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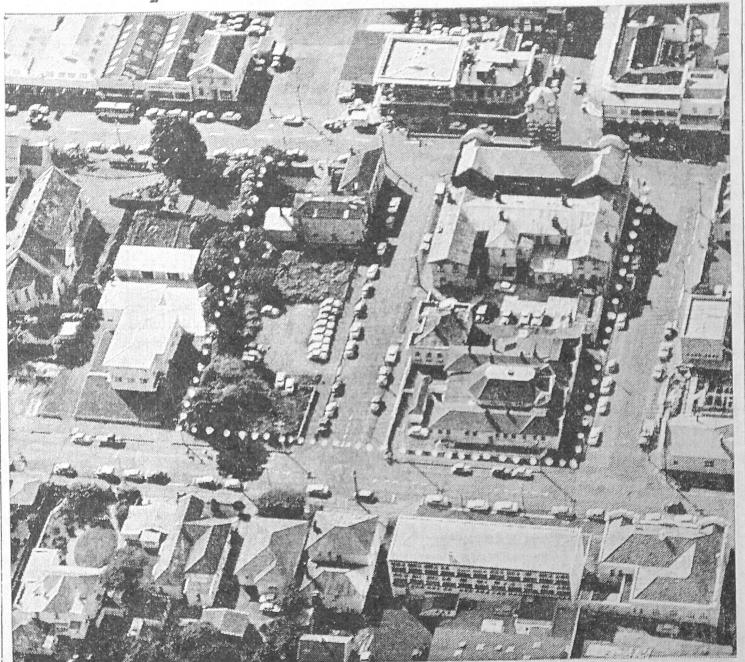
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New Plymouth's Government block



THE AREA bounded by Devon Street and the dots in this aerial photograph is the proposed New Plymouth Government building block.

A six-storey departmental building and a new courthouse are planned in the block.

The departmental building is expected to be erected on the top left portion of the block now occupied by old buildings, according to the New Plymouth Member of Parliament, Mr E. P. Aderman.

This building will extend over Silver Street (in the centre of the area) to near the western boundary of the Old Post Office building.

Similarly, the courthouse will be sited on the bottom left portion of the block and will extend to near the rear boundary of the present courthouse.

Mr Aderman said today that eventually the buildings in the block bounded by Devon, Silver, Powderham and Robe Streets will be demolished and Queen Street (top right) will be extended through to Powderham Street. This will make Robe Street particularly wide.

Tenders are expected to be called toward the end of the year for the erection of the departmental building.

The new New Plymouth police station is sited bottom right.