

# Demolition work TH 19-12-88 timing annoys residents

Early Sunday morning demolition work at the New Plymouth City Council has caused widespread displeasure.

First the unauthorised knocking down of an old concrete parapet — at 7am — woke many inner-city residents.

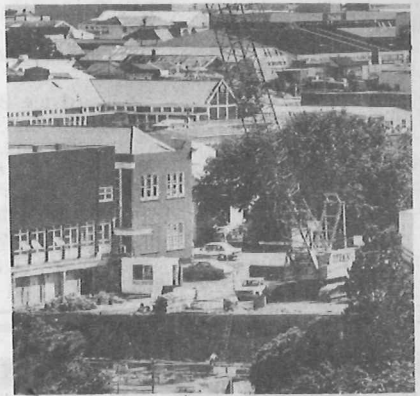
Complainants, waking drowsy from sleep, were not amused when they were told the work could not be done in business hours because it would disturb the council staff.

The council fielded many complaints and the displeasure was turned on the contractors — when complainants were told the work was not approved by the council.

The contractors had permission to assemble a large crane — an action that required closing Liardet St for 1½ hours on Sunday morning — but not to knock down the parapet.

A city council spokesman said today: "The action was done without council approval. The council's concerns have been taken up with the contractor, Jones and Sandford."

The parapet could have come down



Liardet St was closed for more than an hour yesterday while this large crane was assembled on the site of the New Plymouth City Council building. A large number of complaints were received about undue noise created when a concrete parapet (left middle foreground) was demolished without council approval.

midweek in the late afternoon when staff had gone home, said the spokesman.

Originally the contractors asked for 5pm today to pull down the parapet — but a council meeting was scheduled for that time, he said.

Demolition was then scheduled for tomorrow.

The biggest problem associated with the noise of the demolition was its timing. Beginning at 7am on the one Sunday of the year when people are trying to sleep in after Christmas parties was a bit of bad timing, said the spokesman.