

# TE TUATUA TIKA

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## Kuki Airani

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Te Ngai Akatoanga Pairere

o te

Kuki Airani Nei

E manganui te aronga tei kore i kite tikai i te tuatua o to tatou ngai toanga pairere maata te ka maania ki Rarotonga nei. Kua rongo ua tatou e, kare te Peremie i taina vave ana i te Kororomotu no te ngai toanga pairere no te mea kare aia i akatika kia riro te tika kia Nu Tireni no te ngai akatoanga pairere katoatoa i roto nei i te Kuki Airani. Te tangi atu nei tatou no te mea kare rava tatou i kite tikai e me kua akatika ainei te manako o tana kavamani me kare ainei? Eaa tikai ra tei rauka mai ei puapinga no tana kavamani i roto i tana kore anga e taina vave? E tika ainei e kua akatukeia rai te Kororomotu? Eaa tikai te ngai i akatukeia?

I ta tetai papaki akara mamao ua atu anga kare takiri e ngai i rauka i te akatukeia mari ua ra ko tetai nga putunga reta tei kore e riro ei akatuke maata i te aiteanga o te Kororomotu. Kare atura taua aronga ra i manako e, e puapinga tetai i rauka mai i te kavamani no tei kore i taina vave ia taua Kororomotu ra. Ko teia ua tei rauka mai kua pou puapinga kore ua te taima e te moni a tetai aronga.

Kia akara atu ra tatou ki tetai papaki o te iti-tangata kua manko tikai ratou e, e angaanga maata tikai teia ta te Kavamani i rave i te akatukeanga i te Kororomotu e kua riro mai taua akatukeanga ra ei puapinga maata ki te iti-tangata. Te karanga nei ratou e, e apinga tikai to tatou kavamani i te akatukeanga i teia Kororomotu.

Tei teea pupu ra koe? Ko teea pupu tikai tei tika i ta ratou i manako? Koai ma te neneva i roto i teia nga papaki tangata? Kua akamanako marie ainei koe? Koai ma tei neneva i rotopu i teia nga papaki tangata? Te tuku ua atu nei te Tuatua Tika i teia au uianga ei akaaraa i to tatou au manako no te au mea mamaata e tupu nei ki to tatou nei Ipu Karee.

Ko teia ta te Minita o te Pa Enuu i Nu Tireni i tuatua -

"Teia Nu Tireni te akaere katoatoa i te tikaanga o roto i te reva me rere ki roto e ki vao i te Kuki Airani katoatoa i raro ake i te Kororomotu i rotopu i te Pa angaanga Pairere ma te Kavamani o te Kuki Airani."

Ka vai mana teia kororomotu e 21 mataiti inara na te uipaanga Maani Ture te reira e akatinamou e teia nga ra. Ka aka-mana katoaia tetai au ture no te raveanga atu i te au tuanga enua no te ngai toanga pairere, e no te akaereanga i te au tuanga enua i te pae mai, pera katoa i te akamananga i te aronga akaere i te ngai toanga pairere.

Ka akamata te Akaere Angaanga o Nu Tireni i te pati atu i te aronga ka inangaro e na ratou e akatu i te ngai Toanga Pairere a te openga o teia marama Mati nei. Teia tei manako ia ka akamata te pairere i te rere mei runga i teia ngai Toanga Pairere i rotopu i te mataiti 1971.

### TETAI TUANGA ENUA AKAOU MAI:

I raro ake i te Kororomotu, ka aronga atu te Kavamani Kuki Airani i te tuanga o te ngai Toanga Pairere e vai nei kia Nu Tireni e tetai tuanga enua akaou mai ei akatae i te maata o te ngai te ka inangaroia. Na Nu Tireni rai e tutaki taua tuanga enua ou ra.

Na te kavamani Nu Tireni e oronga mai i te au are katoatoa, te au apinga te ka akatuaia, e te akameitakianga i a roto i te kena o te ngai Akatoanga Pairere. Na te kavamani o te Kuki Airani e akatu i te au are, e te au apinga ma te au akameitakianga o te vai, te uira, te tereponi e tetai atu mea ke te ka inangaroia i va'o ake i te kena.

### TE MAANI ANGA:

Ko tetai tuanga puapinga o te Kororomotu koia oki ka papauia e, kia riro na te iti-tangata Kuki Airani e rave i te au

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angaanga te ka rauka ia tatou i te rave ei akapapuanga e ko te maata o te au angaanga te ka raveia na to tatou iti tangata e rave.

Mei te mea e, e patireia ke tetai ka inangaro i tetai tikaanga nona kia rere mai ki roto e ki vao i te Kuki Airani nei, ka akatikatika nga kavamani e rua i te reira patianganga a tetai kavamani ke mai.

