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THE CONSCRIPTION DEBATE IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE NATIONAL PARTY'S DEFENCE POLICY AND THE ROLE OF THE SADF IN ANGOLA, NAMIBIA AND THE TOWNSHIPS, MR ALISTAIR TEELING-SMITH SAID TODAY.

REACTING TO RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN TODAY, THE ECC NATIONAL SECRETARY, SPEAKING IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY, SAID THAT BY BANNING ECC, THE GOVERNMENT WAS IGNORING THE REAL ISSUE:

+THE PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN ECC, BUT RATHER CONSCRIPTION.

+MANY YOUNG WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS FACE VERY REAL DILEMMA'S ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN THE SADF. THESE DILEMMAS ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE NATIONAL PARTY'S DEFENCE POLICY AND THE ROLE OF THE SADF IN ANGOLA, NAMIBIA AND THE TOWNSHIPS.+

HE STRESSED ECC HAD ALWAYS BEEN AN INDEPENDENT ORGANISATION THAT HAD NOT BEEN MANIPULATED OR HAD ITS POLICIES FORMULATED BY ANY OTHER GROUPING, INCLUDING THE ANC AND THE UDF.

+IT HAS BEEN A GROUP THAT HAS OPPOSED CONSCRIPTION AND ARTICULATED THE VERY REAL DILEMMAS THAT CONSCRIPTS FACE ABOUT BEING CONSCRIPTED INTO THE SADF.

+ECC HAS NEVER BEEN AN ORGAN OF OBJECTORS AND HAS REPRESENTED ALL CONSCRIPTS. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN, ARE, AND WILL GO INTO THE SADF,+ MR TEELING-SMITH SAID.

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