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MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE HELD ON SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 1990 BETWEEN JOHANNESBURG, DURBAN & CAPE TOWN

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1. REGIONAL REPORTS

1.1 DURBAN

Mike Graaf had a remand hearing on 15 August. The AG is still deciding whether to withdraw charges. Trial date set for 2 October. Mike will be sending out a newsletter to all centres soon.

Brendan Moran has been advised by his lawyers to ignore the August call-up he received as it has no legal standing (his earlier call-up legally holds).

National register (771) now falls under the auspices of ECC.

1.2 CAPE TOWN

The organisation has not met since 6 June. This meeting was poorly attended (13 people) after phoning many of the objectors on the local list. Had input from Alan Dodson on the current legal position. The "Objector" was completed finally and mailed out to all on the Jhb list as well as others. Johannesburg asked for some more "Objectors".

1.3 JOHANNESBURG

Doug Torr is out on bail pending his appeal which will probably be heard in about 6 months. Work is being done especially in the churches to make people aware that the issue of CO is still around. A new pamphlet has been printed.

Press coverage around Doug and Charlie has been good - ? need to improve press links in other centres to see that they pick up on info put out by SAPA.

771 stand organisation effectively collapsed.

ECC is small, with the campus group being bigger than the town group. Had a successful WJP project in Hillbrow.

Jhb will send out a written report of David Bruce's impressions of the International CO conference and his tour of Germany. The theme decided on for next year's world CO day (15 May) is: "No conscription for women and no army."

2. PROPOSED NATIONAL CONFERENCE

After discussion it was decided to go ahead with a national conference on 21 - 23 September in Johannesburg. Agenda items to be sent to Johannesburg by the end of August if possible.

Decisions on delegates: All active COSG members who want to attend, as well as all CAS people who can make it. COSG will subsidize half of their road travel costs. 3 national reps from ECC, 1 from Methodist Order of Peace Makers, 1 NUSAS rep and 1 rep from Community Servers Group (CSG).

Need to let Johannesburg know numbers as soon as possible.

- 3. **RETURN OF EXILES AND THE PRETORIA MINUTE**
It was decided that Johannesburg COSG with urgently take up the general issue of CO's and amnesty etc with the working group (ANC/Govt) meeting on political prisoners. They will liaise with Mike Evans in Cape Town. It seems as if only about 10 objectors from overseas will be returning together via COSAWR in Oct/Nov.
- 4. **AFFILIATION TO WRI**
To be fully discussed and decided at the National Conference.
- 5. **FIVE FREEDOMS CONFERENCE**
Decided that Johannesburg should send 1 delegate (although there is a possibility of Mike Graaf being able to attend).
- 6. **NEXT ISSUE OF "OBJECTOR"**
Next issue about ready for printing. Will be mailed in the next week. Ivan to send labels for his mailing list.
- 7. **FINANCE**
A full income/expenditure statement to be presented by the national treasurer at the National Conference.
- 8. **NEW LETTERHEAD**
Durban will send the draft to all centres as soon as possible. The letterhead will be finalised at the National Conference.
- 9. **SUPPORT GROUP MANUAL**
This still needs to be edited. Johannesburg's responsibility. Final document will be about 40-50 pages.
- 10. **DRAFT DOCUMENTS**
"COSG Statement of Intent" will be laid out by Johannesburg as a pamphlet and brought to the National Conference along with the "Draft COSG Policy" for finalization. Also will then decide on other uses for the Policy document.
- 11. **HANDY TAYLOR'S STATUS IN COSG**
Mandy left COSG a month early and began with ECC on 1. June 1990. She has resigned from ECC as at the end of August 1990.
- 12. **FUTURE CONTACT**
All ideas, issues etc for the National Conference to be sent to Johannesburg. Did not seem as if special contact is needed before the conference.
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Cape Town: (021) 34-2081 Attn: Dr Ivan Toms

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Present: David Tennick, Rob Goldman, Richard Steele, Michael Graaf

Apologies: Illa Thomson, Craig Freese

1. Public meeting on Thursday July 2nd, Durban

Time: 7.30pm.

Venue: St Thomas' Church Hall (*Richard to ask Sue to book*). Failing that, Norwegian Hall.

Theme: legal situation regarding the call-up; resistance to conscription and the high rate of refusals to render service; future of conscription/military service.

Speakers: Chris de Villiers (*Michael to contact*), Laurie Nathan (*Richard to contact*), a local objector (*Richard to arrange*).

Chairperson not yet decided.

Publicity: notices sent out to mailing lists; newspaper adverts; pamphlets?

2. Conference 3-5 July, Durban

Venue: *Richard to approach Glenmore Centre*

Who should participate? Past and present members of ECC/COSG/CAS, anyone else interested in or involved with anti-militarisation issues.

Numbers: about 50 in total

Outline agenda:

- * state of the nation
- * state of militarisation
- * state of the anti-militarisation movement in the regions, and as a national "force"
- * do we believe we should continue?
- * if so: which issues should we address?
 - what are our capabilities?
 - in what form should we continue?
- * the way forward

3. Budget

3.1. PUBLIC MEETING

Venue	150.00		
Catering	200.00		
Publicity	3 000.00		
Transport (speakers)	1 500.00		
P.A. system	300.00	5 150.00	
Less "collection"		200.00	R4 950.00

3.2. CONFERENCE

Accommodation and catering	5 000.00		
Transport	4 800.00		
Administration	200.00	10 000.00	
Less Conference Fee			
(R50.00 - employed			
R30.00 - unemployed)		1 800.00	R8 200.00

3.3. TOTAL COSTS

R13 150.00

3.4. FUNDING FOR THE ABOVE BUDGET: we propose that ECC funds the public meeting in full, and two-thirds of the conference. COSG to fund one-third of the conference. (*Richard to request ECC, Michael to request COSG.*)

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