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| In the 1970s the New Zealand police went to the homes of Pacific Islanders who they believed had overstayed their visas or work permits. Many people were sent back to the Pacific Islands. The police would often arrive very early in the morning and so they became known as the dawn raids. | Although the dawn raids had mostly negative connotations, some good did come out of it. They gave a voice for Pacific people to fight against discrimination towards them. It allowed them to join together as one and not as separate Polynesian nations to work together to help their social hardships. | The Polynesian Panthers did not see the raids as the end and still wanted to continue to help their Pacific community and the issues that may still be faced. After the dawn raids were brought to an end, this was not the end to many issues that New Zealand was facing. |
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INFORMATIONAL REPORT: DAWN RAID

INTRODUCTION

Today I'll be informing you about something called "The Dawn Raids." Now some of you may know what it is and some of you may have no clue or idea about it. Well, to start us off the name "Dawn Raid" originates back in the year 1970, the New Zealand police came into homes and disrupted the Polynesian families which lived in those homes. The police would take someone that they knew had overstayed and would send them back to the islands from which they came from. The police would do this very often in the morning and so they became known as the "Dawn Raids."



WHAT DID THE POLYNESIAN PANTHERS DO TO STOP THE DAWN RAIDS?

The Polynesian Panther members would often come to politicians' houses in the early morning or late at night with bright lights and loud megaphones. The Pacific people would then yell out to them and say "Come out with your passports and show that you can legally stay here!" Pacific people would stay there and reciprocate the same thing that had happened to them. They recalled this was because they wanted to make them feel what they felt when they were being awoken by the sounds and the lights of New Zealand police. The government's dawn raids had ended less than three weeks after the Panthers began their protest.



HOW DID PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE DAWN RAIDS?

Well New Zealand police were racially targeting Pacific people who were overstaying in New Zealand, rather than other people. This caused a lot of disturbance to the homes of Pasifika people who overstayed, New Zealand police would often come early in the morning or very late at night and knock at the houses of Pacific people. Because of this they became known as dawn raids, and since this happened Pacific people would have exit

plans in case this had happened to their homes. There had also been some racist people because of their colour, and by 1979 the Muldoon government had decided to stop the dawn raids from happening.



HOW DID THE DAWN RAIDS APOLOGY COME OUT?

In April 2021, members of the Pasifika community called for an official apology. Prime Minister, Jacinda Adren confirmed that the New Zealand government would formally apologise for the dawn raids at the Auckland Town Hall on the 26th of June 2021. Unfortunately due to COVID-19, the apology had to be postponed until further notice, until they had rescheduled it to August 2021. As part of the apology, the government announced that they would provide resources to schools to teach them about dawn raids. Including about 2.1 million dollars towards academic scholarships for Pacific communities.



CONCLUSION

Jacinda Adern had apologised for what had happened during the dawn raids, to all those who suffered a terrible pain in the heart seeing their family being taken back to their islands/countries. Racist things were said to Pacific people during their stay in New Zealand and Pacific people were being arrested for unnecessary things. New Zealand police had also racially targeted only Pacific people instead of others, this brought up a lot of disturbance to a lot of Pacific people living in New Zealand at the time. Especially for children, having exit plans, police knocking at doors late at night or very early in the morning, and seeing family being taken away.

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