

# THE TREATY OF WAITANGI — A Broken Contract

## WHY WE PROTEST:

For Maori people, February 6 is the day we are sharply reminded of the broken promises of the Treaty of Waitangi. The Treaty promised that if we gave our sovereignty to the British Crown, in return, our rights as the INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, to our lands, forests, and fishing grounds would be protected.

These promises have never been honoured. From 66 million acres, we have only 2.8 million left in ownership. We are liable to prosecution if we freely gather traditional sea foods.

The celebrations that take place at Waitangi each February 6, are an utter farce. Until this charade is discontinued or until the Treaty is ratified, the anger of the Maori people will continue to grow. Because the Treaty of Waitangi has never been ratified, we do not consider ourselves British subjects.

\* WE MAORI PEOPLE STILL HAVE OUR SOVEREIGNTY. WE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO BRITISH LAW.

\* WHAT WERE THE STATE FORCES DOING ON THE TE TIRITI O WAITANGI MARAE - THE LAST BASTION OF MAORI SELF-RULE AND FREE SPEECH?

\* WHAT RIGHT DID THE POLICE HAVE TO ARREST PEOPLE ON THE MARAE?

\* THREE OF THE NINE ARRESTED ARE TANGATA WENUA OF THAT MARAE. SIX ARE DESCENDANT OF NGAPUHI TRIBES.

We had every right to be there and every right to protest. At all times our protest was disciplined and peaceful. When one of our group approached the dias, he was merely attempting to personally dissuade Graeme Latimer and Whina Cooper from accepting medals from the very same Crown that has constantly ripped-off the Maori people.

Within seconds, the Maori Wardens had cordoned off the investiture area. No other protester attempted to break through that cordon.

\* WHY THEN DID THE POLICE RE-ENTER THE MARAE AND MAKE SELECTIVE ARRESTS OF EIGHT OTHERS, WHO BY THIS TIME WERE PART OF THE GENERAL CROWD.

\* POLICE PRESENCE ON ANY MARAE IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.

\* THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH BEHAVING IN A RIOTOUS MANNER. BY NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION CAN EVENTS ON THE MARAE BE DESCRIBED AS A RIOT.

\* WE DEMAND THAT THESE CHARGES BE DROPPED AND THAT THOSE WHO ARE BEING HELD IN CUSTODY BE UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED.

Tama tu Tama Ora  
Tama noho Tama Mate  
Tamatoa

Waitangi Action Committee

Kia Kaha, Kia Manawanui, Kia Toa!  
Waitangi Action Committee,  
P.O. Box 61140,  
OTARA.

<u>Arrested &amp; Taken into Custody:</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>Whereabouts:</u>
July 3 of <u>Waimarama</u>	Mangu Awarau	Remand section Mt. Eden prison, Auckland.
July 22 of <u>Waitangi</u> <u>Te Kahi</u>	Arthur Harawira	" " "
August 3 of <u>Waitangi</u> <u>Te Kahi</u>	Hinewhare Harawira	Women's section, Mt. Eden prison, Auckland.
August 15 of <u>Whipora</u>	Hami Piripi	In transit?

The Prisoners: Nga Kuri a Tu:

Nga Kuri a Tu have all refused to sign bail bonds. They are holding to their original stand that:

- \* The Treaty of Waitangi has no legal standing.
- \* They have a right to protest the Treaty of Waitangi.
- \* They should never have been arrested on the marae by Police.
- \* The charges should be dropped.

TO SIGN THEIR BAIL BONDS WOULD BE A COMPROMISE OF THESE PRINCIPLES.

Waitangi Marae: March 22:

At a hui at Waitangi marae, 500 people called for the charges to be dropped. The Tai Tokerau Kaumatua Council endorsed support for Nga Kuri a Tu and sent resolutions to McIay, Attorney General, to demand all charges be dropped.

Next year: February 6:

Maoridom recognises the Treaty of Waitangi is not a legal document. To celebrate the Treaty of Waitangi, is to celebrate our own misfortune.

SUPPORT:

- A HUI 1) Auckland: Anglican Maori Mission  
Burlleigh Street, Khyber Pass,  
Thurs 27 Aug  
7 - 9pm  
-Support for Nga Kuri a Tu  
-What of 1982 "celebrations"
- 2) Kaikohe: Local marae  
7 October To reaffirm support for Nga Kuri a Tu.
- 3) Kaikohe: Kaikohe Courthouse  
8 October court cases

B Send letters calling for charges to be dropped to:  
P.M. Muldoon, Minister of Justice McIay, Minister of Maori Affairs  
and Police Crouch, Leader of Opposition Rowling, and Graham Latimer,  
R.D.I., Taipuha, Northland.

C Send all messages of support / donations to:

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