

ECC ACTIVITIES : JANUARY - MAY, 1985Cape Town

- Public Meeting and Media Response to Iutenage shootings and state of Civil War in South Africa.
- ECC Cultural 'Roadshow' performances.
- Rock Concerts against the call up.
- Participation in Western Cape International Year of the Youth (IYY) Campaign.
- Workshops on Namibia; Detentions; for school pupils.
- Media - Badges - e.g. 'Stop the Call-Up'
' No Apartheid War'
- Posters - 'Stop the Call-Up'
'No Apartheid War - Hands off Crossroads'
'School Cadets Programmes'
- Stickers -
- Production of Video on the Campaign
- Pamphlets
- Newsletter
- Press Releases.

Johannesburg

- Public Meeting and Media Response (in co-operation with SACC, Black Sash, DPSC and Jodac) - response to Uitenhage shootings and State of Civil War in South Africa.
- Plans for activities around Republic Day, May Day and the July military intake. Also a public debate with the Progressive Federal Party on conscription.
- Participation in Transvaal IYY Campaign.
- Work in schools, with professions and the sphere of 'youth culture'.
- Research group established and working.
- Media - stickers - response to military budget e.g. 'Budget for Peace not War'
 - Posters
 - Newsletter
 - Press Releases.


Durban

- Public Meeting re Uitenhage and Civil War.
- Drama and Seminar Groups established and working.

- Response through posters/pamphlets to SADF activities in Wentworth (a 'coloured' area in Durban).
- Participation in Natal IYY campaign.
- Plans for public work around Republic Day and the July military intake.

National

1st National Conference held at Botha's Hill near Durban.



End Conscription Campaign

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Mrs Sheena Duncan
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Dear Sheena,


As you are aware, the End Conscription Campaign will be holding its "Stop the Call-Up" Peace Festival from the 28th to the 30th June 1985. We feel confident that this Festival will make a significant contribution to working for a just peace in our land by uniting groups and individuals of different political and religious persuasions behind the calls for an end to compulsory conscription and the withdrawal of troops from the townships and countries beyond South Africa's borders.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite one representative from the Black Sash to be present on the platform on the Festival's opening night, Friday 28th June, starting at 6.30pm. We are inviting representatives from a wide range of organisations who support the calls of the ECC to do the same. Could the Black Sash please confirm this as soon as possible?

The ECC would also appreciate it if the Black Sash would consider a proposal which came out of our National Committee meeting last week, viz that the Sash representatives from different centres around the country travel up to Johannesburg in cars with other delegates from their regions, and that the Black Sash make available the money which would have been spent on their air-fares for the financing of transport for speakers at the Festival. This would make a valuable contribution towards the costs of the Festival, which are proving to be substantial.

With best wishes,

CLARE VERBEEK
FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATOR



End Conscription Campaign

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12 June 1985

Prof M Sheer
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Dear Prof Sheer,

A number of weeks ago I visited you with Laurie Nathan to discuss the End Conscription Campaign's Stop the Call-up Peace Festival to be held at Wits University from 28th to 30th June, and you very kindly offered your assistance to the ECC should we need it.

We are really concerned that the only venue available for the public meetings is the Arcade in the Student's Union. We feel that this is neither large enough nor does it create the right atmosphere given the nature of our speakers and the international media coverage of the Festival.

Participating in the Festival are Cardinal Arns (Archbishop of San Paulo, Brazil), Carol Tongue (Member of the European Parliament and the British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament), Bishop Tutu, Dr Beyers Naudé, Nadine Gordimer, Sir Richard Luyt, Archbishop Hurley and Molly Blackburn. We have also invited to sit on the platform on the opening night Alistair Sparks, PFP Youth, Dr Bozzoli, the leaders of all the mainline churches, Di Bishop and many others. The BBC, Voice of America, Time, the New York Times, Le Monde and the London Times will all be covering the Festival.

I feel like we are nagging, since we have asked you before, but we really would appreciate your reconsidering your decision not to allow us permission to use the Great Hall for the public meetings. The Great Hall would convey the seriousness of the events where the Arcade would seem a little to 'studenty'.

If you like we could state on our programmes that the views of the ECC and the speakers are not necessarily those of your university.

We are very grateful for all the assistance we have received from Wits.

Yours faithfully,

DC Verbeek

Clare Verbeek
Festival Co-ordinator

STATEMENT FROM HELEN SUZMAN

RE: WITHDRAWAL OF ARNS' VISA

(This statement was made telephonically and may be confirmed with Mrs. Suzman)

"Preventing Cardinal Paulo Arns, Archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, from coming to the Festival for Peace simply highlights the fact that the Government is aware that many young SouthAfricans are not prepared to fight for a cause they believe to be unjust.

What the Government should be asking itself is why the sons of the men who volunteered to fight for South Africa in World War II are today rejecting military service. The sooner conscription is ended the better. SouthAfrica should rely on a 'Permanent Force of men who wish to be in the army.

I have no doubt that the Festival will take place and that the sentiments which the Cardinal would have expressed will nevertheless be conveyed to those attending the Festival.

What the Government therefore thinks it has accomplished by this clumsy refusal of a visa to the Cardinal is beyond me. "

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