

Adele and Annemarie to do the overview.

It was suggested that the WJP co-ordinating comm. look at the suggestions made by Laurie on how to evaluate the WJP campaign.

3. Churches.

It has been agreed that Weny will co-ordinate the churches group. Integration into the larger ECC body needs to happen and Wendy will start coming to GB meetings as well as suggesting that the group needs more training. Steve felt that general issues needed to be discussed more thoroughly in the sub-comms and that an effort must be made to get as many people to the evaluation on the 17th May. The latest news on new members is that a minister has joined the group.

4. Media.

Different printing groups are being used by the various sub-comms for their printing needs. It was suggested that the media group make an inventory of all the media resources that ECC have used, evaluating them on cost and efficiency and making a decision as to which firm has been the most beneficial.

In terms of our financial outlay, there needs to be one printing firm that ECC uses and with whom we can set up good working relations.

5. Schools Pamphlet.

Pamphleteering of some of the schools will occur on 24th May. It agreed that about 1000 pamphlets for the English schools advertising the picnic should be printed. Joy to bring the final product to the WJP co-ordinating comm.

6. Rally.

Both the venue as well as the insurance need to be finalised by Monday 21st. At the moment we have two contacts w.r.t. the insurance. Adele to follow that up with Neil Morrison and Dave to-morrow. Clare to continue negotiating with the Jhb. City Council about the venue.

7. General.

A new members meeting to be held at Trinity on 21st April at 8pm. The programme will include the ECC video, an introduction to the structures of ECC and the sub-comms, some music from the Koeksisters. New members to be phoned and reminded about the meeting.

8. Press.

We discussed the poor press response to our events, especially the reluctance of the Weekly Mail to print some of our stories. It was felt that it would be ECC's responsibility to follow up in this case. Pat will do that w.r.t. the specific article that was not published and Clare and Annemarie will speak to Anton Harber re: generally poor support from the WM.

9. Culture Week-end.

It was decided that the media comm. needed to present a full motivation for this event to the next general body meeting. Important criteria for considering the week-end would be re-establishing the benefits of such an event for the campaign as a whole and what the political needs would be.

10. Breytenbach.

It has been decided to re-open the discussion on the issue of giving Breytenbach a platform on which to express his views through the art form. The regional Exec. of the UDF will discuss it and report back to ECC on their decision. All other ECC regions have been conatacted and decisions need to reach Jhb. by the end of the week. If the REC of the UDF says yes to it then we will take a majority national decision.

11. Continuation of the WJP.

This was discussed in the light of the symbolic action to be held in Alex on the proposed date of the 3rd May. Due to several factors, such as : lack of person power; interfering with the Jodac event some two weeks later; clashing with possible May day week-end events in the township and appropriate timing of the event, it was decided that we need to postpone the action. Steve gave strong motivation for the action to happen in conjunction with a July call-up campaign in June. This would also coincide with the results of the survey being released. This suggestion will be taken to general body for discussion and ratification.

12. General Meeting.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, 24th April at 7.30pm.
Clare to chair the meeting.

1. Venue.

The City Hall has still not been granted. A letter was drafted to the City Council and delivered on Saturday, requesting a positive decision and giving good reasons as to why ECC should be granted permission to use the Hall. The letter also stated that if there was no decision by Monday noon, that we would take the matter to the Supreme Court. Our lawyers feel confident that we have a good case. Gilbert Marcus will represent us in court if this procedure is necessary. The costs of an interdict will be high but if we win the case then the costs are covered by the City Council.

The hall at the Saratoga Catholic Church has been booked as an alternative, with Paul as the liaison person.

The banners will only go up on the Monday afternoon once we have a definite decision.

The insurance forms still need to be collected from Willis, Faber Enthoven. Adele to do this.

Press : A press statement will be prepared in the event that the City Council hold by their decision not to give us the Hall and this will be endorsed by other orgs; we will ask the PFP to make a statement of support. Dave and Annemarie to work on this together in consultation with the lawyer, Dave Dyason.

2. Aida Parker Newsletter.

The entire edition of the 8th April is devoted to the ECC. It has the same thrust as the Rapport article but not as many factual inaccuracies. They do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Media council rulings and therefore it needs to be looked at under common law.

Our response :

- we cannot take them to the media council.
- a defamation action will take too long (about 2 years)
- we can apply to the Supreme Court with an interdict, needing to prove that it is a threat to us because of the indication that there will be a wider distribution than usual.

We need to discuss this with our lawyers w.r.t the feasibility of following it up. We also do not want to go too public as we do not want too much attention given to it.

It is important that we follow it up for the following reasons :

- the Stae is in the process of criminalising us and is succeeding, especially in the Afrikaans community.
- we need to take a counter offensive action.
- we need to reject the smears.
- through the publicity we can make some gains.

3. Phillip.

He has spoken at Jodac branch meeting and has a lunch-time meeting on campus on Tuesday. TRASCO wants to meet with him and he will see UDF people in the office.

The press has been informed that he is here and Dave will do a quick phone around to remind them; Dave will also arrange that he get to see people in the SACC; and that he get to spend some time with the lawyers.

He will be leaving early Wednesday to go to the public meeting in Cape Town.

4. Breytenbach.

The Rapport article was discussed in which BB is interviewed at length and he mentions ECC and the Jodac in slighting terms. An article also appeared in the magazine De Kat, in which BB slates ECC and Jodac for refusing to give him a platform, calling us purist. Annemarie will follow this article up with Marlene in the Afrikaans group who has contact with the editor.