Ko te akaareanga i te au angaanga no te akarere anga pairere, ka vai rai te reira ki te aronga e rave nei i te reira i roto nei i te Kuki Airani. Me e akatukeanga tetai ka akatikatika rava nga kavamani no te reira.

Ka akapapu meitaki te Kavamani Nu Tireni kia rava te au pairere te ka aere mai ki te Kuki Airani nei e kia puapinga te angaanga turoto e te au angaanga kimi puapinga.

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#### TE RAUI O TE TAI ROTO

I te mataiti 1967, kua oko mai te Kuki Airani nei Niu Tireni mai e \$13,758 ika akaanua, e no tetai au ngai ke atu e \$56,823 punu ika. E \$70,581 te katoatoc i te moni a te iti tangata Kuki Airani i pou no te oko ika te ka rauka ua rai ia tatou i te ii mai nei roto i to tatou moana.

Kare e ekokoanga e, i pou maata teia ika ki Rarotonga nei. No te mea kua kite meitaki te au ravakai o Rarotonga nei e, kare e maata akaou ana te ika i teia tuatau mei to te au tai ngauru me kore tai ngauru ma rua au mataiti i topa ake nei. Kare a tatou ravenga, teia ua ka oko ta tatou ika me kore ra, kare e kai ika.

Noai ra te tarevake i ngaro viviki rava atu ei te au kai a tatou i roto i te tai takapini ia Rarotonga nei?

Kia akamaara tatou kare te aronga akaare Kavamani o Niu Tireni i akara ana i to tatou tai roto i Rarotonga nei e kia akameitaki ia mai - kare oki ratou i kite i te ngere ika mei a tatou te tu. Okotai ra a ratou angaanga meitaki i rave ko te akamata anga i to tatou pai tautai.

Kia tae ki te mataiti 1965, kua tu mai te Kavamani na tatou rai e akaare ia tatou. Kua vaitata te a mataiti o teia kavamani i te pou, e te aere ua atu nei ta tatou ika i roto i te roto i te meangiti anga. E tae ua mai ki teia nga epetoma i topa ua ake nei kare rai te "MY GOVERNMENT" e akara atu ana i to tatou tai roto.

Ko "Te Nuti Kuki Airani", ina Mr Walter ai i tana tataanga i roto ia Peperuare, "e tau kia akameitaki ia no tei rauka i teia nuti pepa i te akamatakite i te kino o te au poitini mate, inara kare i rauka ia matou te akamutu i te aronga e Rakau Papua ta ratou."

Kare tei kore e rauka i te Nuti Pepa e riro ei tarevake no te reira. Ko te au Mema o te "My Kavamani" na ringa ratou i akaare, e i irinaki tikai, mate ngakau tikatikai i ta ratou i papau ki te aronga tei ikia ratou, na ratou tikai e rave viviki te akonoanga i te tai roto.

Ko ratou ra kare ratou i rave no te tai roto o Rarotonga nei.

Ko Mr Dawson Murray, tetai puapii o Tereora, no tetai manako mana i roto iaia, kua rauka iaia i te akatuke i te manako o te My Kavamani. Te manako atu nei tatou e, kia vai maroiroi ua rai to Mr Murray mana, auraka te ka rauka mai i tana angaanga ei mea puapinga kore. Te manako katoa nei matou e, me kare ainei te Tuatua Tika i riro i te akamanuia atu i te mana o Mr Murray e Mr W. Hambuechen i ta rava tautanga kia akara te "My Kavamani" i to tatou tai roto. No te mea ka maara meitaki i tetai aronga tatau Tuatua Tika e, kua akamaata ana oki matou i te kino o to tatou Tai Roto kia akaraia mai e te Kavamani.

Ka riro teia ei kiteanga no tatou i te puapinga, te marana e te mataku kore o te pae patoi kopae i te kavamani, noatu e tei te Kuki Airani ua nei.

No reira kua rave te kavamani i teia takianga meangiti ua ma te matakutaku. Penei ake paa e tau kia akamaroiroi akaou atu tatou kia maataata atu e kia puapinga te Raua o te Tai Roto.

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#### TEI TANU MEIKA

Kua kite ainei kotou e, eaa tikai te Pacific Islands Producers Association? Auraka e akama i te tuatua e, "kare", no te mea kare katoa rai te maataanga ia tatou e te aronga tanu meika katoa atu i kite. E manga ngai ua rai ta matou i kite atu, ko ia oki e taokotai anga no te au pa-enua tukeke o roto i te pae opunga o te Patipika. Ka putuputu ratou okotai taime i te mataiti e ka tuatua no runga i to ratou rekareka i te moni meitaki tei rauka ia ratou no ta ratou meika.

Ina ra kua aere atu a Mr Apenera Short i roto nei ia Peperuare na runga i te pai Matson ki te uipaanga o teia mataiti tei raveia ki Apia i Samoa opunga. Na mua aia i te aere atu ki Niu Tireni e i reira ki Samoa. Kia oti kua oki akaou na Niu Tireni mai ki Rarotonga nei.

