



MR E. R. BREWSTER surveys the partly demolished shell of his famous beehive house in Sanders Ave, New Plymouth, today.

Demolishing the beehive

New Plymouth's famous beehive house is being demolished.

The only one of its type in the world, the house, in Sanders Avenue, attracted 250,000 visitors since its construction in 1922.

The 2½ acres of land on which it stood was sold to the Tainui Home Trust Board in 1926 for £2666.

Guided by God

But the owner, Mr E. R. Brewster, said today he was quite happy about taking the house down — "up to a point."

He said he had been guided by God to sell the land, and is ready to construct a redesigned beehive house on this

property at Egmont Village.

He saw the selling of the land to Tainui as part of the remarriage of spiritual and practical truth with reality. The original concept was that the house would have no right angles and be designed along the lines of a honeycomb. But this was not achieved and Mr Brewster had to compromise. However, the redesigned building is completely right-angle free.

Hexagonal

Mr Brewster had the idea of building a hexagonal home for some years. His late wife

urged him to build it, and together they developed a kit set and bought the land at Westtown which he dedicated to "building in a spiritual way." Modelling started in 1950 and the house was ready for construction in 1952.

All parts of the house were prefabricated, and it took about 10 weeks to complete construction.

Until he found the key to fitting the hexagonals, it was a "struggle all the way," he said.

Now it is coming down.

This weekend

Mr Brewster has been demolishing the house for nine weeks and expects to finish the job this weekend. He intends working on it on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The biggest part of the demolition has been transporting most of the 30,000 pieces to his workshop at the former Frankley Rd dairy factory.

Mr Brewster has been working on the new house for several years, and is now ready for construction.

"It is now a matter of knowing where and when I can build," he said.

Egmont village

He owns six acres of land at Egmont Village and submitted proposals for establishing a settlement, which he envisaged as the start of the Holy City on the slopes of Mt Egmont. Subdivisions would be triangular, with hexagonal community areas.

To carry out this scheme he had formed a company called Norian Builders Ltd, but the plan was rejected by the Inglewood County Council after considerable discussion.

In 1928 Mr Brewster extended his theories of honeycomb shapes into aerodynamics but initially this was rejected both in New Zealand and by the British Air Ministry.

However, he completed a model and conducted some very successful demonstrations. A member of the Inventions Board, however, urged development of his patent, and although he had started on a full scale model, World War II and his wife's ill health had prevented him from finishing it.

At the moment, Mr Brewster has not finished plans for his new house. He has built new sections, but is looking at the possibility of combining the new, new and the old by making the new house multi-story.

PRINCE IN THE OUTBACK

COONABARABRAN, Today (NZPA). — Prince Charles arrives in this outback town to inaugurate a new telescope today, after scoring a sartorial hit in Sydney.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph today featured a picture of the Prince wearing at a Government House dinner last night. They displayed the crest of the Prince of Wales — three white feathers and the motto "I Herald."

The Herald noted the Prince's smart grey suit in which he addressed the New South Wales State Parliament yesterday, and said it "may yet win him a best-dressed title."

The Prince's speech, delivered with what the Telegraph called "the calm and aplomb of a veteran," was sprinkled with humour. He told the MPs that "in company with convicts, lunatics and Peers of the Realm, I am ineligible to vote."

Mr Barclay flying

Mr Ron Barclay, MP for Senior Government Whip, and will return home this week.

According to Mr Barclay's son, Mr Morrie Barclay, in New Plymouth today, the illness is not serious, and his father is in good spirits.

Mr Barclay said he received a telephone call from his parents last night informing him they would be flying home immediately. He had no details of his father's illness apart from the fact that it was not serious.

Mr and Mrs Barclay are in Tokyo for the 61st International Parliamentary Conference. They left New Plymouth on September 28 and were to have visited China and Thailand.

Ford threatens 'tough turkey'

(NZPA-Beuter—Copyright) KANSAS CITY (Missouri), Tuesday. — President Ford warned Congress today he would give it 'tough turkey' if it did not enact his anti-inflation legislation, including a five per cent surtax for one year on corporations and many private Americans.

Mr Ford — fighting for his programme, which has been received coolly in Congress — said he had 'bitten the bullet' on inflation, but critics complained he had offered only a marshmallow. Complaining he had been rebuffed in a request to postpone a pay increase for Government workers, the President declared "Congress wouldn't even chew that marshmallow, and they haven't yet shown much appetite for the other marshmallows in my latest message."

"But if they don't like my menu, I may be back with some tough turkey."

PRISON RIOT IN BELFAST

BELFAST, Tuesday (NZPA). — IRA prisoners in the

some tougher stuff to chew on than his critics thought.

Mr Ford made the following recommendations:

- Balance the family budget, just as the Federal Government was trying to balance it.
- Don't borrow unnecessarily, but wait for interest rates to come down.
- Save as much as you can. The President said he had asked the Treasury to look into the possibility of issuing a new series of "W.I.N." savings bonds.
- Conserve energy, especially by observing the 55 m.p.h. speed limit, and cutting mileage by 10 per cent.
- Employers and workers should not raise prices or demand more wages than costs or services require.
- Improve productivity and waste less time and materials.
- Shop wisely and look around for bargains.
- Eliminate outmoded Government regulations that keep the cost of goods and services high.
- Plant vegetable gardens, just as Americans did in World War II.
- Recycle scrap materials.
- Waste energy less. Americans have an international reputation as the world's worst wasters, he said.
- Guard health, because one of the worst wastes in the United States was days lost because of sickness.

Tribunal cuts rise claim

WELLINGTON, Today (NZPA). — The Waterfront Industry Tribunal has reduced watersiders' pay rise claims by five cents an hour, and has warned that if this is not accepted there will be little justification for its continued existence.

The Waterside Workers' Federation, supported by the Port Employers' Association and Harbours Association, had claimed an increase of 28.36 cents an hour.

In an interim decision on August 19, the tribunal ordered that the claim be reduced to 19.19 cents an hour, the equivalent of the 11.25 per cent permitted under the Wage Adjustment Regulations.

The parties re-applied to the tribunal last week seeking reconsideration of the interim decision on the grounds that it ignored a serious anomaly, and would lose watersiders parity with rates for core carpenters.

In a final decision today the tribunal made a new principal order reducing the applied rate for increase in the hourly rate from 28.36 cents to 23.36 cents.

This increases the hourly rate of \$1,705.7 which applied before July 1 to \$1,939.3. The tribunal has made other amendments to the order, and has completed the machinery clauses in the usual manner.

In a rider to its decision, the tribunal makes reference to what it terms "an unfortunate feature of this case which has already received some publicity."

"That is the suggestion that unless the union is entirely successful in its claims there will be disruption on the waterfront which may cost the employers and the country far more than the amount of wages now in issue."

"The employers' representative was undoubtedly appreciative."

Bus driver