

# ALL-CLEAR GIVEN FOR THE NEW POST OFFICE

## APPEARANCE OF NEW POST OFFICE FROM THE FRONT

### Tenders Should be Called This Year

TENDERS for the erection of a new chief post office in New Plymouth should be called this year, the Postmaster-General, Mr. Broadfoot, advised Mr. E. P. Aderman, M.P. for New Plymouth, in Wellington this afternoon.

Mr. Broadfoot said no one was more pleased than himself to see this long job getting underway and the new Post Office becoming a reality. "Breathing through the financial barrier, it would seem," he added.

### Excavations Should Start by End Of November

Excavations on the Currie Street site of the new Post Office for New Plymouth should begin by the end of November, said Mr. A. Syme, a member of the firm of Messrs Taylor and Syme, architects for the project.

### 19-Year Campaign

Today's decision ends a 19-year campaign for a new chief post office. In 1935 the Government bought a site for the new post office at the corner of Currie and Gill Streets. Subsequently plans and promises were made for the provision of a new courthouse and for the erection of a Government office block for New Plymouth. All, however, depended on the transfer of the post office from its present site.

### Lack of Funds

In February of this year Mr. Broadfoot said that no start would be made on the post office this year and that the building would be included in the priorities list of new buildings. Lack of funds, he explained, was the only obstacle.

### Three-Storey Building

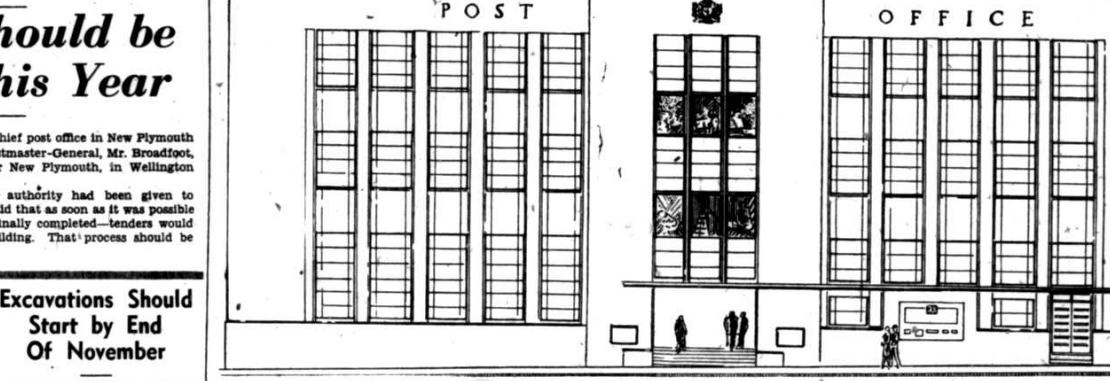
The new Post Office, planned by Messrs Taylor and Syme, architects, New Plymouth, is a three-storey structure in reinforced concrete with an extensive basement. It has a 137-foot frontage to Currie Street and 107-foot frontage to Gill Street, with a total area of 58,800 square feet. The basement will contain strong rooms and for the boiler and venting plant.

### Bronze Plaques

The design of the building conforms to orthodox post office styles with public mailing slots on the Currie Street frontage.

### Three Elevators

The building is serviced by a public elevator reached from the entrance vestibule, a rear elevator on Gill Street and a lift in the back of the building where the loading dock is situated.



THE WESTERN, or Currie Street elevation of the new post office designed for New Plymouth. On the right the entrance to the private box lobby and in the centre the entrance to the main vestibule. Between them are the mailing slots. The Currie Street frontage from the right corner of the building to the main entrance will be sheltered by a canopy which plants out from the corner of the building to a depth of 18 feet over the entrance.

### Fresh Evidence Should Result In New Trial

LONDON, Tuesday.—A special legal committee set up by the Home Secretary recommended today that the English Court of Criminal Appeal should be empowered to order a new trial of a convicted person where the appeal is based on fresh evidence.

Under the existing regulations the court cannot order such a new trial. If it found some serious irregularity or misdirection in the original trial it could only quash the conviction and acquit an appellant who might be a dangerous criminal or the victim of a crime of violence, the committee pointed out.

### France Will Not Hurry Up E.D.C. Treaty

PARIS, Tuesday.—Reuter's correspondent says the French Government read with some uneasiness the communiqué stressing again the official desire of Washington and London to see France ratify the European defence community treaty.

### Mixed Double Wins for N.Z.

LONDON, Tuesday (N.Z.P.A. Special).—Defeated, but far from being disgraced, New Zealand's Wimbledon doubles pair, Otway and Robson, left the centre court this afternoon to plaudits of the crowd.

### Resignation of Diaz Regime in Guatemala

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—The Guatemalan Government Radio today announced the resignation of the regime headed by Colonel Carlos Enrique Diaz, who had taken over from President Jacobo Arben Guzman on Sunday night.

### Cigarette-smoking Machine Enters Field

LONDON, Tuesday.—British scientists have built a machine, capable of smoking 36 cigarettes at one time, to help with an experiment on the relation of lung cancer to smoking.

A report of the experiments is contained in the British Empire Cancer Campaign's report for 1953, presented to the campaign's annual meeting at the House of Lords today.

### Paper-masked Gang Take £31,000

MARSEILLE, Tuesday.—A gang of armed bandits wearing card-board nose and paper masks, staged a spill-second hold-up in a Marseilles street yesterday and escaped with \$1 million francs (£31,000). It was the payroll for a local bank robbery.

### Defence Preparations

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—Anglo-American "study groups" are to be established in Washington, London and Paris to prepare plans for South-East Asian defence in accordance with the agreement between France, Australia and Sir Winston Churchill, diplomatic sources said here tonight. The groups

### SEARCH FOR PIRATES

JERSEY (British North Borneo) Tuesday.—The Royal Navy has diverted a frigate and the Royal Air Force a Mosquito aircraft to catch a gang of hood-throvy pirates who have been terrorising isolated settlements on the coast of this wealthy little British colony.

### DAILY PATROLS

The Dampier is working in radio contact with the Mosquito reconnaissance plane which, based from Labuan Island, daily patrols the North Borneo coast in search of strange craft.

### MAU MAU GANG AT MAYOR'S HOUSE

NAIROBI, Tuesday.—Mau Mau terrorists last night attempted to kill the mayor and members of Nairobi in an attack on the residence at Muthiga, the residential district of Nairobi. The terrorists attacked the house while the mayor, Mr. Travis and the mayors were at dinner.

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ON THEIR FIRST TRADE MISSION CHINESE COMMUNISTS VISITING BRITAIN

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### Espionage Resumed, Name First

MELBOURNE, This Day.—Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Australia and who is the inquiry, started giving evidence of Inquiry into Espionage resumed today, was Rupert J. Lockwood was alleged to be the author of criminal libels by the late W. J. V. Windygar.

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