I teia mataiti ake nei i topa e tangata rai tetai i aere ana ki taua uipaanga rai. I te mataiti i mua atu kua aere atu ana tetai. Ko ta matou i kite mei te mataiti 1966 mai te akapera ua anga tetai mema i te aere ua anga i te akarongo mei tei matauia.

Me akara ra tatou e nga anere tara te pou ana na teia tangata i te aere anga e te okianga mai ki taua uipaanga ra. E maata te moni i pou a te kavamani Kuki Airani no te tutakianga i tona mema. Ko taua moni ra oki no roto i to kotou pute e to matou - e rua paa tautini tara i pou, kare e ekoko i te reira.

Eaa tikai ra tei rauka mai i te iti tangata o te Kuki Airani no te aereanga ki taua uipaanga e no te au tara i pou atu? KARE UA RAI, ta matou i kite atu. Aea e rauka mai ei ta tatou puapinga?

Kare rava matou e kite atu ana i te reira. E puapinga ainei tetai ka rauka mai? Kare matou i kite.

Kua akamarama mai a Mr Short i mua ake ka aere ei aia e, ko tetai te ka tuatuaia i roto i teia uipaanga o teia mataiti, koia oki te oko no te meika a teia tuatau ki mua. (Kare oki aia i akakite mai ana no de flour in de banana).

Me oki mai a Mr Short, e mea tau kia akakite mai aia e e ia tikai a te Kuki Airani nei tara i rauka mai i tona tere me tuatua mai aia i roto i te ratio.

Kare matou e inangaro i te akarongo e, i naea tona aereanga atu e aereanga mai, eaa te tu o Samoa. Ko ta matou ka inangaro i te kite, eaa te meitaki, te puapinga te ka rauka i te iti tangata i tona tere, koia oki e ia moni maata ake akatinamouia no te meika ta te aronga tanu ka koi me kore ra tetai atu mea puapinga ki te aronga tanu.

Mei te mea e, kare ana puapinga i rauka mai no te aronga tanu, mari ua ko taua tu arua taito rai ta tatou i matou ua ana i te akarongo no ko mai ia ratou, tei kore tatou i kiteana, e tei ngarepoina ia tatou, kua kaimoumou ia i reira te moni ta kotou moni e ta matou - i pou no tona aereanga.

Mei te mea e, ko te tu te reira, teia te manako o te Tuatua Tika, e akamutu te "MY GOVERNMENT" i te kaimoumou i ta tatou moni.

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#### AURAKA E NENEVA KARE TE TERO I KORE!!

I roto i te tuatau campaign, kua akakite ana tetai aronga e, i roto i ta ratou 'policy' koia oki au akaaereanga kavamani ka tipu ratou i tetai au tero kia mama mai te oranga o te iti tangata e ko teia tetai o te au tero ta ratou ka tipu: Ka akara matatio tatou i teia au tero.

Te tero no te Patikara Takatakai - 2/6  
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Teia tei raveia: Kua akaatea ua ia teia tero e te kavamani i mua i to tatou mata e kua tauru akaou ia mai na tetai ngai ke mai kia kore tatou e kite. Te vai nei rai te reira ka tutaki te aronga ka oko i te au patikara takatakai i teia tero i te ra tikai e oko ei aia i tona patikara ki te tiaki toa e \$2.00. Na te tiaki toa i reira e oronga atu i ta te kavamani tero. Ko teia tero na te aronga kare i rava meitaki ta ratou moni e tutaki ana i te reira no te mea ko ratou ua te oko nei i te patikara takatakai i teia tuatau. Me akara meitaki tatou kua maata tikai te oko o te patikara takatakai i teia tuatau.

Te tero no te ratio:

Ko tetai tero katoa teia tei karangaia e, kua takore ia. Okotai tu teia tero nei to te patikara. Ka tutaki te tangata ka oko i tetai ratio mana i teia tero i te

ra e oko ei aia i tona ratio mei roto i te toa. Ko teia ra oki tei karangaia mai ka tipuia teia au tero. Te akaapa nei tetai papaki tangata i te au tiaki toa no te oko maata i teia au apinga na te kite kore ratou e, e tero tetai a ratou e tutaki nei.

