

THE TREATY OF WAITANGI  
IS A FRAUD. *NAIRN*



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WAITANGI - DAY OFF OR RIP OFF?

Feb 6 1981, will be the 141st anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. This document has been used to justify every crime perpetrated by the colonialists and their descendants against the Maori people of this country - from land theft, murder and rape of women and children during the land wars of the 1840s to the continual imprisonment of young Maoris during the 1980s on trumped up charges.

Rather than having a National Holiday to bullshit people in Aotearoa and overseas as that we are "he iwi kotahi tatou", Maoris should hold a day of mourning for those who died fighting for the preservation of our culture, land and language, and Pakehas should hang their heads in shame for the actions of their ancestors, and their own in failing to rectify the unjust system we all live under.

WHAT DID THE TREATY SAY?

It guaranteed Maori people forever..full use of lands, forests and fisheries;  
..protection of the Crown;  
..rights & privileges of British subjects.

The Crown was the only legal buyer of Maori land.

WHAT DID THE TREATY REALLY DO?

Because it had no legal standing in either British or International law, (it still hasn't today) it gave Maoris no protection from the land hungry capitalists who proceeded to carve up and develop Maori lands. Before the end of the 19th century the most important clause in the Treaty to Maoris (that concerning the Crown's sole right to purchase land) had been waived three times to allow wholesale theft of Maori land by settlers. The whole purpose of the Treaty was a military one. Prior to 1840, the population ratio in Aotearoa was 200,000:20,000 in favour of Maoris, who were the strongest military force, and controlled the means of production and trade. The colonialists needed the Treaty as a stop gap measure till they could amass enough people to crush

**FIGHT THE CHAINS OF CAPITALISM!  
SMASH IMPERIALISM!**

Maori ownership in their customary style - sheer physical force.  
By 1900, after wars, disease and loss of land and mana, the  
population ratio had reversed itself.

### TODAY

#### MAORIS ARE 12% OF THE POPULATION

We are 45% of the prison population,

Maori women have the highest cancer deathrate in the world,

We have the highest unemployment rate in the country,

1.5 million acres out of 66 million acres remain in Maori ownership  
Land, forests and fisheries are exploited by the multi nationals.

### BOYCOTT WAITANGI CELEBRATIONS

The only people who have anything to celebrate on the 6th are  
the Fletchers, the Carters, the Haults and others of their ilk.  
White working class people must sympathise with Maoris - we are  
oppressed by the same system. Southdown, Mangere Bridge, and the  
Mossiel Mills are all manifestations of the same evil that gave  
birth to the Treaty.

- ..REFUSE TO ATTEND PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS.
- ..THINK ABOUT THE FACTS IN THIS PAMPHLET.
- ..REFUTE THEM IF YOU CAN.
- ..TALK TO OTHERS ABOUT THIS.
- ..YOUR COUNTRY IS FOUNDED ON A LIE.
- ..COMMIT YOURSELF TO SOME ACTION TO TRY TO CHANGE THIS LIE.

e.g. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO WAITANGI-PLAN PROTEST  
ACTION IN YOUR AREA

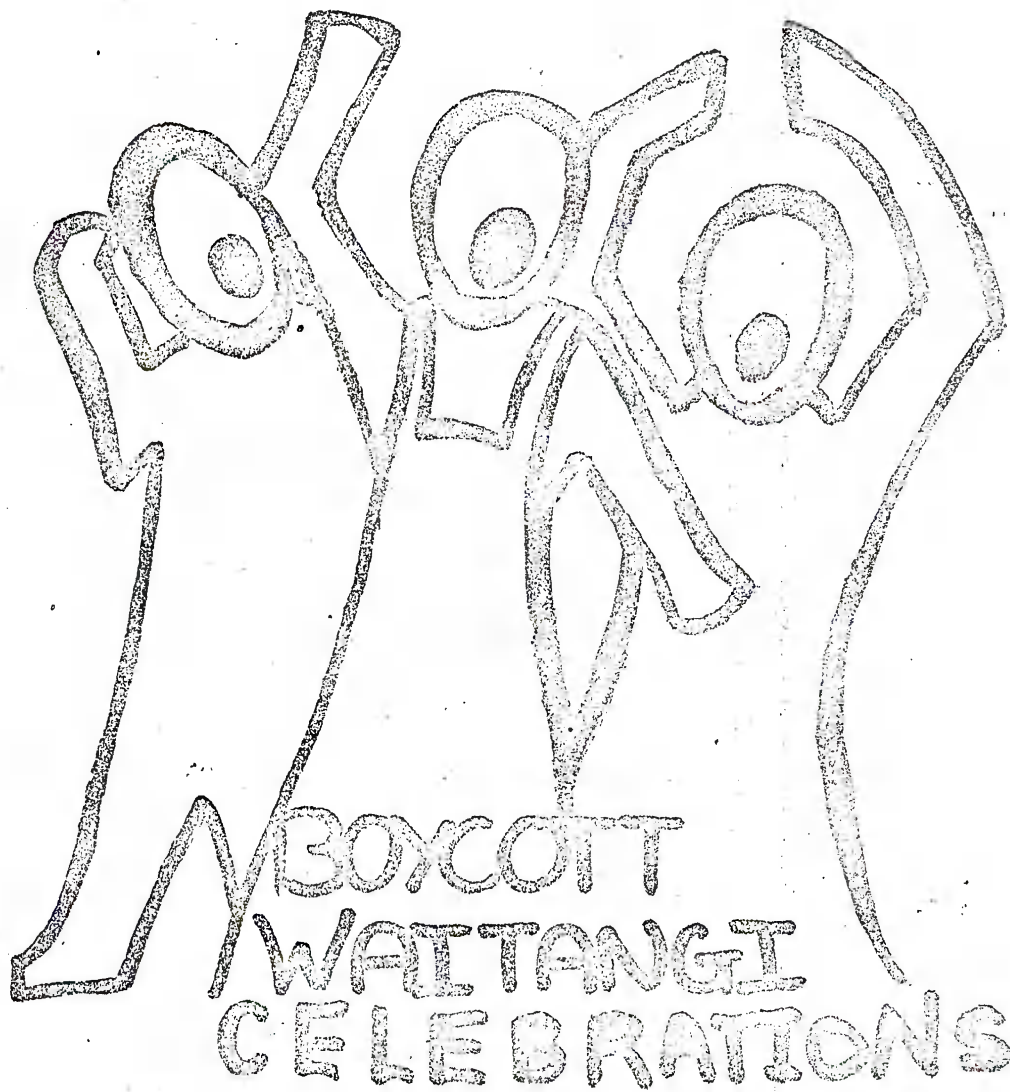
Have a meeting with others  
Plan a strategy  
Let the media know what you are  
doing  
Send letters of protest to  
Parliament  
Join protests in your area  
W.A.C. will send you pamphlets  
Contact us so we can network our  
actions.

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