A telex was received from London supporting our decision.

5. Afrikaans Group.

The working group is narrowing down to a very small number and the general body has also decreased. One of the problems that the group is experiencing is not being able to identify what the target areas are in the Afr. community and how to reach those people; the other is not feeling an integral part of ECC. The following suggestion was made :

The group needs to be seen as giving ECC an Afrikaans flavour and seen as a work group but not a sub-comm of ECC. They need to start moving into the other already existing sub-comms and there needs to be a conscious process of integration. The group will still meet monthly and evaluate the different needs of the Afrikaans community - this will function as a co-ordination meeting. This procedure will be discussed with them .

6. Pretoria.

Ian Redelinghuys called ECC requesting that we attend a meeting in Pretoria on Friday, 25th April. There were members from Black Sash, Angsoc, Youth for Unity. The group is a mix of Afrikaans and English speaking people.

Laurie is to meet with the Afrikaans group here in Jhb. and talk about the strategy for setting up this new group in Pretoria. The next three weeks will be spent launching an ECC in Pretoria. A small working group needs to be formed to work on this and a Jhb. person is needed to co-ordinate the group. Marlene to be asked to do this.

7. Setbold.

We have received quotes from other printing houses and the max. that would have been charged for the typesetting done by Setbold would have been R100. We are not prepared to pay the amount of R400. They are not willing to accept our letter to that effect. Adele will arrange to go and see them and if necessary speak to Auret van Heerden about it. It was advised that Johnny from STP go along as he is familiar with the situation.

8. Alex Action.

It was decided at the previous GB meeting that on condition we got enough names from the Rally on Tuesday night, we would not go ahead with the action. Laurie would announce the action, calling for people to put their names down.

9. National Organizer.

Laurie will be in the Jhb. area for the next three weeks after the NC meeting in Durban on the week-end of 3 -4 May. The priorities for his stay here are :

* Pretoria

* Meeting with the different sub-coms and giving them a national feel of ECC.

* Campus ECC.

It was felt that he did not need a specific review group as most of that would be happening within the groups with whom he was working during his time here.

Minutes of the ECC Executive, Johannesburg, 11/05/86.

1. National Committee Report.

People were tired but felt that on the whole ECC was stronger organizationally. Examples of this are : Durban has two new sub-comms going; There are new sub-comms in CT;

There 3 major discussions at NC :

- a. Taking ECC into a more active role and confrontation of what's happening in the townships. Our actions need to be more upfront (this will happen through training) and we need to move away from just being a poster campaign but we need to bear in mind how to take our constituency with us. This needs lots more discussion both at Exec level and within the general body.
- b. Participation of women in ECC and the building of feminist principles within the org.
- c. Links made with the black community. This was particularly true for P.E. and Jhb.

Other issues that need to be discussed in this region are : drawing up a document of working principles; Afrikaans name; security; research; overseas trips.

2. National Secretary.

The review group structure for Dave needs to be set in motion. Perhaps this group can also work on the campaign around Phillip. The review group consists of: Clare, Steve, Ian, Parat, Tom, Annemarie. The first meeting will be held on 27th May at 5.30pm at Dave's house. Dave will contact the other 3 people to let them know of the purpose and date of this meeting. Dave will be away in Durban for a week and the office needs to be staffed. Stevee has agreed to work out of the office with Clare coming in to help.

Dave will complete the letter to the Welfare Orgs. and churches and get them out this week. Phillip's statement has to be typeset and printed. Isabel to take this on. While Dave is away he will keep in touch with Clare.

3. Phillip.

Phillip has been charged with failing to report for duty - the maximum sentence is 18 months. He got out on R100 bail. The nature of the charge may well affect the way in which ECC takes up this campaign. In discussion with the lawyer it seems that he may well get the max. if they are wanting to make an example of him. Phillip will take a stand of pleading guilty but in mitigation get support from the church, community organizers (witnesses) w.r.t. his moral character, etc. Phillip will be coming up to Jhb on Tuesday 13th. The review group needs to meet with him. This will be : Laurie, Steve, Isabel, Robbie, Vanessa, Wendy.

4. Gavin's Trip.

He has written a report of his tour and each region will be given one. Some press interviews will be set up for him on Monday, 12th May. Annemarie to organize this. Gavin will give a report back on his trip on Monday, 19th May at 7.30pm at Roots.

5. Newsletter.

Joy and Annemarie to meet with Chris Vick on Monday, 12th May.

6. Afrikaans Group.

They have decided to move into the different sub groups and they will meet once a month to assess their participation and strategize how they move into the Afrikaans community. It's important to integrate these people into ECC.

7. Sub-comm. Reports Back.

The only group to report was media. They would like to produce socks for the winter. The cost will be about R1500. Steve recommended that we need to start generating our own funds especially with regard to regional projects. Each co-ordinator of each sub-comm is responsible for getting individual subs. It was also suggested that each region write to their local supporters for funding - this to be suggested to each region. Adele to draw up a membership list.

8. DPSC.

The DPSC want to have a campaign around the new Public Safety Bill and they would like ECC to get involved. The first meeting will be on Monday, 12th May. We need to go to these meetings to determine where ECC can slot in and how we can relate the Bill to the conscript. Ian will be the ECC rep.