Te Tero no te mataara:

E ngari ake te tero \$1.00 o te mataara i te tuatau mua me kore ra to te au enua i vao e \$1.60 i to teia tuatau. Ko teia tetai tero tei kore tatou te iti tangata e akara matakite meitaki. Kua tangaro ua ia teia tero e, kua akaoki akaou ia mai kia tutaki tatou na roto i te kai e te angaanga. Mei teia te tu kia angaanga toou oire i te Kumiti Oire mei te mea e, e 8 ua o kotou ra angaanga i te mataiti okotai, ka karanga tatou ei akaraanga e, e 8 ra e \$1.10 te puapinga o toou taima apa ra. Ko teia i reira te puapinga tauu i oronga no te angaanga Kumiti Oire \$1.10. Ka akamaata na te 8 ra tauu i angaanga ka rauka i reira te reira \$8.80 tene i te mataiti. Kia kapitiia mai te kai a tauu vaine i apai mai 1 punu puakatoro 12 oz e 40, to te taro, kunara, e tetai atu, mei te 25 tene te moni meangiti, ka 85 tene te reira i te ra. E 8 ra e \$5.20 ka \$14.00 i te mataiti mei te mea e, e 8 ua ra angaanga. Ka maata atu rai me maata te au ra angaanga. Ka akara ana ra i reira e \$1.60 i te au mataiti i topa ake nei e \$14 e aere atu i ta te "MY GOVERNMENT" akaaereanga. Tei ea ra i reira te tuatua e ka tipuia teia au tero? Eaa tikai i kore ei e akakiteia ki te ititangata teia au ravenga i rave ngaro ua ia'i. Kare matou e ekoko ana e, te pera katoaia nei tetai au mea ke ma te kore e akakite ia ana kite iti tangata kia marama. Kare katoa matou e manako ana e, e mea tau kia ta matapo ua ia rai to tatou iti tangata. Ko tetai mea tangi rava atu teia, ko te tamatapo anga ia ratou, tei kore i kite tikai e, eaa te tupu nei.

Te vai atura te tero o te au Toroka, patikara matani, motoka. To te kai venevene tei riro na te au tamariki e tutaki.

Kia riro teia tuatua ei akamatakite e ei akara matatio anga na tatou i tetai au mea. E ei tauturu ia tatou katoa i roto i to tatou nei Ipu Karea.

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E kitea te tu o te rakau ki te ua tana ka ua mai. Kare te rakau meitaki e ua mai i te ua kava. Kare katoa oki te rakau kino e ua mai i te ua vene.

Kua pera katoa te tangata nei. Kare te tangata maru e takinga kino atu i tetai ke. E kitea te tu o te tangata ki ta ratou au angaanga.

TA TE NUTI PEPA "AUCKLAND STAR" I AKAKITETataia e NOEL HOLMESTe Upoko tuatua: Te Akara ua atu nei,  
Thank you!PENEI AKE KA RUTI TE KUKI AIRANI....

E akamanako ua e, ko ai ra te ka kore e tu tona ngai toanga pairere maata me kare ratou e mako! Ka tano paa taau - Ko te Kuki Airani!

I tana tuatua anga ta Mr Hannan i Niu Tirani, kua akakite aia i tona tumate-tenga i te tu tavarevare i te Uipaanga Maani Ture o te Kuki Airani nei i te akatinamou e te akamana i te kororomotu o te ngai toanga pairere maata o te Kuki Airani tei taina takere ia ana i tetai au epetoma i topa ake nei.

Ina ra mei te mea e, e ora taringa turi koe, kare i reira koe e rongo meitaki i te tangi manga riri o roto i tana tuatua anga. Teia ratou a Niu Tirani, kua papa ua i te rave, e te taka marie ua maira ta ratou au "puruto" te au tuapara matini i te tiaki ua anga - E aa ra te tupu nei i Rarotonga? E kare! e kare takiri! Kare te Kuki Airani i akatinamou i te kororomotu, e kare i kitea e, ka akapeea - Kare ake rai te Uipaanga Maani Ture i rave ia ake no teia manga angaanga rima miniti ua nei?

KUA TOTOU IA ANA

Ka rauka iaku kia karanga e; kua totou ke ana te Peremie o te Kuki Airani a Mr. Albert Henry e ko tetai tu teia ka tupu. Kua tuatua mai aia ki aku i nga epetoma ake nei i toku aravei anga iaia. Ko te taine oki te reira kare ake rai aia i taina ake i te kororomotu, i karanga aia e, kare e kino me ka taina aia no te mea kare tana paramani, koia oki te Uipaanga Maani Ture e akatinamou me kore ra e akamana i taua kororomotu ra. Ko teia tei manakoia ei patoi i te akamanaanga koia oki akonei a Niu Tireni e oronga atu ei ki tetai patireia i te tikaanga kia to mai, e ka inangaro te Kuki Airani i te akatakake mai ia ratou nei taua iti-tangata ra.

E AA TIKAI RA I TAVAREVARE UA'I?

I teia nei te kitea meitakiia nei e, e tumu tikai tetai e vai nei - ko tetai kare ake rai i kapikiia te au mema tatakake kia putuputu mai. E aa tikai ra te Peremie i rave ei i teia tu tavarevare? E aa aia i kore ei e kapiki vave i te uipaanga kia papu e eaa tona manako?

