

WAITANGI ACTION COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER.

P.O. BOX 61140,
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Kia ora koutou supporters and friends,

We are writing to you to update our supporters on the events involving the Waitangi Action/Defence Committee recently.

The 8 defendants were summoned to appear in the Kaikohe Court on 4.6.81. to enter pleas to the charge of "belaving in a riotous manner" and to have charges of "assault" heard. To be consistent with the original stand taken at Waitangi on Feb 6th, all defendants refused to appear. Judge Murray then issued warrants for the arrests of the 7.

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE "THE POLICE HAD NO RIGHT" "TO ARREST" US, HAVE NO
RIGHT" "TO TRY US, AND "THEREFORE HAVE NO RIGHT" "TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS
ON OUR FREEDOM, OUR REFUSAL "TO APPEAR WAS A CONSCIOUS POLITICAL ACT".

The following statements clearly set out our stand since that date:

STATEMENT: 10.6.81.

As has been expected, we have recieved no true justice from the courts. Throughout our trials we have stated that the Treaty of Waitangi is a fraud and that it has no legal standing - the Privy Council in England has assured us of that.

The Treaty of Waitangi has never been honoured by past Governments and will certainly never be by the present one - and yet each year on February 6th the State perpetuates the myth of the Treaty by celebrating it.

The Treaty of Waitangi promised us our rights to our seafood, and that our land would never be sold off for private enterprise. Our ancestors ceded their sovereignty to the British Crown because they believed that the treaty would be honoured. However, it was a forgone conclusion that the British ruling class never meant to keep their promise.

It is now history that the Ngapuhi Chiefs, Hone Heke and Kawiti, declared war against the British because of the 'broken promises'. This has been the pattern down through the ages wherever the British Imperialists have been. They have subjected indigenous people peoples to every kind of oppression- The Scots, the Welsh, the Irish, the Australian Aborigines, The Africans, the American Indian, and the Maoris of New Zealand. There can be no doubt - and statistics, if you wish to call them that, give full weight to our contention that the Treaty of Waitangi was just another means of gaining more control and power for the British Empire.

These are our reasons for marching to Waitangi, this is why for the last 3 years we have been actively exposing the lie that is the Treaty of Waitangi. Because we have chosen to seek and to defend the truth and expose the untruth we have been hauled before the courts and subjected to false and ridicul accusations of assault, riot, riotous behaviour, obstruction and all manner of lies and diversionary tactics.

Because the present judicial system is part and parcel of the same fraud that is the T.O.W. we reject their claims on our freedom. Finally, we stand in our principles that the Treaty is a froud, that it has never been made legal and so therefore we intend treating the trumped up charges with all the contempt they deserve.

WAITANGI ACTION COMMITTEE - STATEMENT.

STATEMENT:

11.6.81.

After our refusal to appear at Kaikohe, the Police made allegations through the media that the 'defendants were deliberately avoiding the serving of summonses' and as a result warrants of arrest were issued.

Because of these outright lies the Waitangi defendants travelled to Whangarei to stage a public forum to expose the devious games being played by the Police.

From 12.00 noon - 4.00p.m. on June 81 we handed out pamphlets and spoke to the Public with the use of a megaphone - making it clear to all and sundry that we were challenging the claims of the Police. We slammed home the fact that we had nothing to hide and that we were not hiding from anything. The Police monitored our every move that day but refused to make arrests.

To kill all further doubt we then marched through the streets of Whangarei giving visible proof to our claims that the Police were nothing but liars. Again the Police refused to arrest anyone, so far as our claims or concerns the events of 10th June 1981 totally validate our claims.

We called their bluff and the State was exposed. From now on, any games the State wants to play, they can play with themselves.....we are waiting, but.. we are ready.

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SUPPORT GROUPS you all know just how vital this aspect is to the execution and success of any political action. There are obviously degrees of support that can be given to an action for reasons of practicality but there are specific areas where we feel your support and solidarity will have maximum political impact.

1. Put these statements to your organization. W.A.C. will provide speakers to give weight to our arguments where necessary, discuss the issues involved and be prepared to make a stand on it. Don't be apathetic - if you can't support this stand then write to us and say so.
2. Send any messages of support and solidarity to the address above.
3. Make press statements setting out your disgust at the devious tactics of the State and your support for this stand.
4. Any donations will be gratefully accepted - send to the above address.
5. Be prepared to attend the court cases that are inevitable.
6. If you were at Waitangi and saw anything at all please contact us also.
7. If you have your own network of local international national contacts, circulate this paper for their discussion.
8. Finally - the best way you can support this struggle is to continue to raise and make others aware of the people in the issues of this stand and what it stands for. These issues will ultimately control the destinies of all NEW ZEALANDERS AS WE JOIN TOGETHER IN A STRUGGLE for the true justice and freedom in New Zealand and in all oppressed nations of the world.

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WAITANGI ACTION/DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

AT A MEETING OF THE TAITOKERAU KAUMATUA COUNCIL (COUNCIL OF PARASOUTT
TRIBAL CHIEFS) HELD AT NGAUHA SPRINGS 10th JUNE 1981 THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTIONS WERE UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:-

- A. THAT THE KAUMATUA COUNCIL REAFFIRMS THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE
STAND TAKEN BY THE PROTESTORS ON THEIR OWN MARAE AT WAITANGI
FEB 6TH 1981 FOR THE FRAUDULENT NATURE OF THE TREATY OF WAITANGI.
- B. THAT THE KAUMATUA COUNCIL FULLY ENDORSES THAT SINCE THE RIOT
CHARGES BOUGHT DOWN BY THE POLICE ON THE PROTESTORS AT WAITANGI
MARAЕ HAVE NOT BEEN ENFORCED. THAT THE CHARGES BE DROPPED RORHWITH
AS THE NEWLY CREATED KNIGHT MR. GRAHAM RIWAI LATIMER WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE INCIDENT.
- C. THAT THE KAUMATUA COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE RALLY NOW BEING HELD AT
WHANGAREI BY THE WAITANGI ACTION KOMITI AND THE SEVEN PROTESTORS.
- D. THAT THE KAUMATUA COUNCIL ABHORS THE INTIMIDATION TACTICS USED AT
PRESENT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE SEVEN PROTESTORS, AND THE
WAITANGI ACTION COMMITTEE.

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CHAIRMAN
TAITOKERAU KAUMATUA COUNCIL.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL JIM CLAY HAS TURNED DOWN A REQUEST FOR A STAY
OF PROSECUTION AGAINST NINE PEOPLE ARRESTED AT THE WAITANGI MARAE
ON WAITANGI DAY.

THE REQUEST CAME FROM MANA MOTUHAKE PRESIDENT MAT RATA AFTER THE
NINE WERE ARRESTED FOLLOWING A DISTURBANCE DURING THE INVESTIGURE
OF DAME WHINA COOPER AND SIR GRAHAM LATIMER.

MR MCLAY SAYS HIS POWER TO STAY PROSECUTIONS IS EXERCISED INFREQUENTLY
AND ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND HE FEELS THE MATTERS RAISED
BY MR MAT RATA SHOULD BE PROPERLY DETERMINED BY A COURT OF LAW AND HE
IS NOT PREPARED TO INTERVENE.