9. Aida Parker Newsletter.

ECC have decided to take this to the Media Council. They have extended powers to pass judgement on any publications. The main issue on which we are taking them to task is their allegation of ECC's links with the World Peace Council. It may possibly go to a full hearing which will be expensive but funding will be forthcoming. Laurie and Dave to work on this.

10. Workshop - 17th May.

Issues that need to be addressed at this workshop are :

- our position on the conscript.
- our relations with township orgs. and actions we do in conjunction with other orgs.
- how we have changed in the last 6 months.
- what our objectives are and what our message is.
- how do we fit into the broad anti-apartheid movement.

- the implications of developing into the Afrikaner movement.
- level of security.

Gavin and Annemarie to facilitate and plan this workshop.

11. General.

a. The Pretoria launch will be on Friday, 16th May at 7.30pm. Steve has volunteered to be the contact person with that new branch.

b. Afrikaans name - the NC agreed to the concept but feel that the name END is not adequate. There will be co-ordinated discussion with the 3 Afrikaans groups and once they have decided on a name it will go to each region for discussion. It was felt though that if the Afrikaans groups had decided on a name that there would be general agreement within ECC.

Minutes of the ECC Executive, Johannesburg, 18/05/86.

1. 1976 Commemoration.

From 16th - 18th June there will be several commemoration events organized by various youth groups. The events will be aimed mainly at the churches but it is open to any who wish to attend. An ECC speaker has been invited to address one of the meetings. This is to be discussed by both the Education and Churches sub-comms.

2. Workshop.

There was a brief evaluation of the workshop, with lengthy discussion on recommendations coming out of the workshop. It was agreed that we need to change the format of our discussion and move away from a constituency based discussion. We need to rather look at what are our key target groups and prioritize them. The level of discussion was also indicative of new members poor understanding of what ECC is about and what we are doing - this highlighted the problems that we do have with our internal education. This has also occurred because of our coalition nature. The following recommendations were made :

- we need to set up educational forums. These forums would be seen as a place where political and conceptual education happens, addressing issues such as why and how we are trying to aim at the conscript, etc.
- there were 3 areas identified where ECC members need education
 - * political input.
 - * organizational skills.
 - * internal education around issues of militarization.
- we also need forums that can be extended to our broader membership and which deal with issues such as the SADF in Angola. Contact group to take responsibility for this.
- co-ordination around attendance at funerals and working with

the black community. Contact to do this.

- making stronger links with COSG and advertising the ABMC more widely. There was some discussion as to whether all ECC members should have some basic counselling skills and how much we should feed into the existing counselling services available. It was decided that we needed more contact with COSG and that a meeting should be set up with them to discuss how we can work more closely together w.r.t. using the counselling service. Adele to set up this meeting with them.
- the contact sub-comm needs more members. Steve is to join them especially as he is now the contact person with Pretoria, but will still play some co-ordinating function with the churches group.

3. Phillip.

We discussed what areas Jhb. needs to cover re: this campaign. We need to distribute pamphlets, which are in English and Zulu. An attempt will be made to have them translated into Sotho. We also need to do press work.

a. Trial. Phillip is due to appear in court on Friday, 23rd May and will most likely be remanded.

b. Campaign.

- It is important to get him to speak on platforms that already exist.
- A support pamphlet for him will be produced.
- CT is doing a schools pamphlet.
- Phillip's statement (slightly expanded) with an accompanying letter has been sent to all the affiliates with suggestions on how best to support him.
- International press contact to be maintained by Steve and Dave.

We brainstormed some ideas for actions around the campaign and it was suggested that Laurie take these ideas to the PE support group as that will be the group which should give direction in this. Jhb. will then need to work out how we can take these ideas up in our region.

There was also some discussion as to whether the nature of the charge changed the emphasis and direction of the campaign. It was felt that we still need to continue to emphasise that the SADF is trying to criminalise him and therefore to advertise Phillip's stand on those premises. All the regions will continue with a high profile campaign and asking that he be given political prisoner status.

The working group in Jhb. will be : Paul; Clare; Marlene; Vanessa; rep from the Afrikaans group.

4. July Call Up.

This to be brainstormed at the next Exec. and general body meeting.

5. Pretoria.

It is important to provide follow up from Jhb. in the early

stages of Pta setting up. Steve will be the liason person. There was some discussion as to whether he needed a review group or reference group here in Jhb. but it was felt that that would best happen with a group in Pretoria and that he would use the Exec. as a review group here in Jhb.

Dave was suggested as a back-up person with that role being defined clearly and perhaps being responsible for 1 or 2 sub groups. Dave to be approached.

6. Sub Comms.

a. Contact : There will be a new members meeting on Monday, 26th May at 7.30pm at Trinity Hall.

No other reports from the other groups.

7. Response to Cape Town.

It was agreed at the general meeting to take a firm but sensitive line with CT w.r.t. their request from Jhb. ECC to make a public apology re : BB. The letter would include an introduction explaining the process whereby we had come to our decision; attach a copy of BB's letter to ECC; covering letter to CT objecting to the process they have followed in this regard. Each region would get a copy of this reply.

8. DPSC.

Another meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th May. Ian to be the ECC rep but working with a larger group.

9. General.

a. Laurie will do an interview with Patrick Laurence on 19th May at 2.00pm.

b. An interview with TV on Monday, 19th at 4pm - to deal with the women's perspective and that of the conscript. Annemarie to work with Laurie.

c. Jhb. ECC decided to send Barbara some flowers as an expression of our support for her.

Minutes of the ECC Executive, Johannesburg, 25/05/86.

