JOHANNESBURG ECC

MOTIVATION FOR WJP SURVEY

This is a full motivation for the running of a survey or questionnaire as part of the WJP campaign. Johannesburg has decided to go ahead with this action, but would obviously like other centres, and particularly all the NUSAS campuses to participate in it as well as a national action.

Form

We see the questionairre more as a political intervention than as a sociological exercise. One of the main thrusts of the questionairre would be educational. The survey would:

* Provide us with a way of reaching out to and talking with our constituency . ECC will gain profile; so will WJP.

- * It will inform us about our constituency in a way which will be useful in the long-term.
- * The anonymity of people surveyed will give us a higher success rate than, for example, a petition/demand endorsing programme would.
- * The survey goes along with the general trend of WJP to consult with the people.
- * The results of the survey (at least the campus part of it) could be released by VIP nobs and gain a lot of publicity.
- * In the context of Malan refusing to give statistics, our ability to provide some of these is particularly important
- * It would provide concrete activity for new recruits to work on. Also, people who are not interested in joining our structures, but who would like to do something for the campaign can help with it.

Process

We feel the survey should:

- 1. Run until the end of May, serving to link the WJP campaign and the July call-up action.
- 2. Continue at a pace to be determined by each centre, with a step-up in pace after WJP and the possible setting of regional targets at that stage by National Committee,
- 3. A national target of 50 000 is suggested.
- 4. On the NUSAS campuses a full-on scientifically controlled survey could be run. The results could be used to point out how many university students are unhappy with conscription and to compare these figures with those of 2 years ago. To reach almost every student on campus would not be an enormously difficult or organisationally draining task.
- 5. The major part of the survey would , however, be loose, informal and largely a street survey. We would not claim scientificity for this but would be able to point out the significant trends in the results. We would run it in shopping centres and streets, keeping records of the areas in which we work. It may also mean some house-to -house work in defined areas.
- 6. Cut-out questionai re forms would be placed as adverts in newspapers (at least in the Weekly Mail and in magazines)

The Pilot survey

On 01/03/1986 we ran a piolot survey on a set of questions which had been drawn up by our Education Committee (which includes highly reputable and trained sociologists). We obtained responses from 60 people in Hillbrow, Yeoville, Hyde Park and Blackheath (ie from a fair spread of class backgrounds).

The Piolot Survey asked these questions:

- 1. Do you think military service should be compulsory in South Africa at present ?
- 2. Should men have the choice to serve South Africa in a non-military capacity ?
- 3. Should soldiers have the choice of not going into the townships ?
- 4. Have you heard of the End Conscription Campaign?
- 5 Do you support the idea of choice rather than conscription ?

We got very contradictory results ! 80% answered YES to both question 1 and question 2. Evidently the questions were not all that clear. They have therefore been rephrased. Also, some people answered question 1 in contradiction to question 5. (We think this may relate to being taken through a process). People seemed to want more information about ECC, so it would be a good idea to have pamphlets with us.

It took us an average of 15 minutes to question 10 people. In this light, we don't see the national target suggestion of 50 000 as unattainable.

The Revised Survey

This has been laid out in such a way that collation of results will be very simple. We would estimate the age of the informant and note their sex. However, we feel that for such a large number of informants we should limit the number of correlations we try to work out. Thus we feel that if centres wish to note details such as what kind of military service respondents have done, they should do so. However, correlations for very large numbers are not particularly useful in a practical sense. We do suggest that the Campus survey incorporates a variety of questions to identify the type of respondent. These figures would be significant in that the campus survey would be scientifically conducted.

A copy of the final survey suggestion is enclosed. We would lay it out and print it, and distribute it to other centres.

Collation.

We suggest that each centre does initial collation of results (ie adding up the number of responses on each page and making a composite list.) Joburg will do the final collation and analysis of results (percentages, statistical testing for the campus survey etc)

WHAT WE NEED NOW

- 1. GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE SURVEY.
- 2. AN INDICATION FROM EACH CENTRE AS TO WHETHER THEY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE OFF-CAMPUS SURVEY AS A NATIONAL PROJECT.
- 3. PLEASE MOTIVATE THE CAMPUS SURVEY VERY STRONGLY TO CAG AND NUSAS PEOPLE. DAVID WILL TRY TO FACILITATE A NATIONAL CAMPUS DECISION ON THE ISSUE.

PHONE CLARE \$6489282), ANNE-MARIE (6436405) or GAVIN (6484166)

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(ii) Return this form to ECC, Joburg by mid-May, 1986.

WORKING FOR JUST PEACE CAMPAIGN : JOHANNESBURG.

The campaign would be divided into 2 phases leading to the culmination (1) <u>Build-up period</u> for the Duration of March During this time, the survey would be run, and various other activities would raise the issues of the wip and gether lists of people prepared to work during the campaign. Training for some of the activities in April would happen at this stage.

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- b) The Actual Campaign 1-30 April for the whole of the 1st week and for each of the following weekends in April, we would engage people in protest-action. Particular constituencies would be targeted at different points in the campaign. The whole campaign would be leading up it the culmination and organizing people to take part in it. c) Culmination : Public meeting 30 April
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A. BUILD PERIOD (MARCH) a) We would varse issue of Alternate Nul-Service; we made and for the actual campaign; finally we would release in April. (P.S. Should this be changed to a petition?) b) Ribbon: This would be painted at the following centres on the 1st 3 Saturdays of March: - Rosebank Plaza; The Market , Pamphlets would be handed on survey conducted at the same time.

c) <u>Mailing of pamphlet</u>: A pamphlet with a tear-off return-slip uld be mailed widely to affiliate members + other supporters, le sympathisers, ideally by the 12 March. It would detail is of WJP breadly, and specific actions. (1) The Training programme for the Holiday Activity: would train all volunteers by 23 March (Sunday). This would mean that we should have recruited volunteers by We would do thirs through (i) Wits (esp. Social Work + Sociallegy Opts) (ii) Survey (iii) Affilialized Black Sash. (iv) Churches (v) Newspaper appeal ods Focus:

school's concert would be held on the last Friday of the term (21 March). We will aim to get school bands and one or two draw-card bands to play.

