

# Kaumatua visit Wellington

About 60 kaumatua from throughout New Zealand gathered in Wellington for the second Kaumatua Wananga at which the elders of Maoridom come together informally to exchange ideas and views and to discuss what they see as important issues for the Maori moving into the 1980s.

They were guests of the Maori Affairs Department at Waiwhetu marae, Lower Hutt, for just over two days. They came from: Tai Tokerau, Tamaki Makaurau, Waikato-Maniapoto, Tauranga-Thames, Te Arawa, Mataatua, Whanau-a-Apanui, Tairāwhiti, Turanganui, Kahungunu ki Wairoa, ki Heretaunga, ki Wairarapa, Taranaki, Wanganui, Tuwharetoa, Raukawa-whānui and Te Waipounamu.

As part of their two day stay in Wellington, they visited the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research's soil bureau at Taita, Television New Zealand's studios at Avalon, Lower Hutt, and went to Parliament and lunched with the Deputy Prime Minister, Rt Hon. Duncan MacIntyre. The photographs were supplied by the DSIR.



Dr Mike Leamy (far right) director of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research's soil bureau at Taita, waits to begin the tour with some of the kaumatua. They are (from left to right) Mrs Mana Rangi, Tikitiki; Mrs Mana Mita, Nuhaka; Mrs Mate Ratapu, Manutuke; Mr Tupana Te Hira, Waikato; and Mrs Maraea Te Kawa, Waiomatatini.



Mr Riini Paraire, Tauranga (left) and Mr Robert (Boy) Biddle, Taneatua, were two of about 60 kaumatua from throughout New Zealand who visited the DSIR's soil bureau earlier this year.



Sir James Henare, (foreground) replies on behalf of the kaumatua to the welcome extended by Dr Mike Leamy at the start of their visit to the DSIR's soil bureau, Taita.



Sharing a joke after looking through the analysis section are (from left to right) Mr Te Whakahuia Tamati, Te Puke; Mr Jerry Graham, Auckland; and Mr Rua Cooper, Wiri.