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AREA MANAGER

DURBAN ECC AGM 14 MAY 1990

The fact that the ECC is having an AGM here to elect a new Exec. Committee is evidence that we do not believe the time is yet ripe for us to disband. While we hope our life as an organisation will come to an end within the near future, our assessment of the situation is that there is still work for us to do.

My task is to outline some of the issues which will be of importance in our work in the coming months.

1. Firstly, our priority remains to end conscription. Despite encouraging developments which we hope will lead to the creation of a climate for genuine negotiations, the machinery of the apartheid state still remains firmly in place. Despite the euphoria we may rightly feel about significant victories won in our struggle for liberation we must not let that blind us to this grim reality : the SA state remains fundamentally undemocratic & unjust & represents only the interests of a white minority. The SADF still remains the last bastion to preserve apartheid minority domination.

Our goal of ending conscription therefore remains valid & we will continue to work towards that end. We also welcome the ANC's non-conscription policy for a post-apartheid South Africa.

2. From that it follows that conscientious objection remains a valid political choice. We will therefore continue to campaign for the release of all objectors from jail, for the suspension of all CO trials & for the changing of legislation so that CO is not a criminal offence. CO's are not criminals! Objectors should be honoured rather than criminalised. Hopefully in a new SA that will happen. I have a vision of all objectors who were jailed being appointed in the new SA to head up a collective Ministry of Defence, whose mandate from President Mandela will be to dismantle the SADF.

Their first task will be to get a SAAF helicopter and dispatch Magnus Malan off on a permanent sabbatical to Chile, together with a lifetime's supply of army dog-biscuits. Their next task will be to find creative ways of converting casspiers & buffels into comfortable vehicles for people's public transport, and turning Bedfords into bus shelters. They will convert navy battle-ships into pleasure cruisers to the newly created People's Peace Park on Robben Island. They will convert Armscor factories into warehouses for self-help projects. Detention barracks will be demolished & turned into market gardens. The walls around Natal Command will be used to form another fishing pier and the buildings inside will be converted into accessible, open-plan ANC offices. R1 rifles will be used as stakes in

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3. Another area of work for us is the safe return of exiled objectors. We have been working to get this issue, as well as the release of objectors from prison, onto the national negotiations agenda. We have also been in contact & had meetings with COSAWR, the organisation of exiled objectors, in preparation for their return. We hope to have a representative from them at our National Conference later this month.
4. We are determined to build nonracialism into our programs & campaigns. We want to build a sound basis for communication and action with the ANC, the Civics, SAYCO & other UDF affiliates, as well as with our traditional allies in the white community. We want to embody more & more now, the nonracial society we are working towards.
5. Another issue we will be paying attention to is the Civil Co-operation Bureau. I don't think even ECC at its creative height could come up with such an Orwellian and cynical name for an organisation whose chief aim is to eliminate unco-operative civilians.

Our concern is that not enough public attention is being paid to this scandal. We are therefore embarking on a campaign calling for

- * the resignation of accountable Ministers
- * a guarantee of suspension of all CCB cells & activities
- * the extension of the Harms Commission's brief to include external assassinations, bombings etc.

6. Lastly, we want to be part of the process, in whatever way might be helpful, of bringing an end to the carnage & restoring peace to Natal. We are at present doing monitoring work. The future, in consultation with other organisations, may make other demands of us.

Perhaps at this point I should say something about the issue of troops in the townships. Our position remains the same : they should be out. This is still one of the factors on the national agenda for the creation of a climate for negotiations. The fact that we are giving qualified support for their presence in certain townships where the people have asked them in, does not

mean that we have changed our view of the SADF, or that the SADF has suddenly changed its spots. We recognise this cry for their presence as not so much a praise-song for the military as an indictment on the police for their dismal failure to fulfil their role as an effective, neutral peacekeeping force. The SADF, in these areas, has become the better of two evils.

So, in conclusion, we have plenty of work to do. We hope soon to reach the point where our continued existence is no longer warranted & we can then put our energies into other organisations. That point has unfortunately not arrived yet. So, while you've still got the chance, why don't you join us for the final push?

Rob Goldman
Durban ECC Chairperson

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Could you please advise me of the implications of his return if any? Do you see the current political climate impacting on his position in any way?

We would be deeply obliged if you could give your advice in this regard.

Yours in peace

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