



OF KIWIS AND IWIS: THE MĀORI KING MOVEMENT 1857

The Māori have lived free on the islands of Aotearoa (New Zealand) for 500 years - and should our struggle be successful, they will live here, free, for 500 more. The Europeans have spread their dominion over the Americas, Africa, India, Asia, and Australia - and now, not content to let any corner of the world go untouched, they come for us.

Traditionally divided into individual iwi (tribes), the encroachment and rapid growth of British colonists in Aotearoa has forced an existential crisis onto the Māori people. To assert sovereignty and reclaim the land from unscrupulous settlers, the Māori leaders of the North Island came together in 1857 with a monumental task: to unite iwi from all over the island despite high internal strife, to prepare to take on the British and the New Zealand Company, and - most of all - to elect a King of all Māori. To succeed, the Māori will need unprecedented unity, possible alliances with France and other British rivals, and the creation of a new, stable government and laws for the King's national confederation. They will also need to defeat the military of the world's most powerful empire - the United Kingdom and its merchant company henchmen. Manaakitia mai Aotearoa - God defend New Zealand!



JACK VOTAVA

CHAIR

Jack Votava is a third year triple majoring in Economics, Sociology, and Law Letters and Society. In his free time he's interested in concerts, the symphony, podcasts, strategy games, and good food. A member of the UChicago MUN travel team, Jack is also a member of the debate society, paleontology club, and public policy research groups. He's thrilled to be coming back for his third ChoMUN after chairing last year at the fantastic Bell Lab committee, and to be working again with Erin and Lucy!



LUCY LI

CRISIS DIRECTOR

Lucy is a second-year double majoring in Computer Science and Economics from Stockton, California. After Assistant Chairing for Bell Labs at ChoMUN XXII, she is excited to work as a Co-Crisis Director alongside Erin and Jack, the two who taught her what ChoMUN is all about.

Outside of ChoMUN and schoolwork, Lucy is involved in her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, and the UChicago Overwatch Club. When she has free time, she likes to explore the city of Chicago, try new foods, and fit in a League game here and there. She also has a wide variety of t-shirts which she cannot resist purchasing as memorabilia wherever she goes.

She is excited to welcome delegates to the world of New Zealand and to bring them through the history of the Māori King Movement, and hopes everyone has a wonderful weekend in Chicago!



ERIN STAFFORD

CRISIS DIRECTOR

Erin is a fourth year Math major from Montana (there are dozens of us). Previously she served as an assistant chair in Pinkerton Detective Agency and Mad Baron of Mongolia and as the crisis director for Bell Labs. Outside of ChoMUN, she is involved in Alpha Phi Omega. She spends her free time asking her friends to get Korean food with her, talking about how much she misses skiing, and complaining about how nobody appreciates pop music. She is very excited to work with Jack and Lucy and upset everyone with her attempts at a New Zealand accent.

Feel free to contact her at erstafford@uchicago.edu with any questions or photos of adorable pets.

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