

## \$600 million would kill Maori culture

If the Maori loan of 600 million dollars had gone ahead, it would have swamped the Maori culture. So says Manuka Henare, one of two Maori on the Government Advisory Committee on External Aid and Development. The other is Robert Mahuta.

Manuka says it's his experience from work in the Pacific, that once dollars become the central goal, the culture suffers. He says that's what happened in Nauru, where the royalties from the phosphate mined there have made the Nauruans some of the richest people in the world. But he says their health has suffered as has their culture. They then became a consumer society with all the pitfalls.

That development is what Maori people should be wary of says Manuka. The work of the Advisory Committee of twelve people is not just to advise Government of where and how it should give external aid, but one of educating this country to the 'why' of development aid.

Manuka says Bob Mahuta and he want Maori people to make the connections between their own underdevelopment and the third world peoples. "My developmental principle is to see how other countries develop whilst keeping their culture. To kill a culture you just flood it with money."

He says at present Maori people have grown introspective with a siege mentality protecting them from very real

opposition. But he says that's not how their tupuna looked at things.

"They took on the new world, making themselves familiar with the people and lands of Te Moananui a Kiwa. With the arrival of the Pakeha, they had no hesitation about taking on that culture and then applied it to their people, and it's history that other Maori travelled to Australia to bring Christianity back home."

Manuka says cultural and entrepreneurial expertise so gathered was not stored up by individuals but instead used for the benefit of the iwi.

He'd like to see a renaissance amongst Maori people today to that effect.

## Colonel Joseph James Walker

Colonel 'Jo' Walker is currently Commander of the Army's 1st Task Force which has its headquarters at Papakura Camp near Auckland. He is responsible for all Army combat units in the North Island.

Born in Opunake in November 1941, he was educated at Opunake High School (1956-59) and at the Australian Army's Officer Cadet School at Portsea.

He saw active service firstly in Borneo during confrontation and later in South Vietnam as a member of Victor One Company of the 1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

A 1974 graduate of the RNZAF's Command and Staff College, the colonel has held a range of appointments including: Company Commander and

Operations Officer of the 1st Battalion RNZIR in Singapore; General Staff Officer (Grade Two) Training on the Army General Staff in Wellington; Military Assistant to the Chief of Defence Staff; and Second in Command of the 1st Battalion RNZIR in Singapore.

Colonel Walker attended the Australian Joint Services' Staff College in Canberra in 1985. He returned to the Army General Staff as Director of Coordination and Military Assistant to the Chief of General Staff, the appointment he held before assuming his current command and being promoted to colonel on 20 December 1986.

He and his wife, Patsy, have two sons and a daughter.