Mei te mea e, ka patoi tona au mema i te kororomotu o te ngai toanga pairere, ka rauka ua iaia i te akakite ki Wellington na te maru e, "akara ra! kua akakite atu ana au".

TE AKAMANAKO RA!

Ka tiana meitaki ua aia i reira. Teia ua ta toki kite i apii mai, e manga tano kore paa te tu o te moni a te Kuki Airani i roto i teia angaanga. Penei ake teia te mankoia nei i Rarotonga na ringa ake paa i tika ta matou i manako, ka akamataia mai

paa ta matou moni, e ka oronga akaou mai a Niu Tirani i tetai moni akaou mai.

Ko taua tu manako ra, kua papu meitaki iaku e, kare i tano. Mei ta tetai tangata tuatua tiratiratu i nako mai e, "Penei ake e, te manako ra a ALBERT e, te akatano ra aia i tetai pitara ki te upoko o Wellington, ina ra mei te mea e, te pera ra aia, e akara meitaki akonei rai e, e pitara vai ua rai te ka koi mai ki muri."

Ko te aiteanga mama o teia tuatua koia oki, ake nei a Niu Tireni e tipu mai ei i te kororomotu o te ngai toanga pairere. Ka oki akaou ia tatou ki muri roa i te akamataanga - ka uipaanga akaou no runga i tetai ngai toanga pairere, ka moemoea akaou.

Me tupu teia, ei reira ka tiaki ua tatou i reira na te irinaki tikai e, ka tupu tetai karanga maata rava atu tei kore te akaaereanga Kavanani o te Kuki Airani i kite ana i muatangaana.

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TETAI TUKUANGA TIKA A TE AKAVAANGA TEITEI

Ka riro teia tukuanga tika a te Akavaanga Teitei i Rarotonga nei, ei mea umere na tatou e ka riro ei akaraanga tau tikai na te au atu enua U.C.I. e te C.I.P.

Kua ta angaanga te Teketere o tetai Kuniti Oire i tetai toroka e tetai au tangata angaanga i te tari atu i te one tea mei runga i to tetai atu enua tapa taatai. Kare roa oki i patia atu ana tetai tika anga ki taua atu enua ra, e kare oki taua atu enua ra i oronga i tetai tikaanga kia pera ia tona enua. Kare katoa oki aia i kite ana i te rave anga ia taua angaanga ra.

Kua apai atu i reira te atu enua i taua manamanata ra ki te Akavaanga Teitei i Rarotonga nei. Kua akaue atu te Akavaanga i taua Teketere ra no te Kuniti Oire kia akaoki akaou i taua one tea ra ki runga i te enua o te atu enua.

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\*\*\*\*\* TE TUANGA A TE TEKETERE \*\*\*\*\*

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\* E manganui taau ravanga no te tau- \*  
\* tura i ta tatou Nuti Pepa, kare e \*  
\* naku anake ua teia Nuti Pepa - \*  
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\* E oko i taau Nuti Pepa - E tata mai \*  
\* ki taau Nuti Pepa - E tata ma te \*  
\* akakite mai i toou manako no runga \*  
\* i te au tuatua o roto - Te tauturu \*  
\* mai nei tetai papaki na roto i te \*  
\* okoanga - Te moni e rauka mai nei \*  
\* e tuku mai ei oko pepa - e te inika. \*  
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\* E aa taau Tauturu ka rauka? \*  
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\* E aa taau e kite nei. Me te ora ra \*  
\* ainei koe? \*  
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"JUST LOOKING, THANKS"

by - Noel Holmes from the 'Auckland Star' 1969.

COOKS COULD MISS OUT...

Guess who's not going to get an international airport if they don't behave! You've got it in one - The Cook Islands.

The Minister of Island Territories, Mr Hanan, expressed "disappointment" at the Cook Islands Assembly's failure to ratify the airport agreement with New Zealand, signed some weeks ago.

But you'd have to be tone deaf not to detect a note of something more approaching exasperation in the Minister's statement.

Here we are, all ready to go, you understand - bulldozers ticking over in neutral - and what's happening up in Rarotonga?

Nothing. Nothing at all.

Far from ratifying the agreement - a five-minute job - the Assembly hasn't even met.

PREDICTED IT

I must say the Cook Islands Premier, Mr Albert Henry, predicted something like the present situation when I met him a few weeks ago.

At the time he had not signed the agreement, but pointed out it really would not matter if he did because his Parliament would not ratify the document.

The suggestion then was that the objection to ratification arose from a fear that New Zealand might grant landing rights to nations from which Cook Islanders preferred to hold aloof.

WHY TARRY?

Now it's clear a more basic bar to ratification exists, namely Mr Henry's disinclination to call his scattered MPs together.

Why the hesitancy on the part of the Premier.

Why doesn't he call a session and prove his point?

