

PROJECT

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PAKEHA DEBATE THE TREATY

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Report on national office activities

October 1st 1986 - November 21st 1987

## Background to Project Waitangi

In 1985, the Tangata Whenua o Aotearoa held a series of hui throughout the country, culminating in the two day hui at Waitangi in February 1986. Here they brought together "collective opinions from Maori people to talk about and seek points of healing and reconciliation, in regard to the Treaty of Waitangi".

When the Prime Minister visited the Waitangi Hui, he said that the Maori discussions opened the way for the "dialogue between Maori and Pakeha to begin".

Before Maori and Pakeha develop the dialogue, we Pakeha need to debate our actions and responsibilities as co-signatories to the Treaty of Waitangi. Meetings were held in Wellington, in response to an initiative from the National Council of Churches, to organise a Pakeha debate on the Treaty. Community groups, church organisations, union representatives and anti-racism groups formed a core group to generate a broad educational programme and this was to be called Project Waitangi.

### The aims of the Project are:

1. That Pakeha will study and debate the Treaty of Waitangi in order to understand Pakeha commitments under the Treaty.
2. That Pakeha will recognise Maori as the tangata whenua.
3. That Pakeha will study the history of New Zealand since 1840, and, by coming face to face with our history, will begin to move towards a genuine bicultural and eventually multicultural society.

### LAUNCHING

Project Waitangi was launched at Government House on October 31 1986, by the Governor General, Sir Paul Reeves, and Lady Reeves.

The launching was attended by representatives from community organisations, Maori groups, churches, unions, heads of government departments, the media and Ministers of Parliament.

FOCUS WEEK

The Project held a National Focus week from 6 - 12 April, 1987.

The aim of the week was to highlight the activities planned by groups around the country and to confirm that the Treaty of Waitangi is relevant to all New Zealanders.

The week was launched nationally by the showing of Double Take - a documentary film by independent film maker Annie Collins, on institutional racism.

The week received wide media coverage with activities in 12 centres ranging from street stalls, theatre, speeches, forums to public debates and meetings.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Resource Kits - Parts One, Two and Three have been produced. These are designed for community groups and individuals and cover the areas of:

Treaty of Waitangi, Pakeha Culture, Racism and ongoing issues.

Approximately 5,000 kits have been distributed on request to groups and individuals around the country. Part Four will be a case study of events currently taking place in Tauranga and will include input from Ngai Tamarawaho, Project Waitangi Tauranga, City Council and other people involved in the Town Hall situation as well as the Waitangi Tribunal claim re 40,000 acres of confiscated land.

Pakeha Culture Kits for primary school teachers and others contain exercises and ideas to explore Pakeha culture and its relation to the Treaty of Waitangi. Approximately 2,500 of these have been distributed.

Project Waitangi leaflets - approximately 2,000 distributed. Gives aims and resources available.

Newsletter - a monthly newsletter outlining regional and national activities goes to approximately 400 people nationally.

Synergy survey on Pakeha attitudes to Pakeha culture, racism and the Treaty of Waitangi. Project Waitangi and N.Y.C. were consultants for the book "Beyond Guilt", produced by Continuing Education, Radio New Zealand.

Court of Appeal backgrounder and precis of court judgement.

Town and Country Planning Act Review - submission sent to Review lawyer.

Information and Resources (cont)

1990 submission, re planning for 1990 commemoration of Treaty of Waitangi.

Currently the Project is preparing a submission for the Royal Commission on Social Policy. The Custom Act Review, Harbour Bill and Treasury briefing paper on the Treaty and Turangi prison issue are also under investigation.

Project Waitangi in conjunction with Urban Training to Combat Racism and National Youth Council are producing a manual for those involved in anti-racism training.

Newspaper clippings - all relevant are collected and filed.

Over the last 3 or 4 months, the National Core Group have been working on setting up Waitangi Information Services. The aims of this service are: to gather and collate all relevant information on Treaty issues including Waitangi Tribunal reports; research and produce papers on local claims, legislation and government reports; prepare and distribute Project Waitangi resource material; be a library for the anti-racism networks; feed the media with up to date and accurate material.

We have employed a student lawyer for 5 hours a week in September and the files have begun to be organised. This service needs a concentrated time of work to meet its aims. We have applied for a grant through the Development Education Fund. The Project has had discussions with Coalition for Trade and Development who operate a similar service on international aid issues.

PRESS RELEASES AND MEDIA

Articles have been produced in Broadsheet, Accent, Women's Weekly, Scan, PSA, WCC and a large number of in-house newsletters.

Media interviews have been with Radio New Zealand Morning Report, Radio New Zealand News, Newline and provincial radio stations and newspapers in Christchurch, Blenheim, Wellington, Wanganui, Rotorua, Hamilton, Tauranga, Whangarei, Kaikohe, Auckland. Talkback in Wellington, Hamilton and Rotorua. These have been regarding press releases made by the National Office or Focus Week activities.

