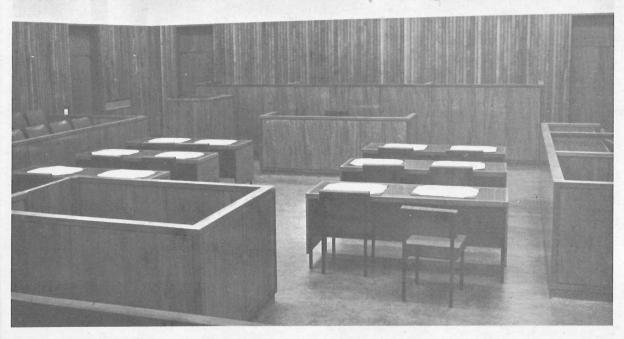


NEW COURTHOUSE NOW IN USE

The new courthouse in New Plymouth is now in use. It is a very impressive building, above, and when the front is tidied up with a few flowers and a new footpath, then it will be a joy to behold. What a difference from the old courthouse which has served New Plymouth for such a long time. The old building, below, has long passed its usefulness and is due for demolition soon. With austerity the Government's keyword right now, the official opening consisted of a few speeches, and bang! they were in business, instead of the usual ceremony. We think this a good idea, and cuts out a lot of wasted time and unnecessary pomp.







Above: Interior view of the main courtroom-very plain, but built to do a specific job, and by the look of it will serve its purpose in a workmanlike manner. Below: The new registrar's offices. Below, right: Main stairway leading up to the main courtroom, situated on the first floor of this fine new building.

