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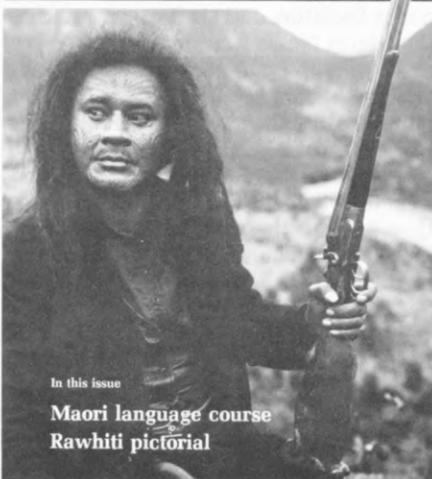
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Zac Wallace plays rebel leader Te Wheke in Geoff Murphy's recently released film *Utú*. Attracting favourable reviews in New Zealand the film will be judged internationally at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

Race relations conciliator, Hiwi Tauroa has praised *Utú* as a good film made with sensitivity and balance. The story of *Utú* — retribution in terms of Maori and pakeha near the end of the land wars of the 19th century — while fictitious, is based on factual events and accurately portrays them, he said.

The film would not offend Maoris but it would probably make people of both races, "sit back and think and then discuss matters raised — a good thing."

Utú stars Zac Wallace, Bruno Lawrence, Ilona Rodgers, Wi Kuki Kaa, Kelly Johnson, Tim Elliott, Tania Bristowe, Martyn Sanderson and Merata Mita.

Geoff Murphy is writer, director and producer, and executive producer is Don Blakeney.