1. Sub-committee Reports.

1.1 Contact :

A meeting was held to discuss the role of contact and 4 general points were made.

a. Administration : it was felt that ECC was not getting to enough people and that we were losing those who had shown some

interest because we had not done good follow up. We also need a computerised membership list.

The following 2 recommendations were made :

- * that the secretary work with an administrative comm. who will assist in keeping track of the membership lists, etc.
- * that we motivate for a part-time administrative office worker.

Each sub-comm needs to discuss this second proposal, identifying their needs for an admin person and then to bring the issue to GB.

b. Contact with the Black Community :

This needs to be systematised and streamlined. Gavin will be the contact person. It was suggested that a circular be drawn up in which the issue of improved contact be raised with these groups and to be distributed to various township orgs.

c. House Meetings :

It was felt that these needed to happen on a more regular basis. An insert to be put into any of our publications as well as the ECC Focus, indicating in which areas people can get involved. It would be ideal to have a separate group co-ordinating this but at the moment we could not sustain that.

d. Statement of Support :

It was felt to be very important to get high profile, respected members of the community, to sign our ECC declaration ; also to put them on our mailing list and begin to draw them in.

Contact are planning a meeting on June 9th to focus on June 16.

1.2 Education :

Had a brief evaluation of the workshop on the conscript. It was felt that the input from the speakers was good but that we still have the problem of those requesting this type of internal education not being present. This may have been partly due to the very busy week with planning meetings and media in protest against the SADF raids but felt that we needed to formalize it more by indicating that it was not an optional extra but essential for ECC members to attend these events. We need to stress that there will be an educational event at least once a month. We need to bring this to the GB again and perhaps set up discussion around the time and the day.

Education are busy with 2 pamphlets :

- a. One on the Call up campaign aimed at the school pupil.
- b. One on the Public Safety Act pertaining particularly to how the Bill affects the conscript.

A request was made to take out a subscription for Paratus. this will be done through the office and it will be kept there for members' use.

A disco (for schools) is planned for the 13th June.

Public Safety Bill group : liason will be maintained with DPSC on this campaign but at this stage no-one from ECC can attend the meetings. The media put out by ECC will be done in conjunction with the campaign but with an ECC focus. A huge pamphlet blitz is planned for the city - Clare to co-ordinate this. Jhb. should check with the other regions whether they would want any of these pamphlets and then to organize distribution.

1.3 Media :

Media are involved in many activities :

- screening of a sweatshirt.
- media stall at the Jodac Open day on 31st May.
- Art Exhibition in September (about 2 weeks) at the Rembrandt Gallery on West campus at Wits.
- Jazz evening.
- input on the cultural boycott at the GB meeting on Thursday, 29th May.

A written proposal re: the Art Exhibition will be presented to the GB.

There is still talk of a media/culture split but most likely only after the July Call Up campaign.

We discussed the problems that are being experienced with distribution and the following suggestion was agreed upon :

To have 2 people co-ordinate a roster of teams covering the various areas in Jhb. Each team will have a co-ordinator who will be responsible for co-ordinating her/his team. These people will be the contact person for the 2 co-ordinators of the roster. This suggestion to be taken to the media group and then to be discussed at the GB.

We need to ask for volunteers to take down the existing Rally posters.

1.4 Churches :

Wendy will be the overall co-ordinator of this group. Many youth groups are being addressed and all house meetings of St. Lukes Anglican Church will have some ECC input.

An ecumenical service is being planned around the Call Up with some focus on Phillip.

1.5 Campus ECC :

They have planned a rally for Thursday, 29th May and have asked for an ECC speaker. The focus will be on Troops Out of the Townships. The proposed speakers will be Allen Boesak; Helen Joseph; a UDF person; Gavin Evans.

We will suggest to them that they invite an Afrikaans speaker, either from RAU or Tuks.

It was felt that still more contact was needed between the GB and Wits ECC and that a rep from the Wits ECC be on the Exec. This to be taken to both Wits ECC and the GB.

2. General.

2.1 Jodac Open Day : This is on the 31st May and ECC has been advertised as participating in providing some education forum. It was suggested that Tom and Jackie co-ordinate this. Adele to contact them. A group also to help with surveying on this day.

2.2. Catholic Fete : The churches group will be approached to attend this event and do the survey.

3. Subscriptions.

We still have received no response from any of the affiliates w.r.t. payment. Adele to write to all the member orgs. reminding them of this and giving some deadline.

4. BB.

CT general body has not discussed our response yet.

5. Report from Laurie.

5.1 Laurie to have an interview with Patrick Laurence with a campus ECC rep as well.

5.2 Workshop for Campus ECC - to focus on an in depth analysis of why the ECC works in the white community. Steve will work with Laurie on planning this workshop.

5.3 SACC J & R meeting : we have asked to be invited to address this meeting which will be held in August. Dr. Kistner will confirm this with us. If we get the go ahead then a group needs to be set up to take responsibility for planning our input and how we can get the churches to take up the issue of more direct action around the issue of conscription. It is felt that the churches need to take a firmer line on supporting the call for an end to conscription and directing this more at the State than at the conscript.

5.4 Pretoria : Steve will do the bulk of the follow up with Dave doing support work. There will be a meeting with the UNISA Theology faculty on Thursday, 29th May from 8am -10am in Pretoria looking at the issue of conscription from a theological perspective. It would be important to get them to sign the declaration.

