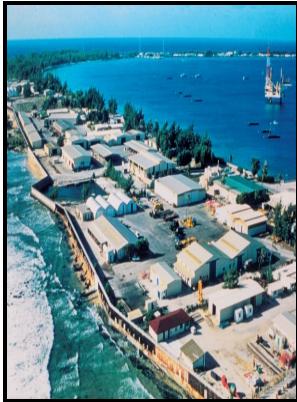


# Nuclear free and independent Pacific movement - after Moruroa

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## Opposition to French Nuclear Testing 1960s

The US, France and the other powers accumulate big wealth by taking the resources of their colonies and Third World countries. The views in the story are not necessarily shared by the USP, where the writer is employed. Fear of having my tapes confiscated came flooding back.

### This Steinlager ad distorts the truth about anti

Her captain, Lieutenant Commander John Campbell, came aboard, welcomed us to Moruroa and told us what to expect. Second Wave: The UN SPNFZ Resolution, 1965-1975 While the focus of the peace movements in both Australia and New Zealand during the late 1950s and early to mid 1960s was primarily on nuclear disarmament and testing, the advent of conscription at the end of 1964 and the first Australian troops dispatched to the Vietnam War in April 1965 led to the peace movement refocusing its aims and energies on stopping the Vietnam war and ending conscription. The Pacific Indigenous Rights Working Group Against this background, the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organizations PIANGO was founded in 1990 in Pago Pago, Samoa, to facilitate communication, provide a common voice at regional and international forums and to develop Pacific identities, unity, cultures and action to improve the well being of our island communities.

## Opposition to French Nuclear Testing 1960s

In Tahiti, 30,000 Europeans hold down the best paying jobs, while the more than 70,000 Maohi people are unemployed or hold the lowest paying, unskilled jobs. We all knew that if Green-peace suspected a test was about to go ahead, they would sacrifice one of their vessels to draw attention to the fact in the world media. If it had been daylight, I would probably have realised what was happening.

### For a nuclear

It emerged and was proposed by the Labor Party leadership in the context of an upsurge in the antinuclear and disarmament movements both internationally and within Australia as fears spread about the radioactive consequences of nuclear testing and the threat to humanity posed by nuclear weapons.

## **Nuclear Testing**

Dan had taken our original camera to Moruroa, while I had received a new Hi8 camera from Papeete only the day before. Tellingly, looters stole clothing and food while ignoring luxury goods. The wind was so strong that we had to give the anchor extra drag using whatever we could find, including some rope and an old car tyre.

### **The Indigenous Rights Movement in the Pacific by Kekuni Blaisdell**

It did not prevent the movement of US nuclear-armed warships and planes through the Pacific, did not outlaw nuclear ship visits if a government agreed to them, allowed the continued presence of US bases essential to nuclear conflict and did not interfere with Australia's uranium exports. Being inside Chimera was like sitting inside a wheat silo while someone beat the outside with a baseball bat.

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