If his Assembly threw out the airport agreement he could turn to Wellington and say politely and regretfully: "See? I told you so."

HOPEFUL

And he'd be completely in the clear personally.

Only theory I've heard is that Cook Islands finances may be a trifle out of kilter.

In which case there could be a hopeful belief in Rarotonga that New Zealand might be ready to bolster up the kitty if only it could have its way over the airport.

Such a belief, I'm sure, would be ill-founded.

Said one impeccable source: "Albert may think he's holding a pistol to Welling-

ton's head, but if he is it's only a back-firing water pistol."

This is another way of saying the next step could be a simple cancellation of the airport agreement by New Zealand.

Then we'd all be back to square one.

And we could stand by pretty confidently for the biggest upheaval ever in the political history of the Cook Islands.

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SEEN IN RAROTONGA

by Akara Mamac

The politician was boring the village audience. His voice went on and on, saying the same old things over and over again.

"My Government," he quacked, "loves all of you. We think of you all the time. We pray for you night and day. We want NOTHING for ourselves in the government. We want everything for you. We are making plans all the time for you to have everything, and be able to do everything, and for all of you to be short of nothing...Yes, that is what my government wants: For you to have everything."

The meeting ended. Everyone woke up and began to go home.

The politician walked out of the village hall. A moment later he came running back in a great hurry.

"Where's the telephone?" he demanded. "I want the police quickly. Some son-of-a-dog has taken my damned Honda."

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Cook Islands Party Policy 1965

"In an effort to step up exports and, where possible, export prices, the Party will carry out a full investigation into the present marketing arrangements with New Zealand and the possibility of selling Cook Islands produce in other countries."

Cook Islands News 13 February 1969

"The increase in (Fruit Control) charges has caused a considerable furore (makitakita) among Rarotonga growers.... It is reasonably certain to suppose that the growers will soon be asking for an increase in the price paid for their produce.

If the CIP government had worked as hard to obtain better prices for the growers as it has to sell Aitutaki and/or Rarotonga to various airline companies, the growers might have been a lot better off today.

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We understand that the boat for the Mauke people won't be seen for at least another six months. That will be about 2½ yrs after the people of that island began raising the money for it. And there's no guarantee that the boat will be ready even before the end of 1969.

The Editor,  
Tuatua Tika,  
P.O. Box 226,  
Rarotonga.

Dear Sir,

I am a reader of your witty and well-set up Tuatua Tika o te Kuki Airani, though not a supporter of either government or Opposition.

You omit an aspect of our Cook Island life.

We are allowed no special law to control our young delinquents BEFORE they reach a criminal stage and get into police hands for a serious breach of coded law.

We have no special law to protect PARENTS who want to bring their young people up decently, against the innumerable \*panders to delinquency who will abet the misbehavior, hide and harbor the young delinquent away from home, and conceal all the bad work that is done beyond parental view.

We have no control over a practice which now seems forced upon the police, that if an arrested person taken upon "information received" denies guilt, the action goes no further.

We have no remedy against \*pandering, to delinquency in our juveniles, that will (on Police showing anyway) empower police to enter a suspected home and remove--back to parental possession--such young person out of control.

We have no law against procurers (procuresses too) who may entice our children for some other individual, into willingness to be a party to immorality.

This I think is enough. I am, as are others, grossly dissatisfied with the "dead hand of Rarotonga", laid on the Cook Islands Police, that prevents them from independent action, and enforces their seeking all authority for action from the main island.

I feel that the Henry Government is showing an easy going pitch, that I can only construe as wooing votes, which, whatever Party aspires to office, will never be conceded to a disciplinarian Government. I view the current situation, vis-a-vis reduction of voting age to 18, with deep suspicion. But it is my hope that the present government and all like it, may be out of office before its 4 years term has expired. We live today under Rule by Official. There are far too many petty office-holders.

Many of us are radically dissatisfied with the state of law and order. But the atmosphere of Communist-like intimidation, where some fellow, inspector, "officer" of this or that, or other official, can frighten people, makes most Cook Islanders silent grumblers, vocal in quiet corners but timid in the face of this so-called Government.

Almost you persuade me to join the UCI, openly opposed to the interests ruling us now. Yours is the only, and

mordantly, critical voice; but you need to make clear that you are not the voice of Red Unionism, or mere jealousy of the party that came to power. It seems pretty plain anyway, that the victorious party is not using its power aright.

Best luck,

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\*pander - a person engaged in procuring other persons in immorality.

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The "MY GOVERNMENT POLICIES" - by Akara Matatio

The first financial year under the second CIP government is nearly ended. In the now customary manner the Cook Islands continue to progress - backwards.

Most of the aims contained in the first CIP government's statement of policy were not achieved. Let us see what the second term is producing.

CIP No.1 "...election to Government of those men...dedicated to the cause of greater prosperity."