5.5 Policy Guidelines : Laurie is to draw up a basic draft of ECC policy for the Pretoria group. It was decided that we should use this as a guideline for our national policy. We would need a small group to work on this and will bring it to the GB with the suggested time being Saturday, 31st May for about 2 hours. There is a general meeting in Pretoria on Friday, 30th May.

6. Afrikaans Group.

A meeting with John Miles and Gerrit (from Taurus) needs to be set up to discuss the issue of joint publication of the Afrikaans short stories. There seems to be uncertainty around the issue of joint publication both from Taurus and ECC. All those who have been involved in the issue need to meet.

7. Festival.

It was decided that all that is needed at this stage is for each region to give Dave a list of about 5 speakers in order of priority.

Jhb. region needs to suggest local poets, musicians, artists, etc for the Festival. An ad hoc group should be set up at the next GB meeting to deal with this.

8. Repression.

This issue should be seen as a priority and will be brought up at the next GB. A written motivation will be presented at the GB as to why we should address this issue in the form of a campaign.

9. Call Up Campaign.

This will be brainstormed and discussed at the GB on Thursday, 29th May. The top priority for this next month.

10. General.

10.1 Dave would like some people to work with him on the article for the Frontline magazine, writing on alternatives for the conscript. Annemarie to help with this.

10.2 New Nation : they have requested that we do an article on the national character and position of ECC. Dave to follow this up.

10.3 National Evaluation of WJP : This has been done by Dave and sent to our funders overseas. Annemarie to look at that for the purposes of an article in the ECC Focus.

10.4 Dennis Healey : He will be in SA this week, hosted by the SACC. He is the Labour Party's Foreign Affairs Spokesperson. ECC to try and get to meet with him and get some publicity out of it.

10.5 UDF : It is important to meet with them to maintain contact. A meeting will be set up before June 16.

10.6 Stellenbosch : The University Council has banned ECC from the campus. However the latest report from Mike is that the Council was approached and agreed that they could operate on the campus. It was decided that we would send the ECC a letter of support as well as a letter of protest to the Council re : the decision not to let them work on campus.

JTB Exec.

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Nice Clare.

- Finances - s/seas funding to NC info.

JTB Exec 21.08.87.

Campus report

- R1500 PW's pamphlets.
- Public mtg on 27/08.
- 4.14/7. Referendum - not same ble as SLC electn \therefore now on 16/09.

Endorsed by most VIPs on campus & off campus orgs.

Int. Educat mtg on Namibia Day.

Letter of support to Joyce from ECC? - will support a people's culture & not the actual concert.

ECC elections in beg. sept.

Churches:

9 Sept: Debate on Conscript 7.30pm Rosebank Catholic.

c.o: Neil Mitchell, Rd Robertsa.

chaplain / Conscript / Emil Blaser.

Concept. discuss. on role of church's work & what focus must be for ECC's church's grp. W/ship on theology of mil. & conscriptⁿ.

Exec rep:

Creative Action:

Book launch - still pending.

Unsatisfied with JTB's NC report - not focussed enough.

Fundraising brainstorm: good ideas.

Publicity:

2 new membs. NC report discussed.

Good contact \leq campus on media product. Planning media w/ship in near future - 13/9.

Designed Namibia poster -

The future of the newsletter discussion? Exec.

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Suburbs:

Discussed parents / youth joining suburbs.

Namibia Day:

Invites send out -

John Lieberberg from Namibia.

a) SEC Pres. (Etienne Mavats) to

Speak as ex-conscript in Nam.

Pamphlet outlining situatⁿ in Namibia. b) Ian to open.

Stickers "Join ECC" - to wear at opening.

ECC Focus:

Evaluatⁿ: no associate memb. mention.

S FF:

Dakar report back - 2 Sept '87 - closed report back for memb. orgs.

Funding: min. R250.00 to belong to SFF.

~~25 August~~ ^{1st Sept} - 5pm Press Conf. for Nat. Conf. — Statement of Support.

Articles of intended papers for the Conf. to the press - following up to Conf. Invites sent out.
↳ Van Eck to start.

101 ways to fight apartheid - need ideas for this.

House v/hgs. org. build up to Conf.

29 August - Raymond's birthday. c/o Diepkloof Prison.

Requested specific ECC publicatⁿ for Conf.

ECC's profile: - Cost of war (Vio) - mil. of society,

- 10 w/shops a How w's can contribute.

- ECC to plan w/shop..

- * Nik to speak.

- Discussion on war.

- 11:30 - 1pm (Sun) - open time & sign up memb.

∴ need lots of media etc.

Delegates generally. Fri pm & Sun pm - only a public event.

Youth Report:

written by youth as alt. to PC's youth report. Consulting SACYO on feasibility of report;

TIC:

Namibia Internal Educat: (10th Sept.)

Open Forum to all ags. & membs. - SACBC / Namibian speaker.

Finances:

Fundraising ideas →

Cake sales; charity performs; rock concerts; video peace ribbon (Pat Devereaux) - just general videos; mock kidnap; Xmas gimmicks - wrapping paper.

Diary '88. Postcards; Records + tapes. (revive Forces fav.)

Photo comic; Crafts for Spring Fair; Peace run; golf day!

* WM investigatⁿ.

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648-2757 (h)



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DJ. 648-2645 (h)

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National decisia making:

Veterans:

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of the war; been on our agenda; need to dev. forum that can.
be dev. by VVAW tour.