Press Releases - October 1st 1986 - November 21st 1987.

- 28 October 1986 Pre-launch release giving background aims and information on launch
- 31 October 1986 Launching of Project Waitangi
- 7 January 1987 Synergy Survey on Pakeha attitudes to Treaty, Pakeha Culture and racism
  
- 5 February 1987 Bolger bigotry. Response to Mr Bolger's comments on the "Maori Loan Affair"
- 30 March 1987 Focus Week. Outlining national events
- 9 April 1987 1990 "The commemoration of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi must be planned in a fully bicultural way ... .."
- 29 June 1987 Honouring the Treaty - court of Appeal congratulates court on their judgement
- 6 August 1987 Secret Agenda on Treaty of Waitangi Elections - challenges both parties - National and Labour to state clearly their position on the Treaty
- 10 August 1987 Conflict of Interest re Mr Hearn, reviewer of Town and Country Planning Act, who at the same time is lawyer for Crown in Ngai Tahu Waitangi Tribunal case
- 16 Septmeber 1987 1990 in form of telegram and letter to Dr Basset, Minister of Internal Affairs, about proposed commission.
- 7 October 1987 Medicant response to Meyrant's comments in house re Maori nationalism

### CONSULTATION AND MAORI NETWORKS

Consultation and informal discussions take place with Wellington District Maori Council, Te Kakano, Te Ohu Whakatupu, Nga Kaiwhakapumau I Te Reo, Te Upoko O Te Ika, Te Runanga Ranatahi, Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga E Nga Hahi, Maori Women's Welfare League, Waitangi Tribunal and other individuals from the Maori community.

The Court of Appeal case was supported by Project Waitangi through the making of lunches.

State Services Commission Maori employees support in Nga Tikanga Maori training course.

Te Upoko O Te Ika protests and delegation included Project Waitangi plus donation.

Kuratini marae asked for Project Waitangi speaker on Waitangi Day, 1987.

More recently Ngai Tamarawaho will be assisted through leaflets and publicity of claims.

### REGIONAL GROUPS, NETWORKS, NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND CONTACTS

The National co-ordinator has made visits to regional Project Waitangi groups in:

Dunedin, Christchurch, Blenheim, Lower Hutt, Palmerston North, Wanganui, New Plymouth, Rotorua, Hamilton and Tauranga.

The visits have included:

Media interviews, Seminars 1 hour - 2 days, support, information and networking, study group input and skills training.

Skills training with regional groups have occurred in Rotorua/Tauranga, Lower Hutt/Blenheim and Dunedin are planning a course for December.

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## National Organisations

Over 300 national organisations were sent information on Project Waitangi in October, 1986. Of these, a number receive regular newsletters, have attended or arranged in house workshops, have begun study groups and/or have received resource kits.

Project Waitangi National Organisation list is:

Y M C A	Y W C A
CORSO	New Zealand P P T A
National Youth Council	C C E J D
N Z U S A	Peace Movement
Hart	NZ Clerical Workers Union
NZ Film Archives	Wellington Unemployed Workers Union
Labour Bi-Culturalism Forum	Radio NZ Continuing Education
Depot Theatre	NZ Student Christian Movement
WCC Community Services	Lower Hutt C C Community Services
Marriage Guidance Council	Social Welfare Women's Advisory Unit
Public Service Association	NZ Labour Party
Young National's Association	Employer's Federation
Community Services Institute	NZ Technical Correspondence Institute
Red Cross New Zealand	Wellington Clerical Workers Union
NZ F O L	Community Law Centre
Girl Guides	NZEI
UNESCO	NZ Hospital Boards Association
N C W	NZ Federation of University Women
Help Foundation	Fed of Voluntary Welfare Agencies
Human Rights Commission	NZ Catchment Authorities Association
National Provident Fund	NZ Childcare Association
A F S	National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges
V S A	Rural Education Activities Programme
Barnardos	Baptist Youth Ministers
Salvation Army	Womanline
Women's Resource Network	I H C
W E A	Inner City Ministry
Mobile Peace Van	Ecumenical Youth Movement
National Council of Churches	

Most of these organisations have been visited over the last year.

## Other Contacts

Regular contact is made with the Governor General and Lady Beverly Reeves.

NCC Programme on Racism, Race Relations and a number of Ministers of Parliament and Government Departments also have regular contact with Project Waitangi.



TAURANGA SPECIAL PROJECT

Extensive land confiscation at Tauranga following the land wars last century, is presently receiving media attention with the arrest of twenty-three Ngai Tamarowaho tribal members after their eviction at the Tauranga Town Hall in September, 1987.