In the days of New Zealand's administration of the Cook Islands we had a Resident Commissioner drawing a high salary. Instead of him, we now have a Premier and his Cabinet whose combined salaries are enormously greater than the salary the Resident Commissioner ever received. So much 'dedication' exists in the Cook Islands today that even the low-income individuals on \$400 a year are compelled by law to file income tax returns. This doesn't look very much like "greater prosperity" to us.

CIP No.2 "To extend to all outer islands of the Cook Group opportunities for greater economic development."

Copra-producing islands may have been given a bit of technical advice from time to time - some of the advice perhaps not very sound - but not even the loudest optimist in the CIP government could claim that the copra industry has made progress. Other Pacific territories have carried out successful research in the production of pearls and pearl-shell farms, including our own Paua (clam) shell, and have subsequently derived both opportunities for local employment and also profit from those schemes. Here in the Cook Islands, the government has failed to make any move towards planting trochus shell (another money-earner) in any island.

Citrus producers, while faced with no increase in price for their crops, now find themselves having to pay almost double charges for spraying and other services to them. This perhaps may be one of those sad facts which the CIP government would possibly prefer not to discuss too much in public.

Aitutaki banana producers appear to be strangely lacking in enthusiasm about the way the loudly-advertised government scheme has turned out: in fact the entire

situation seems to be so confused at present that it would be a hopeless task to try to understand its complexities.

The fisheries vessel could have been launched long ago and actively employed today in bringing home its catches to fish-hungry Rarotonga if the CIP government had shown determination, energy, imagination and initiative in the matter awsy back in 1966 and 1967. Instead of which, the vessel is just about due for its annual brief appearance outside the boatshed before being hurriedly withdrawn from public view. Meanwhile the Estimates for it will soon be solemnly discussed once again in the Legislative Assembly.

The airport agreement is complete and duly signed. In the Auckland Star of 10 February, the headline appeared:

NZ CONTROL OF AIRPORT IN COOKS

The article then begins:

"New Zealand will have sole control of air rights in and out of the Cook Islands under the civil aviation agreement with the Cook Islands Government.. This was a point disputed for several months by the Cook Islands' Premier, Mr Albert Henry, before he finally signed the agreement."

So just why did Mr Henry bother to dispute so long? Did he gain anything by his delay? Except perhaps the alteration of one or two comparatively unimportant words or the addition of a phrase or two in the agreement?

Anyhow, for the next 21 years a large section of Rarotonga, the seat of 'internal self-government', will belong to New Zealand's airport. "The new airport will help to keep our young people in the Islands." Ha-ha-ha. Think so?

CIP No.3 "To re-establish...our culture, and to restore recognition to the holders of traditional titles."

Has any reader ever seen or heard anything useful from the poor unfortunate so-called House of Arikis. It mayn't be the fault of the Arikis themselves. We merely feel sorry for them in their present predicament.

CIP No.4 "To ensure the establishment of good laws for all peoples in the Cook Islands."

The crash helmet is, no doubt, an interesting example of those 'good laws'. A few more such laws from the CIP government and all of us will have headaches all the time. How fortunate that those who voted CIP at the last election are just as eager as the intelligent UCI voters to have this law wiped out.

CIP No.5 "To strengthen our resources by good planning."

By 'resources' one includes money. Government and private money. Village Committees are spending more money than the

oldtime PWD did during the era of New Zealand administration but the results they have achieved up to date are not impressive, except for the number of squabbles they have caused.

Local Industry? Has anyone seen any new and thriving local industries in the Cook Islands?

Cooperatives? Apparently in as big a muddle as ever with sums of money continually missing, the audit as far in arrears as ever, and members not being thoroughly acquainted with facts until after enormous delays.

Social Development? Labour gangs waving reaphooks over some blades of grass on the roadside and then squabbling with the grader because it clears the verges in half an hour and leaves them without the work over which they could quite happily waste a couple of weeks. The Department's staff has been greatly increased but not, alas, the results they are obtaining.

It is perhaps significant that when the tourists from the "FLAVIA" landed (at least we believe it was the Flavia), the most common spectacle they saw on their drive round the island was fly-haunted, dirty and untidy piles of garbage waiting by the roadside for the garbage truck. As a specimen of government 'planning' the visitors must have been greatly impressed with our present-day "island paradise."

(Note: This original article was written by an intelligent and well-informed reader who - in the past - took an active interest in local politics. His original article, however, has had to be reduced in length and edited in a number of places.  
Editor)

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SEEN IN RAROTONGA by Akara Mamao

Even before the airline people from New Zealand begin taking over Rarotonga they're telling some wonderful fairy-tales about our island. It makes one wonder what they told the CIP government. Did you see the Cook Islands Pictorial Weekly of 20 December, 1968? It reproduced an extract from AIRLINE REVIEW, a publication of New Zealand National Airways.