ECC

National Relats:

Time	}	Mondays	9:00 - 11:00 pm.	Nic
		Thursdays	8:30 - 11:00 pm.	Clare.
			8:00 - Else.	

Minutes of the ECC Executive, Johannesburg, 11/05/86.

1. National Committee Report.

People were tired but felt that on the whole ECC was stronger organizationally. Examples of this are: Durban has two new sub-comms going; There are new sub-comms in CT; There are 3 major discussions at NC:

a. Taking ECC into a more active role and confrontation of what's happening in the townships. Our actions need to be more upfront (this will happen through training) and we need to move away from just being a poster campaign but we need to bear in mind how to take our constituency with us. This needs lots more discussion both at Exec level and within the general body.

b. Participation of women in ECC and the building of feminist principles within the org.

c. Links made with the black community. This was particularly true for P.E. and Jhb.

Other issues that need to be discussed in this region are: drawing up a document of working principles; Afrikaans name; security; research; overseas trips.

2. National Secretary.

The review group structure for Dave needs to be set in motion. Perhaps this group can also work on the campaign around Phillip. The review group consists of: Clare, Steve, Ian, Parat, Tom, Annemarie. The first meeting will be held on 27th May at 5.30pm at Dave's house. Dave will contact the other 3 people to let them know of the purpose and date of this meeting. Dave will be away in Durban for a week and the office needs to be staffed. Steve has agreed to work out of the office with Clare coming in to help.

Dave will complete the letter to the Welfare Orgs. and churches and get them out this week. Phillip's statement has to be typeset and printed. Isabel to take this on. While Dave is away he will keep in touch with Clare.

3. Phillip.

Phillip has been charged with failing to report for duty - the maximum sentence is 18 months. He got out on R100 bail. The nature of the charge may well affect the way in which ECC takes up this campaign. In discussion with the lawyer it seems that he may well get the max. if they are wanting to make an example of him. Phillip will take a stand of pleading guilty but in mitigation get support from the church, community organizers (witnesses) w.r.t. his moral character, etc. Phillip will be coming up to Jhb on Tuesday 13th. The review group needs to meet with him. This will be: Laurie, Steve, Isabel, Robbie, Vanessa, Wendy.

4. Gavin's Trip.

He has written a report of his tour and each region will be given one. Some press interviews will be set up for him on Monday, 12th May. Annemarie to organize this. Gavin will give a report back on his trip on Monday, 19th May at 7.30pm at Roots.

5. Newsletter.

Joy and Annemarie to meet with Chris Vick on Monday, 12th May.

6. Afrikaans Group.

They have decided to move into the different sub groups and they will meet once a month to assess their participation and strategize how they move into the Afrikaans community. It's important to integrate these people into ECC.

7. Sub-comm. Reports Back.

The only group to report was media. They would like to produce socks for the winter. The cost will be about R1500. Steve recommended that we need to start generating our own funds especially with regard to regional projects. Each co-ordinator of each sub-comm is responsible for getting individual subs. It was also suggested that each region write to their local supporters for funding - this to be suggested to each region. Adele to draw up a membership list.

8. DPSC.

The DPSC want to have a campaign around the new Public Safety Bill and they would like ECC to get involved. The first meeting will be on Monday, 12th May. We need to go to these meetings to determine where ECC can slot in and how we can relate the Bill to the conscript. Ian will be the ECC rep.

9. Aida Parker Newsletter.

ECC have decided to take this to the Media Council. They have extended powers to pass judgement on any publications. The main issue on which we are taking them to task is their allegation of ECC's links with the World Peace Council. It may possibly go to a full hearing which will be expensive but funding will be forthcoming. Laurie and Dave to work on this.

10. Workshop - 17th May.

Issues that need to be addressed at this workshop are:

- our position on the conscript.
- our relations with township orgs. and actions we do in conjunction with other orgs.
- how we have changed in the last 6 months.
- what our objectives are and what our message is.
- how do we fit into the broad anti-apartheid movement.

- the implications of developing into the Afrikaner movement.
- level of security.

Gavin and Annemarie to facilitate and plan this workshop.

11. General.

- The Pretoria launch will be on Friday, 16th May at 7.30pm. Steve has volunteered to be the contact person with that new branch.
- Afrikaans name - the NC agreed to the concept but feel that the name END is not adequate. There will be co-ordinated discussion with the 3 Afrikaans groups and once they have decided on a name it will go to each region for discussion. It was felt though that if the Afrikaans groups had decided on a name that there would be general agreement within ECC.

Minutes of the ECC Executive, Johannesburg, 18/05/86.

1. 1976 Commemoration.

From 16th - 18th June there will be several commemoration events organized by various youth groups. The events will be aimed mainly at the churches but it is open to any who wish to attend. An ECC speaker has been invited to address one of the meetings. This is to be discussed by both the Education and Churches sub-comms.

2. Workshop.

There was a brief evaluation of the workshop, with lengthy discussion on recommendations coming out of the workshop. It was agreed that we need to change the format of our discussion and move away from a constituency based discussion. We need to rather look at what are our key target groups and prioritize them. The level of discussion was also indicative of new members poor understanding of what ECC is about and what we are doing - this highlighted the problems that we do have with our internal education. This has also occurred because of our coalition nature. The following recommendations were made:

- we need to set up educational forums. These forums would be seen as a place where political and conceptual education happens, addressing issues such as why and how we are trying to aim at the conscript, etc.
- there were 3 areas identified where ECC members need education
 - * political input.
 - * organizational skills.
 - * internal education around issues of militarization.
- we also need forums that can be extended to our broader membership and which deal with issues such as the SADF in Angola. Contact group to take responsibility for this.
- co-ordination around attendance at funerals and working with

the black community. Contact to do this.

