



The Catholic Hui Aranga held over Easter Weekend in Palmerston North was the focus for many sportspeople. Table-tennis, tennis, netball, rugby and gymnastics were among the sports played.



Multi-national returns artefacts

Two valuable Maori artefacts have been returned to New Zealand under unusual circumstances.

A taiaha and mere were bought from private collections in Holland by the large multi-national company, Philips Electrical.

Maui Pomare, a member of the National Museum Trust Board saw the artefacts on a recent travel Fellowship overseas. He approached the company to see if the taiaha and mere could be purchased.

Mr Pomare says the items are at least 100 years old but their origins are unknown. "They are both very good pieces".



Boost for dictionary project

The New Zealand High Commissioner, Mr Michael Powles has presented a cheque for \$2,122 to the acting Prime Minister of Fiji, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, as a donation for the Fijian Dictionary Project.

Mr Powles said that the donation represented the proceeds from the three public performances given in Lautoka and Suva by the Taniwharau Maori Cultural group, from Waikato, New Zealand.

Mr Powles explained that shortly before he left Fiji, the Maori Queen, Dame Te Atairangikaahu, who is patron of the group, had announced that she wished to donate the proceeds to a cultural project to be chosen by the Fiji Government.

She said the warmth and hospitality she and the group received in Fiji reflected the interest South Pacific peoples share in each others cultures.



Te Kaihanga celebrates 20 years



The Christchurch Te Kaihanga Hostel is to celebrate 20 years of service in housing Maori trainees.

Approximately 800 Maori trainees have lived at Te Kaihanga during the past 20 years and many will be known to the longest serving master and matron, Bill and Mary Davis. The reunion committee, consisting of hostel old-boys and wives, is chaired by Mr Davis along with another close associate of Te Kaihanga, Mr Bill Cox.

The programme begins with an informal get-together on Friday evening August 27 at Te Kaihanga hostel. Saturday morning there is an official Powhiri followed by a roll call. The same after-

noon, sports events will be held and Saturday evening entails a gala celebration at the new Riccarton Racecourse facilities. The last day, Sunday, a karakia will be followed by a hangi and then the poroporoaki.

Organisers are pleased with replies from various parts of the country and enquiries from overseas. The chairman of the Christchurch branch of the Te Kaihanga Association, Mr Pompey Webster, said they are expecting approximately 400 people, some of whom include entire families.

The coordinator of registration, Mrs Rahurahu can be contacted at: 11 Harakeke Street, Christchurch.