Rarotonga, declares National Airways, is a "sub-tropical paradise", a statement with which 99.9% of Cook Islanders would disagree. In this 'paradise', the AIRLINE REVIEW adds, "the travel industry can expect to flourish". (But what about the Maori people? Do they flourish as well?)

"In the Cooks you're on New Zealand soil," declares the article, perhaps to make sure that no Cook Islander gets big ideas about the importance of self-government. Visitors, it then adds, should "take a trading schooner to some of the other islands". (Frankly, we didn't know we had any trading schooners. The last one was the Tiare Taporo, which

has been gone for years. But a deck trip on the Tagua or the Bodmer will perhaps satisfy the adventurous spirit of tourists.)

Then we read in the article of the "exquisite bird-songs in the orange groves". (What birds? What songs? Minah birds squawking and cackling as they steal bread from the kitchen or peck away at your tomatoes? The only singing we hear in the orange groves comes from the bush-beer boys on Sunday morning.)

"They (tourists) will see the islanders outrigger canoes 'shooting' breaks in the reef as they enter the lagoons", the article tells us. (Hey! this is 1969, not 1769. Tourists may see a few oily outboard dinghies spluttering in through the reef passages, but they can see better boats in their own country.)

In Mauke and Atiu, the article tells us, "the local people earn a living from the pineapple and coconut plantations". (Some living! About \$12 per head per year in Mauke, and not much more in Atiu.)

Going ashore in the outer islands, says the article "by outriggers or long-boats that 'shoot' the reef, is an exciting way to travel". (Especially in a leaking and overcrowded old boat in which one sits on sacks of flour, sugar and cement. It is even more exciting, of course, when the boat overturns and Tourist Dad and Mum and the kids are tipped into the sea and lose all their luggage. The tourists will love that, won't they? Especially as the "Cook Islanders beckon the jet era to their island paradise".)

This nonsense was reprinted, at the expense of the Cook Islands government, in the Pictorial Weekly. As might be expected, the Department of Internal Affairs produced it. Is it really surprising that the CIP government is short of money? Once again we suggest that Mr A.R. Henry keeps a strict eye on this government department.

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Have you noticed the government's latest apparent efforts to impress the public? Having failed to do anything clever since the election, the fashion now is to put out lots and lots of flags, have a Boys' Brigade band tootling away, install a microphone or two, and make long speeches about nothing in particular. The government did this when it signed some airport agreement or other, successfully blocked traffic, delayed a great many people, and was attended mainly by rather glum-looking Public Service officials glad of an hour off from their stuffy offices. The whole performance reminded us of the arrival of a circus in town. So strongly did it remind us of that, we went home to look up some old copies of TE TUATUA APII (A Cook Islands Education Dept. publication). In one of them we found what we were looking for:-

"In our town a circus came and it went to a park near our place. The lions' act was first...There was a juggler who threw 4 sticks and he was on the leg. He was on some thin wire and threw some

rings as well. He was on one leg when he was throwing the ball up. Some people in the circus were called the Flying Troupe. There was a clown. He put some rag and sack over his head."

We particularly recommend the idea to some people of placing a sack over their heads. This would arouse general enthusiasm throughout the Cook Islands.

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Speaking about education reminds us that we were extremely pleased to learn that Mr Mana Strickland is now a teacher at Tereora College. Mr Strickland is one of the best and most experienced teachers in the Cook Islands with a long record (more than 30 years) of service in the Education Department.

It seems that the Tereora pupils were equally pleased with Mr Strickland's appearance amongst them. Their cheering was enthusiastic. The only thing that surprises us is why Mr Strickland was allowed to remain so long without a school appointment. There are, of course, various rumours about this. But we congratulate whoever had enough brains to put Mr Strickland back in the teaching profession.

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"The King (of Tonga) says he sees no particular problems in independence and Tonga's geographical position must eventually determine Tonga's thinking and actions." (CI News February 14).

How true! Any country must learn to think and act on its own initiative. Here in the Cook Islands we prefer to trust everything that short-term visitors tell us to think and do. A pity we've now left it too late to start thinking and doing for ourselves.

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It is not true, as far as we know, that the official badge of the Cook Islands is to be an outstretched hand with greedy, grasping fingers waiting to grab the money. Those who hand over New Zealand's annual subsidy may, of course, think otherwise.

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The last issue of TE TUATUA TIKA (TRUTH) contained a criticism of the apparent muddle over the Minihiki lagoon. That issue was published on Friday, 21 February.

On Monday, 1 February Mr A. Short made a public statement in which he announced definite dates when the lagoon will be open for diving. A coincidence no doubt.

But we would like to assure Cabinet Members that they are welcome to take out yearly subscriptions to TE TUATUA TIKA just the same as everyone else. An unusual number of people, both here and in N.Z., have already done so. Write to:

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