- making stronger links with COSG and advertising the ABMC more widely. There was some discussion as to whether all ECC members should have some basic counselling skills and how much we should feed into the existing counselling services available. It was decided that we needed more contact with COSG and that a meeting should be set up with them to discuss how we can work more closely together w.r.t. using the counselling service. Adele to set up this meeting with them.
- the contact sub-comm needs more members. Steve is to join them especially as he is now the contact person with Pretoria, but will still play some co-ordinating function with the churches group.

3. Phillip.

We discussed what areas Jhb. needs to cover re: this campaign. We need to distribute pamphlets, which are in English and Zulu. An attempt will be made to have them translated into Sotho. We also need to do press work.

- Trial. Phillip is due to appear in court on Friday, 23rd May and will most likely be remanded.
- Campaign.
 - It is important to get him to speak on platforms that already exist.
 - A support pamphlet for him will be produced.
 - CT is doing a schools pamphlet.
 - Phillip's statement (slightly expanded) with an accompanying letter has been sent to all the affiliates with suggestions on how best to support him.
 - International press contact to be maintained by Steve and Dave.

We brainstormed some ideas for actions around the campaign and it was suggested that Laurie take these ideas to the PE support group as that will be the group which should give direction in this. Jhb. will then need to work out how we can take these ideas up in our region.

There was also some discussion as to whether the nature of the charge changed the emphasis and direction of the campaign. It was felt that we still need to continue to emphasise that the SADF is trying to criminalise him and therefore to advertise Phillip's stand on those premises. All the regions will continue with a high profile campaign and asking that he be given political prisoner status.

The working group in Jhb. will be: Paul; Clare; Marlene; Vanessa; rep from the Afrikaans group.

4. July Call Up.

This to be brainstormed at the next Exec. and general body meeting.

5. Pretoria.

It is important to provide follow up from Jhb. in the early

stages of Pta setting up. Steve will be the liason person. There was some discussion as to whether he needed a review group or reference group here in Jhb. but it was felt that that would best happen with a group in Pretoria and that he would use the Exec. as a review group here in Jhb. Dave was suggested as a back-up person with that role being defined clearly and perhaps being responsible for 1 or 2 sub groups. Dave to be approached.

6. Sub Comms.

a. Contact : There will be a new members meeting on Monday, 26th May at 7.30pm at Trinity Hall.

No other reports from the other groups.

7. Response to Cape Town.

It was agreed at the general meeting to take a firm but sensitive line with CT w.r.t. their request from Jhb. ECC to make a public apology re : BB. The letter would include an introduction explaining the process whereby we had come to our decision; attach a copy of BB's letter to ECC; covering letter to CT objecting to the process they have followed in this regard. Each region would get a copy of this reply.

8. DPSC.

Another meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th May. Ian to be the ECC rep but working with a larger group.

9. General.

- a. Laurie will do an interview with Patrick Laurence on 19th May at 2.00pm.
- b. An interview with TV on Monday, 19th at 4pm - to deal with the women's perspective and that of the conscript. Annemarie to work with Laurie.
- c. Jhb. ECC decided to send Barbara some flowers as an expression of our support for her.

Minutes of the ECC Executive, Johannesburg, 25/05/86.

1. Sub-committee Reports.

1.1 Contact :

A meeting was held to discuss the role of contact and 4 general points were made.

a. Administration : it was felt that ECC was not getting to enough people and that we were losing those who had shown some

interest because we had not done good follow up. We also need a computerised membership list.

The following 2 recommendations were made :

- * that the secretary work with an administrative comm. who will assist in keeping track of the membership lists, etc.
- * that we motivate for a part-time administrative office worker. Each sub-comm needs to discuss this second proposal, identifying their needs for an admin person and then to bring the issue to GB.

b. Contact with the Black Community :

This needs to be systematised and streamlined. Gavin will be the contact person. It was suggested that a circular be drawn up in which the issue of improved contact be raised with these groups and to be distributed to various township orgs.

c. House Meetings :

It was felt that these needed to happen on a more regular basis. An insert to be put into any of our publications as well as the ECC Focus, indicating in which areas people can get involved. It would be ideal to have a separate group co-ordinating this but at the moment we could not sustain that.

d. Statement of Support :

It was felt to be very important to get high profile, respected members of the community, to sign our ECC declaration ; also to put them on our mailing list and begin to draw them in.

Contact are planning a meeting on June 9th to focus on June 16.

1.2 Education :

Had a brief evaluation of the workshop on the conscript. It was felt that the input from the speakers was good but that we still have the problem of those requesting this type of internal education not being present. This may have been partly due to the very busy week with planning meetings and media in protest against the SADF raids but felt that we needed to formalize it more by indicating that it was not an optional extra but essential for ECC members to attend these events. We need to stress that there will be an educational event at least once a month. We need to bring this to the GB again and perhaps set up discussion around the time and the day.

Education are busy with 2 pamphlets :

- a. One on the Call up campaign aimed at the school pupil.
- b. One on the Public Safety Act pertaining particularly to, how the Bill affects the conscript.

A request was made to take out a subscription for Paratus, this will be done through the office and it will be kept there for members' use.

A disco (for schools) is planned for the 13th June.

