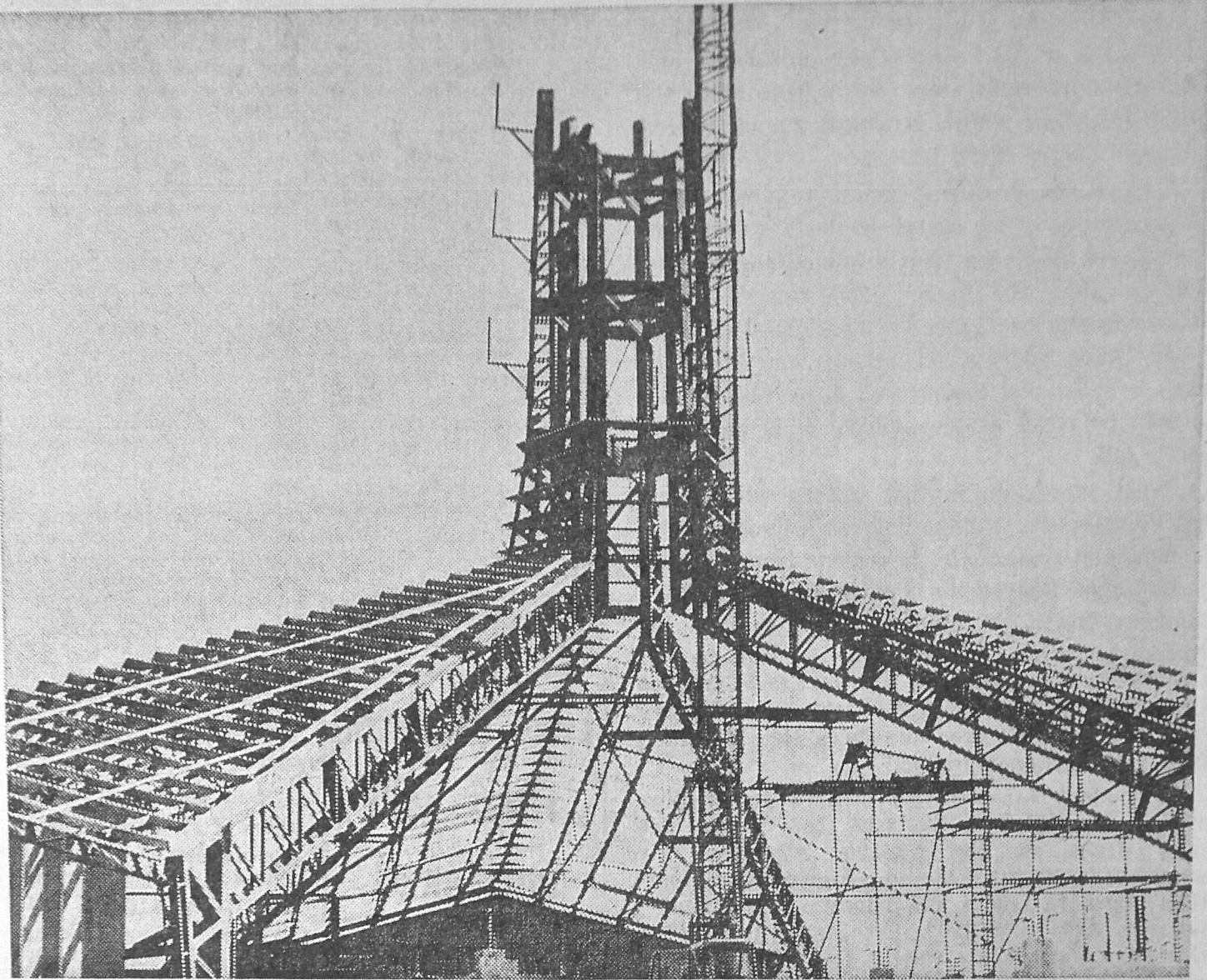


# STEELWORK COMPLETED



**THE STEEL FRAMEWORK** of the new St Joseph's Church, Devon St, New Plymouth, was completed today, with the erection of the central tower.

The temporary structure, which had supported the eight-ton stump of the lantern tower, was partly dismantled and re-erected today on top of the stump to form the upper part of the tower.

The tower is supported by portal beams extending up and inward from the sides of the building.

Father H. F. Doogan said today that work on the building was up to schedule, though there had been some delay because of bad weather.

The stainless steel cross on the top of the tower will be erected next week. The top of the cross will be 126 feet above the street.

est of getting the conference started; but Saigon was adamant that the two-sided concept be strictly adhered to.

In Washington, President Johnson hailed the breakthrough and said the United States should be confident that an honourable settlement in Vietnam would be achieved.

But despite general satisfaction over the procedural breakthrough, officials were reconciled to the prospect of protracted negotiations.

President Johnson warned in his State of the Union message on Tuesday that there may be hard fighting before a settlement was reached, but said the prospects for peace were better today than at any time since North Vietnam sent its troops into South Vietnam for the first time four years ago.

# Crew switch in orbit

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**MOSCOW, Thursday.** — Two Soviet cosmonauts made space history today by switching vehicles in orbit 150 miles above the earth.

The transfer came shortly after their Soyuz-5 spacecraft accomplished another first for the Soviet Union by linking up with another manned spacecraft, Soyuz-4. They flew coupled for four and a half hours, and then separated.

Russia's biggest day in space was marked by these 5 after Colonel Khrunov had already made the journey to Soyuz-4.

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