Three days after the eviction Project Waitangi ran a public seminar entitled, "What has the Treaty to do with Pakeha New Zealanders?". This was attended by over 80 people, many of whom were defensive and confused about the issues. The need for an intensive educational campaign was obvious.

Project Waitangi National in consultation with Project Waitangi Tauranga decided that a special project be established for a few months. The aims of this Project are:

- (1) To compile and distribute information relating to local history, the Tamarowaho land claim, Treaty of Waitangi, colonisation of Tauranga, racism, Pakeha culture, etc.
- (2) To organise and coordinate training
- (3) To work with local media
- (4) To network with local and national groups
  - (a) antiracism and Project Waitangi groups
  - (b) organisations that have shown interest and wish to follow up work on the above issues
- (5) To consult and support the Ngai Tamarowaho people in their land claim and other Maori groups and individuals.

Project Waitangi National made a special grant of \$1,800.00 to Tauranga to assist their project. Two people have been employed on a part-time basis over eight weeks. The National Project is also assisting in training sessions, public meetings, the printing of a leaflet, newsclipping files and other areas.

## TRAINING

Project Waitangi has become a recognised resource for training groups and has included 1 - 2 hour sessions up to 2 days, as well as contracted services over a longer period.

The training has been on the issues of Treaty of Waitangi, Pakeha Culture, racism and strategy for change sessions.

The Project has run training courses with the following groups:

National Marriage Guidance Council

Citizens Advice Bureau

Employers Association

Lower Hutt City Council joint session with Governor General and Lady Reeves

W E A - 5 study sessions

English Teachers Association National Conference

Federation of Voluntary Welfare Agencies - 20 to 30 voluntary agencies attended

Ministry of Works and development

P S A Maori Language group

P P T A Women's Study group

New Zealand Planning Council

National Youth Council

Y W C A Wellington

Y W C A National Board

Public seminars in Wanganui, Rotorua, Tauranga, New Plymouth -

Project Waitangi and Catholic Social Justice Group, Blenheim

New Mothers Support Group

Public Health nurses, Wellington district and Tauranga

Diploma of Social Work Students Victoria University

University Newspaper Editors

Probation Service Tauranga

Mt Cook School - 1½ hour classes, middle school term, 1987, on Pakeha Culture.

State Services Commission - 7 weeks training over 15 weeks with 150 staff and Commissioners

Coming up:

Clerical Workers Union

New Zealand Kindergarten Teachers Association

Scripture Union

Women's Centre Tauranga

WAITANGI CONSULTANCY GROUP

Over the last year there has been an increasing demand for anti-racism and biculturalism training from government departments, corporations and quangoes. The training required is intensive and long term with emphasis of the ongoing strategy to put biculturalism into practice in these organisations. The national coordinator of the Project and other trainers in Wellington, in response to this demand, have formed Waitangi Consultancy Group. This is being registered as a charitable trust and will operate at market rates. Presently the Consultancy has one contract with a government department with another postponed until March, 1988.

According to training sections in government departments the demand for this kind of organisation is snowballing. The Consultancy hopes to pick up more and more of this kind of work in the New Year. For a prospectus write to PO Box 11 451, Wellington.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JAN / FEB 1988

Scripture Union

Taihape Public Meeting

Y W C A Regional Groups

Horticulture Students Wellington Polytechnic

Parumoana Community Polytechnic - Nursing Students

Wellington Kindergarten Teachers Association

N Z A D I E

4. Regional Groups:

Eighteen regional groups are currently operating throughout the country. They are involved in a variety of activities including running seminars and workshop; organising public meetings, compiling information and resource kits suitable to their particular needs.

5. Waitangi Information Network (WIN):

Over the past two months an information network has been established. This network is responsible for gathering, collating and distributing relevant information on Treaty issues.

It researches and produces papers on local claims, legislation and Government Reports.

6. 1990 Commemoration:

The Project is planning to focus a lot of our work over the next year on 1990.

We have made a submission to the recently appointed 1990 Commission and are seeking a meeting with them.

Work is being undertaken with community groups on strategies for commemorating 1990.

7. Publicity:

A poster and several pamphlets have just been produced. These are available from the National Office.

8. Travel and New Regional Group:

a: The National Co-ordinator is visiting Northland in early March. The visit will involve media interviews, networking, skills training, public meetin and seminars.

b: A new Regional Group is being established in Taihape. The National Co-ordinator will attend a public meeting to launch the group, as well as facilitating a skills workshop.

9. Youth Project:

Initial work has begun on a Youth Project with the aim of helping young Pakeha people understand Pakeha culture and to feel confident in their cultural identity; examine the Treaty of Waitangi - its role and relevance; and to encourage young people to participate in a changing world.

Work on this project has been put on hold due to lack of financial resources.