Public Safety Bill group : liason will be maintained with DPSC on this campaign but at this stage no-one from ECC can attend the meetings. The media put out by ECC will be done in conjunction with the campaign but with an ECC focus. A huge pamphlet blitz is planned for the city - Clare to co-ordinate this. Jhb. should check with the other regions whether they would want any of these pamphlets and then to organize distribution.

1.3 Media :

Media are involved in many activities :

- screening of a sweatshirt.
- media stall at the Jodac Open day on 31st May.
- Art Exhibition in September (about 2 weeks) at the Rembrandt Gallery on West campus at Wits.
- Jazz evening.
- input on the cultural boycott at the GB meeting on Thursday, 29th May.

A written proposal re: the Art Exhibition will be presented to the GB.

There is still talk of a media/culture split but most likely only after the July Call Up campaign.

We discussed the problems that are being experienced with distribution and the following suggestion was agreed upon :

To have 2 people co-ordinate a roster of teams covering the various areas in Jhb. Each team will have a co-ordinator who will be responsible for co-ordinating her/his team. These people will be the contact person for the 2 co-ordinators of the roster. This suggestion to be taken to the media group and then to be discussed at the GB.

We need to ask for volunteers to take down the existing Rally posters.

1.4 Churches :

Wendy will be the overall co-ordinator of this group. Many youth groups are being addressed and all house meetings of St. Lukes Anglican Church will have some ECC input. An ecumenical service is being planned around the Call Up with some focus on Phillip.

1.5 Campus ECC :

They have planned a rally for Thursday, 29th May and have asked for an ECC speaker. The focus will be on Troops Out of the Townships. The proposed speakers will be Allen Boesak; Helen Joseph; a UDF person; Gavin Evans. We will suggest to them that they invite an Afrikaans speaker, either from RAU or Tuks.

It was felt that still more contact was needed between the GB and Wits ECC and that a rep from the Wits ECC be on the Exec. This to be taken to both Wits ECC and the GB.

2. General.

2.1 Jodac Open Day : This is on the 31st May and ECC has been advertised as participating in providing some education forum. It was suggested that Tom and Jackie co-ordinate this. Adele to contact them. A group also to help with surveying on this day.

2.2. Catholic Fete : The churches group will be approached to attend this event and do the survey.

3. Subscriptions.

We still have received no response from any of the affiliates w.r.t. payment. Adele to write to all the member orgs. reminding them of this and giving some deadline.

4. BB.

CT general body has not discussed our response yet.

5. Report from Laurie.

5.1 Laurie to have an interview with Patrick Laurence with a campus ECC rep as well.

5.2 Workshop for Campus ECC - to focus on an in depth analysis of why the ECC works in the white community. Steve will work with Laurie on planning this workshop.

5.3 SACC J & R meeting : we have asked to be invited to address this meeting which will be held in August. Dr. Kistner will confirm this with us. If we get the go ahead then a group needs to be set up to take responsibility for planning our input and how we can get the churches to take up the issue of more direct action around the issue of conscription. It is felt that the churches need to take a firmer line on supporting the call for an end to conscription and directing this more at the State than at the conscript.

5.4 Pretoria : Steve will do the bulk of the follow up with Dave doing support work. There will be a meeting with the UNISA Theology faculty on Thursday, 29th May from 8am - 10am in Pretoria looking at the issue of conscription from a theological perspective. It would be important to get them to sign the declaration.

5.5 Policy Guidelines : Laurie is to draw up a basic draft of ECC policy for the Pretoria group. It was decided that we should use this as a guideline for our national policy. We would need a small group to work on this and will bring it to the GB with the suggested time being Saturday, 31st May for about 2 hours. There is a general meeting in Pretoria on Friday, 30th May.

6. Afrikaans Group.

A meeting with John Miles and Gerrit (from Taurus) needs to be set up to discuss the issue of joint publication of the Afrikaans short stories. There seems to be uncertainty around the issue of joint publication both from Taurus and ECC. All those who have been involved in the issue need to meet.

7. Festival.

It was decided that all that is needed at this stage is for each region to give Dave a list of about 5 speakers in order of priority.

Jhb. region needs to suggest local poets, musicians, artists, etc for the Festival. An ad hoc group should be set up at the next GB meeting to deal with this.

8. Repression.

This issue should be seen as a priority and will be brought up at the next GB. A written motivation will be presented at the GB as to why we should address this issue in the form of a campaign.

9. Call Up Campaign.

This will be brainstormed and discussed at the GB on Thursday, 29th May. The top priority for this next month.

10. General.

10.1 Dave would like some people to work with him on the article for the Frontline magazine, writing on alternatives for the conscript. Annemarie to help with this.

10.2 New Nation : they have requested that we do an article on the national character and position of ECC. Dave to follow this up.

10.3 National Evaluation of WJP : This has been done by Dave and sent to our funders overseas. Annemarie to look at that for the purposes of an article in the ECC Focus.

10.4 Dennis Healey : He will be in SA this week, hosted by the SACC. He is the Labour Party's Foreign Affairs Spokesperson. ECC to try and get to meet with him and get some publicity out of it.

10.5 UDF : It is important to meet with them to maintain contact. A meeting will be set up before June 16.

10.6 Stellenbosch : The University Council has banned ECC from the campus. However the latest report from Mike is that the Council was approached and agreed that they could operate on the campus. It was decided that we would send the ECC a letter of support as well as a letter of protest to the Council re : the decision not to let them work on campus.

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