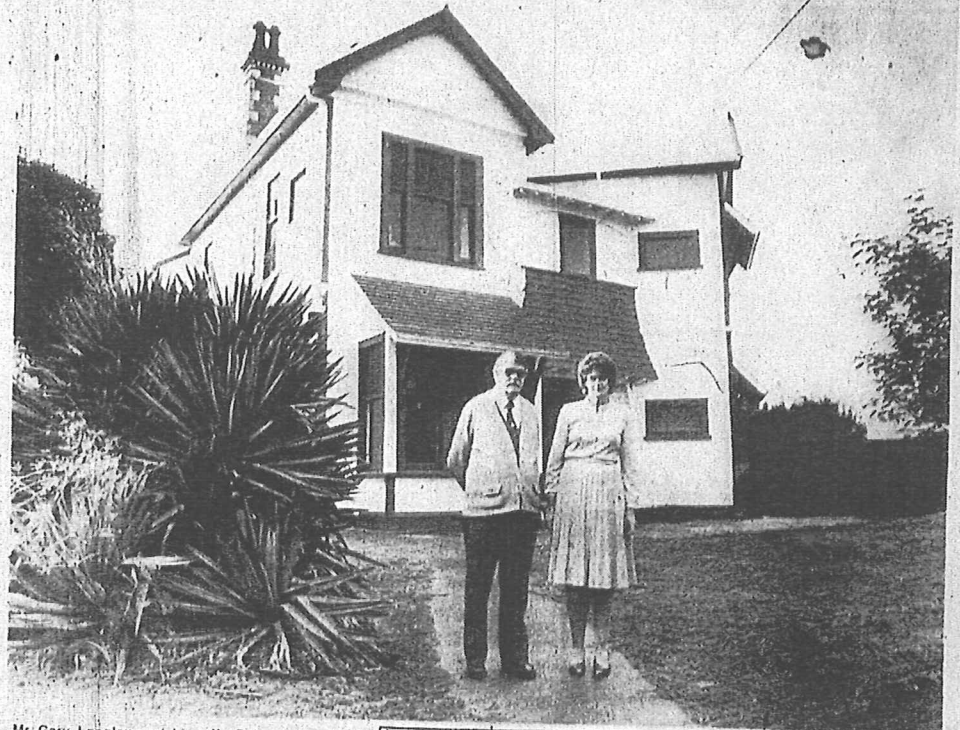
In more recent times the house was owned by Mrs Dorothy Macdonald who said it was 50 to 100 years old.

The Langleys arrived in New Plymouth from Australia last year to set up their restaurant. They managed hotels in Australia and ran a Sydney restaurant for a year and have had 21 years' experience in the hotel industry.

Mr and Mrs Langley ran the Bell Block Hotel from 1977 to 1979 and introduced Seafood meals there and at another Dominion Breweries Ltd hotel in Nelson.

Mr Langley thought the restaurant would take off fairly well, surrounded as it was by business houses. Many people did not like big restaurant dining rooms or loud music. Mr Langley said there was a move to smaller dining rooms in Australia and America.

Mr Gary Langley and his wife Pat outside Ascot House in Dawson St, New Plymouth. They are spending more than \$45,000 developing the old building as a seafood restaurant.



## 'Clangers'

**SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday.** — San Francisco got its famous "clang" back today.

The city's cable cars returned to the streets after a 20-month restoration project.

Pulled by underground cables, the cars, one of the city's major tourist attractions, changed their famous bells to warn cars and pedestrians out of the way.

Cheering crowds holding pink balloons bearing the words "They're Back On Our Street" and eating free coffee and cake — all donated by the city's transport authority — gave the first six cars back to service a rousing send-off.

The \$US58 million (\$NZ89 million) spent to restore the service came from government funds and private donations.

## Fiery end

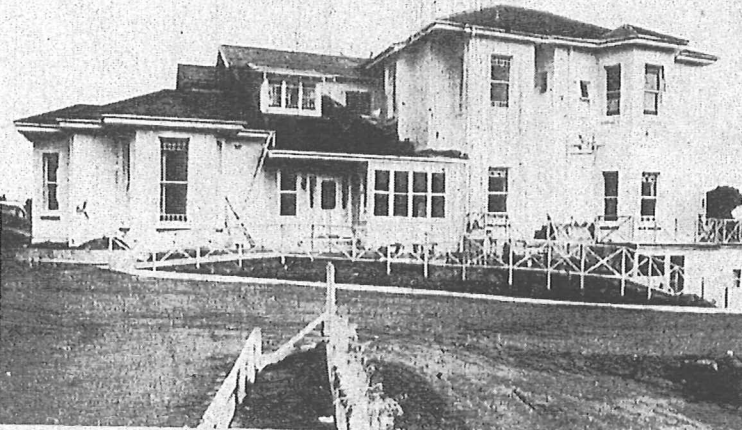
**HONG KONG, Sunday (NZPA/AFP).** — Celebrations of an ancient Chinese festival turned sour here today when a dispute over who won a dragon boat race led to crew members of rival boats attacking each other with oars, police said.

About 13 men were injured in the attack.

## 19 crew may have drowned

**HAMILTON (Bermuda), Sunday (NZPA-AP).** — A British-registered sailing ship racing for Canada was caught in heavy seas off the Bermuda coast, then found abandoned this morning, race organisers said. They said 9 people have been rescued and 19 are missing.

One body has been recovered, they said. Race organisers said



Te Ara Lodge on New Plymouth's Devon St East is one of the big redevelopment projects turning old city houses into restaurants. The dining room, originally this house's ballroom and dining room, is on the right. It has a view over East End Beach.

# Unions work on proposals

**WHANGAREI, Today (NZPA).** — Union officials are meeting to prepare a counter-proposal to Marsden Refinery Constructors' five conditions for rehiring the sacked workforce.

The representatives are meeting at Whangarei Trade Union Centre to sort out their reply, which will be presented to MRC tomorrow.

MRC unions' spokesman and site advocate Alex Maclean said he expected to set up a meeting tomorrow with MRC so the counter-conditions could be put.

MRC's conditions for rehiring the workforce include working with eight scaffolders, lifting black bans and restrictive practices and an end to unauthorised slowworks.

One worker said he was "fuming" when, after the mass meeting on Friday he read an article in the local *Northern Advocate* newspaper saying the eight scaffolders had submitted a statement of apology for presentation at the mass meeting.

"If that had been read, I reckon the majority of workers would have voted to go back to work," he said.

"We didn't know it existed."

He said many workers were speaking in favour of the eight scaffolders at the meeting and the apology would have done the trick.

### Heart

The worker's other concern was the managerial statement via union representatives that even if the conditions of rehiring were

we were lied to by the unions.

Project consortium manager, Mr Jack Hardie, put a full page advertisement in the *Advocate* on Saturday.

He says he was asked on Friday that if the five points were settled would the gates still be shut.

"I responded that if we were not satisfied that the settlement was genuine we could not resume work," Mr Hardie says in the advertisement.

Meanwhile, Whangarei MP Mr John Banks claims the Socialist Unity Party is now in control of the picket lines at the Marsden Pt refinery project gate.

He said it was obvious that the power base for the unions was now in Auckland and that "heavies" had been brought in from