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WAR IS NOT COMPULSORY- LET'S CHOOSE A JUST PEACE

The End Conscription Campaign is about to launch a new campaign. The slogan of this national campaign is WAR IS NOT COMPULSORY- LET'S CHOOSE A JUST PEACE. The campaign hopes to highlight the choice between peace and war.

The Nationalist Party programme is a programme for war. The rhetoric which NP leaders have used in the buildup to the election leaves no doubt that the government intends to continue in its policy of destabilisation, invasion and militarisation. The only future that the present government offers us is a violent one. The End Conscription Campaign feels that war is not compulsory, and that there are peaceful alternatives.

We feel that this campaign will raise vitally important issues. They involve choice- the choice to be made by the white community with regard to the general elections, or the choice to be made by the whole country between civil war and a just peace. But for many South Africans war is compulsory. Among those who find war imposed on them are conscripts, who cannot choose, but must serve the government in ways in which they themselves may hate.

The ECC feels that security depends on justice- a just peace in a non-racial South Africa. It is necessary to choose peaceful alternatives rather than warlike ones. We urge the public to participate in the WAR IS NOT COMPULSORY- LET'S CHOOSE A JUST PEACE campaign, which hopes to work towards this ideal.

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