

# Maori nation – What Maori nation?

*All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. Edmond Burke.*

We should all be very concerned with the co-Leader of the Maori Party, Hon Pita Sharples opening statement during his speech at Waitangi, "This evening I wish to discuss the State of the **Maori Nation**". What **Maori Nation**? Statements like this are a cancer within our society; there has never been a **Maori Nation**! This is more dangerous than anything we have ever seen before, especially with the re-writing of our Constitution with Sharples at the helm. It will be slipped in to our Constitution as the Principles and Partnership were slipped in to our legislation three years before they were defined or the public had any knowledge of them. If we are not extremely careful, we will be conned again, the **Maori Nation** will become a large part of our new Constitution!

This **Maori Nation** is **Maori Sovereignty** by another name. Sharples slipped this into his speech at Waitangi and it will blossom like cancer if we do not nip it in the bud. This happened with the Principles and Partnership, they were simply slipped into legislation before the public realised it, then it was too late, they had already become part of our legislation.

Historian, Dr Claudia Orange, "Maori, who saw themselves as tribal rather than as members of a nation, would have been unable to exercise full rights as an independent state, there was no indigenous political structure upon which to base a united congress".

Historian, Michael King, "The Declaration had no reality, since there was in fact no national indigenous power structure

within New Zealand”.

In 1835, James Busby tried to get Maori to unite and form their own political structure with the **Declaration of Independence**, but the ever present inter-tribal tension and fighting took precedence over political co-operation as always and it was abandoned without one Congress meeting being held, therefore was never ratified. It became evident Maori could not form a united Government. Historian Dr Paul Moon, *“The Declaration represented a ‘regional goodwill agreement rather than a national document of truly constitutional significance’. No Congress ever met”*.

Historian Dr Claudia Orange, “However, it did introduce Maori to the idea of a legal relationship with Britain and therefore, five years later, to the Treaty of Waitangi”.

The Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840 and all the people of New Zealand, irrespective of race, colour or creed came under the control of British rule, British law, New Zealand became British soil.

**If there had been a Maori Nation in 1840, the Treaty of Waitangi would have been signed by their head of state or representative, not 500 individual chiefs.**

*“If you think these things are wrong, then blame your ancestors who gave away their rights when they were strong”*.  
Sir Apirana Ngata, 1922.

On the 25 November 1947, New Zealand adopted the Statute of Westminster, which granted complete autonomy to New Zealand in foreign as well as domestic affairs and all the people of New Zealand became New Zealand Citizens under one sovereignty and one law. It would be difficult to have a **Maori Nation** today based on, the *distinct race of people that signed the Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840*, as this race of people no longer exists. As Maori have continued to intermarried of their own free will, they are now, *“a mixed race of people of many cultures”*, but

all New Zealand Citizens.

In 1949, the British Nationality and New Zealand Citizen Act made all New Zealanders, New Zealand Citizens, under one sovereignty and one law.

Later in his speech, the Hon Pita Sharples comments, *“Article 3, which provides for our rights as Maori to be participating as equal citizens of Aotearoa”*. Again, very cunningly slipped into his speech.

Article 3 does not say this, it states, “All the rights will be given to them the same as her doings to the people of England”. This does not mean Maori will participate as equals, it means the Queen will give Maori the same rights as the people of England. No more – No less – No Partnership, No Principles, No Customary Rights, No Waitangi Tribunal, No Forests, No Fisheries and definitely, **No Maori Nation**, just the same rights as her doings to the people of England. This is what our ancestors agreed to when they signed the Tiriti o Waitangi on the 6 February 1840 with a handshake and the words, *“He iwi tahi tatou – We are now one people”*.

*“The treaty which forms the base of all my proceedings was signed at Waitangi on the 6 February 1840, by 52 chiefs, 26 of whom were of the federation, and formed a majority of those who signed the Declaration of Independence. This instrument I consider to be de facto the treaty, and all signatures that are subsequently obtained are merely testimonials of adherence to the terms of that original document”*, Governor William Hobson. Only the Tiriti o Waitangi in the Maori language was signed at Waitangi on the 6 February 1840. Governor Hobson never made, authorised or published an English version of the Treaty of Waitangi to be signed by the Maori chiefs.

This is exactly what happened with the Principles, Partnership and Littlewood document to name a few, they were secretly slipped in to our legislation and over time the public

accepted them. The Principles were used in legislation 3 years before they were announced to the public in 1988 and by then it was too late to do anything about them, they were part of our legislation. The Partnership appeared virtually in the same way when the Principles were announced in 1988, just slipped in at the end of Principle 4. The final draft (named by Government as the Littlewood document) was the same but in reverse. It was found in 1989 but kept from the public until 1992. The Government historians had kept it from the public until Dr Claudia Orange announced, "*It was just another translation of the Maori version by an unknown author*". The public accepted this and it disappeared until Martin Doutre's Littlewood Treaty book appeared in 2005, but unfortunately, too late to make any real impression. Maori and Government had 13 years head start to organise the \$6.5 million Treaty 2 U Exhibition that travelled around New Zealand to brain wash our young impressionable school children and shoot down Doutre's excellent book. We had missed the boat by 13 years! If only this book had been published in 1992, we would not be where we are today, Government would have had to accept the Littlewood document was the final draft and the English version attached to the 1975 Treaty of Waitangi Act was not the final draft that Governor Hobson gave to the Rev Henry Williams and his son Edward to translate into the Tiriti o Waitangi or a document he authorised to be signed by the chiefs. There was never an official English version of the Treaty of Waitangi, just the final English draft that was found in 1989.

Many of these issues were published in the One New Zealand Foundation's book, *He iwi tahi tatou – We are now one people*", in 1992 but unfortunately, no one took any notice at this critical time when we could have nipped them in the bud far easier than when the Government and Maori had been give a head start in their propaganda to brain wash the public and slip them into our legislation without our knowledge. We had a golden opportunity to put a stop to all this nonsense, but it was left unchallenged until it was far too late! We must not

allow this to happen with the **“Maori Nation”** – we must nip it in the bud before it becomes part of our Constitution and legislation without our knowledge.

This is a strategy that has been used to sway people for centuries. Repeat something over and over again informally and eventually they will convince the people it was always there. Well a **Maori Nation** has not always been there, in fact it has never been there and we must make sure it is never there! We cannot allow this to go any further; we must attack it from every angle possible.

The Hon Pita Sharples very cleverly slip the **Maori Nation** into his speech at Waitangi, while the country is concerned over the Marine and Coastal Area Bill. Sharples is hoping, as with the Principles and Partnership, it would go unnoticed until once again it is too late and it is written into our Constitution. We must take action now on this issue before the public is conned into believing there has always been a Maori Nation! We beg you to take notice and act accordingly before it is too late.

**There is no “Maori Nation” and never has been!**

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