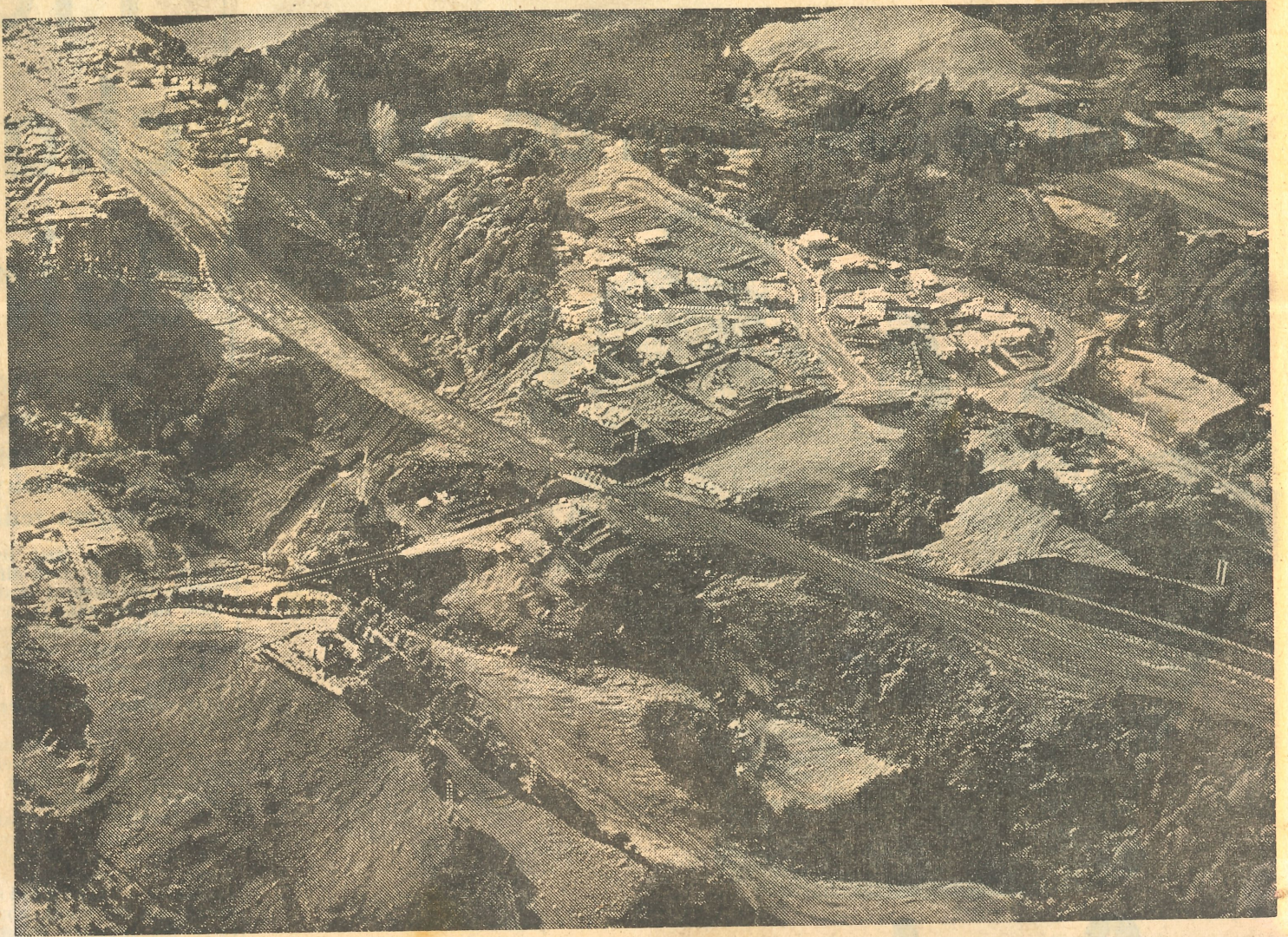


PROGRESS ON SOUTHERN OUTLET



A total of 80,000 yards of fill is still to be placed on New Plymouth's new mile-long southern outlet scheme which will link Coronation Avenue to Junction Rd.

Mr R. C. Kerr, the senior engineer for the Ministry of Works, said today earth averaging five feet deep is to be placed on the "major fill" which runs from the overbridge on Junction Rd (centre) to Coronation Avenue (left).

Since work began on the deviation in late 1965 about 200,000 yards of fill has been moved into position.

"The deviation is expected to be open to traffic early next winter if the weather favours us," Mr Kerr said.

He pointed out that between September last year and the end of January this year earthworks could be done for only a third of the available working time.

Work on the deviation halted last month for the winter, but is expected to

start again in October.

The Somes Park area at the top of the photo has been divided into about 50 residential sections, about half of them being built on.

A further 23 acres from the end of Durham Avenue (which branches off Junction Rd) to the Henui Stream and through to Mangorei Rd will also be used for residential sections.