RACIAL HARMONY IN NEW ZEALAND

If you thought you'd heard the last of the Auckland haka party incident, you're wrong. A while ago, as a result of the strong opinions expressed over the incident, the Human Rights Commission invited the public to make submissions on what it thought were the main issues under the general heading of "Racial Harmony in New Zealand". Now a report of the same name has been published by the Commission.

It contains some very challenging views, and suggests a diversity of thought which needs further discussion. Says Hiwi Tauroa, Race Relations Conciliator and Human Rights Commissioner, "It is time we stopped sweeping problems under the carpet and started being honest with ourselves . . . we are now publishing this material so that the public can discuss it fully."

Anyone is encouraged to read the report (which can be obtained by telephoning collect the office of the

Human Rights Commission in Wellington, 739 981, or the Race Relations Office in Auckland, 771 295). Anyone is encouraged to make further submissions in writing to these two offices, or contacting their officers who will be touring the country according to the following schedule: Wellington (Polytechnic) 26-7 May; Upper Hutt (Central Institute of Technology) 27-8 May; Palmerston North (Technical Institute) 9 June; New Plymouth (Taranaki Polytechnic) 16 June; Napier-Hastings (HB Community College) 23-4 June; Hamilton (Waikato Technical Institute) 30 June-1 July; Rotorua (Waiariki Community College) 1-2 July; Auckland (Manukau Technical Institute) 14-5 July; Auckland (Technical Institute) 16-7 July; Whangarei (Northland Community College) 21-2 July.

KEEP ON TRUCKING

Tairawhiti District Officer of Maori Affairs, Harris Martin, is pictured here with members of the Mongrel Mob Tu Tangata Co-operative. From left, they are Boris Hurinui, Eddie Karini, Nicki Tu and Ikadie Miringaorangi. The occasion is the handover of a new truck, bought with the aid of a loan from the Maori Trustee. It will play an important part in a new venture set up by the Co-operative for gathering seaweed along the East Coast. First-grade agar commands good prices, and the fifteen-strong Co-operative, previously unemployed, are keen to make the most of the opportunity. Mr Martin has since been appointed District Officer for

After meetings around the country, and the taking of further submissions up to 1 August, a final report will be prepared.

To aid analysis of the submissions, the

Commission asks that any specific points and recommendations are made with a view to *eliminating* racial misunderstanding and discrimination in New Zealand. The full report will make appropriate recommendations to government and other bodies, says Hiwi Tauroa, and he adds: "We are hoping for a vigorous response so that all the people of New Zealand can work together for a just and harmonious society."

INTERESTED IN JOURNALISM AS A CAREER?

The Department of Maori Affairs is organising a four-day course to be held in Wellington towards the end of August for young people (aged 15-24). The idea is not to train journalists, but to give an introduction to the profession. Successful candidates will visit newspapers, radio and TV stations and meet Maori and Pacific Island journalists.

The Department hopes that this course will enable more students to consider journalism as a career, and ultimately to boost the number of Polynesians in the news media. The proposal has the support of the Journalism Industry Training Board and the Polynesian Advisory Committee to the Vocational Training Council.

If you're interested, get in touch with a community officer at your local office of the Department of Maori Affairs.

