



"Shopdroppers" act against racially offensive products

A group calling themselves "shopdroppers" were active in stores around the country in the fortnight before Christmas.

"We're just the opposite of shoplifters," a spokesperson explained. "We leave something behind — tiny stickers identifying racially offensive products, such as souvenirs."

The stickers, "This Product INSULTS the Maori People" / as shown above, have been put on a selected group of products — candles in the form of Maori heads or figures, tea towels, cushioncovers and handkerchiefs printed with Maori faces, topless Maori maidens, and a number of others.

"I'd stress that the issue is not just bad taste," the spokesperson said. "We're not wasting our energy on plastic tikis. It's racism — when Maori men are shown as stereotypically fat, lazy or stupid, and women as promiscuous — and cultural insensitivity."

"Cultural insensitivity is harder to explain across cultures, but the candles for example are grossly offensive because the fire destroys the spiritual power of the chief or other person portrayed on the candle. In the same way, when people blow their noses on the pictures on the handkerchiefs or sit on the cushions, they defile the **mana** of the people shown there.

"It's roughly equivalent to putting some revered person like the Pope, the Queen, the Virgin Mary or your own mother on something like a spittoon or a chamberpot.

"We're not Pakeha do-gooders: the Race Relations Conciliator, Hiwi Tauroa consulted 20 of the most respected people in Maoridom, and they unanimously condemned these products.

"And we're not telling anyone what they may make or sell or buy: the stickers just let everyone know the unpleasant truth about these products. After that it's up to their own consciences."

(The stickers are available from "Stickers" PO Box 779, Wellington.)

"Tautoko kia whaia te ao marama"

He tino maha nga mahi whai oranga e hurihuri ana i roto i te Ao Maori. Kua whakaotia te ekenga tuarua ki nga taone me te ekenga tuatoru hoki ki tawahi ki Poi Hakena ki te wa kainga tonu, a, kei te tipu te nuinga i te Ao Pohatu, Ao matao a te Pakeha. Me titiro tatou ki a tatou ka kitea ai nga raruraru o te Ao hurihuri e pa ana ki a tatou. Otira, ke te nuinga he tamariki, mokopuna, rangatahi ranei e tipu mai ana i nga taone, e kore ratou e mau nga tikanga Maori i waihotia iho e tatou o matua tupuna. Kua katia te pito i a ratou i nga mauri whenua, me nga turangawaewae marae hoki.

Na te kaupapa tonu a Tu Tangata ka oho te mana Maori. Kua tae ki te wa e wawatatia ana e te Maori kia huri te whakaaro Pakeha ki ona tikanga, ki ona ritenga hoki. Kei roto i enei pito pito korero, kei te ara mai etahi tino mahi Maori hei whakatakoto whariki oranga mo tatou. Kei te oho tonu te iwi Maori,

kei te tu tonu, kei te tu tonu, e whai ana i te Ao Marama mo ratou.

I te 19 Maehe 1984, ka tu te hui a te Tari o te Ora, (Health Department) ki Hoani Waititi Marae ki Tamaki-makaurau. E toru nga take o tenei hui.

Ko te mea tuatahi kia huihui mai tatou te Tari o te Ora, kia tutakitaki, kia kitekite, kia korororero, kia whakamaramatia nga tikanga a te Maori.

Ko te mea tuarua kia korerotia mai nga whakaaro a koro ma, a kui ma, mo nga mea pai i waihotia iho e o tatou matua tupuna hei tauira mo tatou.

Ko te tuatoru kia whakakaupapatia he wahanga Maori i roto i te Tari o te Ora, kia whakatikaina nga mahi hei awhina i a tatou.

He tino taonga nga tikanga a o tatou matua tupuna. Ma te Wairua Maori ko mohio tatou ki te manaakitanga ki te whanautanga, i aroha tonu ki te tangata, atawhaitia.



He Tumanako mo te Ao Hou: Success at School for Maori children

A kitset has been produced by the Education Department aimed at encouraging Maori children to succeed at school. It's put out by the 'Schools without failure' group and is available from their district senior inspectors.

The kitset looks at why Maori children are at odds with an education system that 'fails' them. It looks at the needs of Maori children and helps

teachers identify school practices that promote failure. It suggests a change in teacher attitude would affirm cultural identity and values which would in turn raise the self-esteem of Maori children.

The kit contains various articles and booklets which range from Tu Tangata stories to the recommendations of Race Against Time. An evaluation of the kitset will be published in the next issue of Tu Tangata.