

# BUILDING PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

PLANNING is practically complete for the modern six-storey prototype Government department building to be built alongside the Old Post Office in New Plymouth.

This was announced today by Mr E. P. Aderman, MP for New Plymouth, after he had received information from the Minister of Works, Mr Allen.

The 50,000 sq ft reinforced concrete building will make an impressive landmark on the high point in Devon St, just west of the centre city area.

## Bomb theory in air crash

100 MILE HOUSE (British Columbia), Friday. — Police investigating the plane crash yesterday in which all 52 people aboard were killed are working on a theory that a bomb had been planted in the aircraft, Associated Press reported.

A timber cutter who saw the crash told police he saw the plane blow apart in the air, said a senior officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Searchers found the main cabin virtually intact and the tail section about a half-mile away. They reported that both sections appeared to have plummeted straight to the ground.

A stand of 50-ft trees was untouched except where the fuselage crushed the timber beneath. There was no swath through the bush to indicate forward motion.

The attractive, well-glassed building will be the main part of a Government centre area to run from Devon St through to Powderham St.

The Government depart-

## Queen Mother meets teachers

LONDON, Friday. — Nearly 200 teachers from the United States and the Commonwealth, including some New Zealanders, who are teaching in British schools under the exchange scheme, were presented to the Queen Mother at a garden party in Lancaster House, today.

The Queen Mother asked Miss Beverly Woods, of Victoria, what was the main difference in teaching in Australia and in Britain. "The weather," replied Miss Woods; heavy rain showers had driven all the guests indoors.

ment building will face on to Devon St, while the modern new Courthouse will face Powderham St.

When approved by the Government the project would "become available for fitting into the co-ordinated building programme for the district," said Mr Allen.

Tenders have already been let for the new courthouse building, and work is expected to begin shortly. Pile foundations for the department building were completed in February.

The new building will come to within 6ft of the Old Post Office during construction. However, when it is ready for occupation, the old Post Office building will be demolished, leaving a wide roadway which will relieve congestion in the area, said Mr Aderman.

The departmental building is of a new design which would be adopted for Government accommodation in other centres wherever possible, the Minister told Mr Aderman.

A feature of the building will be the projecting floor slabs, from which sun projection louvres will be suspended. As well as adding to the attractive appearance the slabs would make window cleaning a safe and simple matter and would give added protection from the weather, Mr Aderman added.



AN ARCHITECT'S IMPRESSION of the six-storey prototype Government department building to be erected in New Plymouth. On the left is shown the new courthouse, on which work will begin shortly.

# No sign of Biggs

Police have told the public to keep out of the way and not try to be heroes if they spot the gang.

## Loot

Police believe that Biggs was snatched from prison yesterday by "the brains"

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Louisiana

# SYDNEY SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS