

KA HO'OKOLOKOLONUI O KANAKA MAOLI

The International Peoples' Tribunal

Hawai'i

• August 12~21, 1993 •

For 2,000 years — about a hundred generations — our civilization thrived on shared Aloha na Po'e, Aloha 'Aina, Aloha Kai — Love for People, Land and Sea.

SUDDENLY, IN 1778, the first haoles (foreigners) arrived with plundering motives and methods of colonial conquest, of private appropriation of indigenous peoples' lands, labor and resources. From the Journals of Captain Cook's officers and crew at Kealakekua, Hawai'i, in 1779, we find this early example:

> ***"...Mr. Rickman ordered fire to be put to the Houses...in half an hour's time about 150 houses were consumed...During this fire, half a dozen men were shot by our people in a most brutal manner...Others of the Natives who stayed in the Houses were run through by bayonets...People Making their Escape were Shot...This is not the piece of Savageness & Brutality when Compared to what they did afterwards for when they had murdered these Defenceless people, they severed the heads and stuck them on the boats as Trophies of their Vile Victory...Captain King mentions the decapitations, on which the remark of Bligh [later to become Captain] is: "if this had not been done they would never had been brought to submission."***
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> *Resolution & Discovery, February 1779. Pages 562-563.*

TO PREVENT the return of political control to Kanaka Maoli, the missionary descendent-businessmen, in alliance with U.S. naval forces, seized the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893 and imprisoned our beloved Queen Lili'uokalani in 1895.

The illegal 1898 annexation, only by resolution, compelled Kanaka Maoli to become American citizens without our consent, violating the U.S. Constitution. As a perverted admission of U.S. guilt, the resolution imposed a "ceded" (stolen) land trust of 1.8 million acres with the U.S. as self-declared trustee. The beneficiaries, Kanaka Maoli, have never received their promised benefits.

The abuses and injustices against the Hawaiian Nation and its people must stop: the second-imposed land trust, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921; the illegal Statehood Admission Act of 1959; the 1959 illegal removal of Hawai'i from the U.N. list of non-self-governing territories, preventing decolonization; the illegal and arbitrary establishiment of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) in 1978 (a BIA for Hawaiians). We demand redress!

Now, knowing the historical, moral and legal basis for our cause, we are determined to right the wrongs by mobilizing public support locally, nationally and internationally. This effort will be highlighted by Ka Ho'okolokolonui Hawai'i — The International Peoples' Tribunal Hawai'i.

In a two-step process, the U.S. and the State of Hawai'i will be publically tried for their crimes against our Kanaka Maoli Nation and People. October 23-25, 1992 will feature the drafting and announcement of the indictment of the U.S. and the State of Hawai'i with specific charges. In August 12-21, 1993, the Tribunal proper is scheduled for at least one full day and evening on each of our five main islands.

Faced with a resistant colonial establishment øf coercive assimiliation, militarism, conspicuous consumption, waste, destruction of the environment, congestion, homelessness, violence, malice and neglect toward indigenous people, we offer an alternative to our hoaloha (friends).

THE HAWAIIAN NATION offers these cultural values as the cherished legacy from our Kūpuna (ancestors):

• ***Reverence for the dignity and diversity of all — ourselves and others — through full sovereignty, self-determination and solidarity with all indigenous peoples.***

• ***Respect for reason, justice, peace, non-violence, creativity, science and the arts.***

• ***Oneness with our heritage, customs and traditions, lands, and for all of nature around us whose kinolau (many forms) represent the great spiritual forces***

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The earth, taro corm, its leaves sun and sky symbolize the unity and fertility of nature and the 'ohana — extended family

• THE TRUTH CAN N

JANUARY 17, 1993 marks the 100th anniversary of the 1893-1898 U.S. invasion and theft of our Hawaiian Nation. The event calls for baring the truth of these crimes, righting the wrongs, relieving the plight of the victims and creating a new and better Hawai'i for all.

The truth of these events has been intentionally suppressed and distorted by the American system — governments, schools and media. The facts have been uncovered by us Kanaka Maoli (indigenous Hawaiians) only since the onset of our eruptive land struggles in the 1970's.

We Kanaka Maoli lived in this mid-Oceanic *pae'aina* (archipelago) since time immemorial, farming the 'aina (land), fishing the kai (sea) and sharing the bounties of our nature gods with others in the pursuit of pono (harmony).

Imperialist foreigners came with guns and fatal diseases. They brutally exploited our people and lands. They first attacked then privatized and commercialized our land, labor, resources and culture. They imposed economic dependence and imported indentured immigrant plantation laborers to reap huge financial profits for themselves at workers' expense.

The January 1893 crisis was termed *"an act of war"* by U.S. President Grover Cleveland after the Yankee armed invasion and robbery of our independent nation under President Benjamin Harrison.

August 1898 brought the U.S.'s illegal and forced annexation of Hawai'i. To expansionist President McKinley, however, it was *"no new scheme, no change...a consummation after three-quarters of a century."*



1893 ARMY OF HAWAI'I, 1st Co. Sharpshooters. These a patrolled the streets of Honolulu on Jan. 17 intimidatin They were backed by armed marines from a U.S. battles armed overthrow of our government was to seize Pearl H the Pacific and put this gang of thieves in power of the l al rivalries between European colonial powers plundering worldwide for private profit. Along with Hawai'i, the U.. Samoa, Cuba and Puerto Rico in the same period for t above are many of Hawaii's richest landowning familie Judd, Castle, Monsarrat, Campbell, Magoon, McCandless,

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He rationalized the U.S. conspiracy since the 1820's and condoned the gunboat finale. U.S. Minister Stevens defended the U.S. grab of Hawai'i as *"the white man's burden to civilize and Christianize incompetent natives."*

American missionaries and their accomplices drafted the first haole-style laws in 1840 and the onerous land theft in 1848 called the *mahele*. Two missionaries and a haole attorney placed all 4.1 million acres of Hawaii's lands into the hands of 251 high chiefs as their *private property!* Shortly after, the "king's" lands were divided into a million acres as his personal property and

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nd 16 other gangs of armed haole businessmen g Native Hawaiians some of whom were killed. ship in Honolulu Harbor. Purpose of this illegal larbor for U.S. corporate/military aggression in ocal government. U.S. was a late arrival in glob- g indigenous peoples' lands, labor and resources S. took over the Philippines, Guam, "American" he same purposes. Among the 50 armed men s of this century including Dillingham, Cooke, Damon, Rice, Wall, McVeigh and others.

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e remainder identified as "government ds." Of 84,000 survivors of the preceding- le plunder in which *95% of the population re wiped out* (!) only 8,200 "commoners" about 3 acres each — the rest got *NOTH-G! Today, nearly all the lands assigned to chiefs under the mahele belong to haoles.*

This privatization of land in Hawai'i did re to undermine 2,000 years of Hawaiian ilization with its communal sharing of nat- l resources — as is common world-wide ong many indigenous peoples — than any er single event since colonial plunder of ese islands began.

UPDATES ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

• Beginnings The April 14 death of Kawaipuna Prejean led to the Pro-Hawaiian Sovereignty Working Group's commitment to the International Peoples' Tribunal Hawai'i which Kawaipuna had proposed. Linking the indigenous peoples movements will strengthen them all, including well-deserved honor to Kawaipuna.

• Purpose To share the shameful record of wrongs committed by the U.S. and its agencies against our kanaka maoli nation, to educate at home and abroad, analyze causes, consequences and implications and develop effective strategies to right these wrongs as world attention is drawn to the 100th anniversary of theft of our nation!

• Tentative Dates Oct. 23~26, 1992: Drafting and publication of indictment of the U.S. for its crimes against our nation. This pre-Tribunal event will follow the Oct. 1~4 San Francisco International Tribunal to examine 500 years of resistance to genocide, colonialism and worse, and prepare for the 1993 International Year of Indigenous Peoples.

• August 12~21, 1993: The International Peoples' Tribunal Hawai'i will provide one full day and evening on each of our five main islands. Local island participants will present testimonies, land struggle demonstrations and indigenous cultural activities from at home and abroad. Hawai'i was illegally annexed on Aug. 12, 1898 and illegally became a U.S. state on Aug. 21, 1959.

• Other features will include indigenous leaders, distinguished jurists and others; high-tech global media coverage, educational materials, colonized peoples' workshops, related environmental issues, redress strategies and much more!