This would be advertised by a paniphlet (explaining a little about ECC, but mainly advert) handled out in the previous week.

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out in conjunction with Concerned Social ubvicers, it would from Tues 1st April to Fri 4th April, possibly from 9-1.30 each day It would culminate in a Festival/Parade on Sat Morning. We would aim to get 500 children, there, and one day could perhaps link up with the Carnays Holiday Programme in Beren. Wohnteers needed: Maximum of 30 x 4 days = 120. (see above) Painting 10 kids for where

is would happen 12-13 April.

ers needed: Mrimum 20 x 2 days = 40.

tudents would be recruited (hopefully) by other Rice who would work at it from 25 Feb onwards (the date of Int. meeting). A pamphlet would be drawn up for this by the RAU people.

Conscripts would come via (1) Newspaper ad (1). Survey Churches (1) schools concert (v) concert.

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d) Picnic: (Sun_27 April)

Possibly at 200 lake. The idea would be to have kide activities + adult discussion about the issues. We would wim to get the Holiday Camp people + families of all volunteers + others. Possibly turk of a 'sand-castle" type of action

e) Public Neeting (30 April) This would be Johannesburg City Hall's Biggert Event! Ideas for speakers: - All should have "a name". One should be talking from mother (father perspective; one from Church; one from ECC (Course?)) These should be cultural input + participation from floor.

t) Mother's Meetings.

Throughout April, we would ask groups of mothers (Black Sash, Women for Peace etc) to organise housemeetings it which methers would discuss militansation, role of SAPF, cadets, what they could do for WJP, letter-writing, contributing the peace Robon etc.

g) Medical School still to be Throughout this period med. School students would be outprimed getting nursilved in Emergency service programmis.

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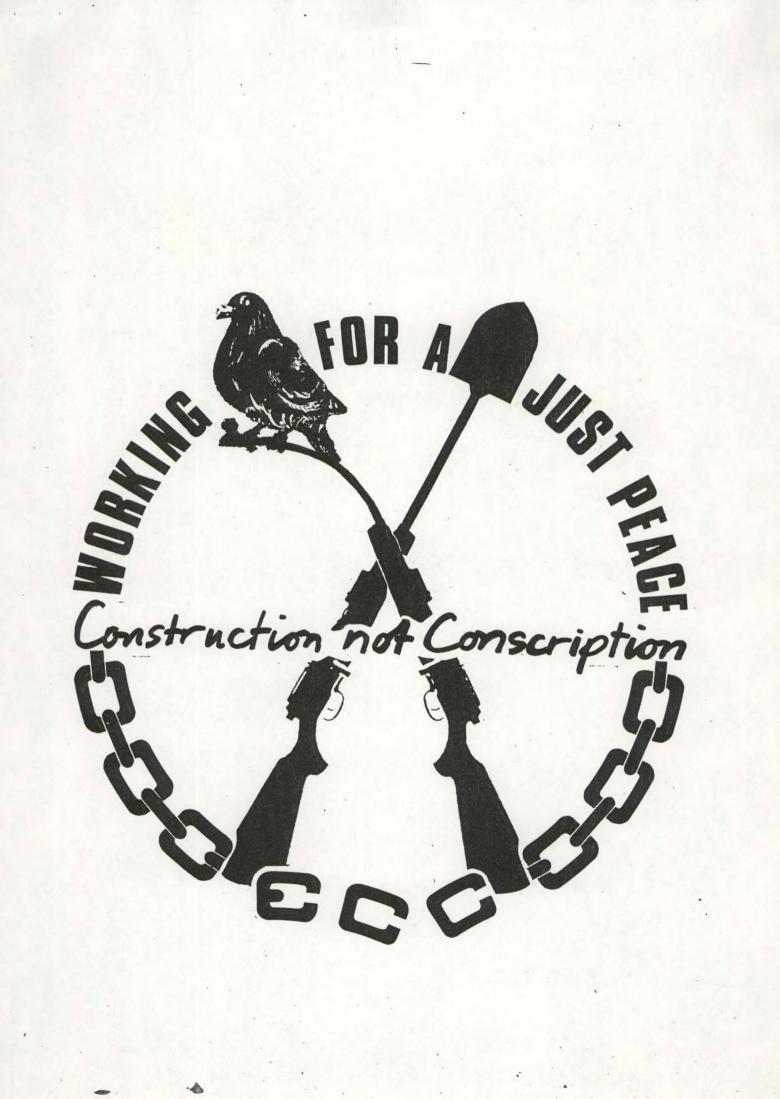








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JOHANNESBURG AFFILIATE NEWSLETTER NO. 2, FEBRUARY 1986.

WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE CAMPAIGN.

In August last year, ECC representatives gave evidence before the Geldenhuys Committee which is examining, amongst other things, the question of conscription. We told General Geldenhuys that until conscription is ended, we believe that anyone who finds himself unable to serve in the SADF should be allowed to do a realistic and non-punative period of useful alternative non-military service.

In March and April this year, we will be taking this demand further. Our WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE CAMPAIGN will be making a POSITIVE and SYMBOLIC PROTEST AGAINST CONSCRIPTION into the SADF. Throughout the country, thousands of volunteers will be working on projects of the type which could be of benefit to all South Africans. By doing this, we will challenge Apartheid's definition of National Service. We will involve our supporters in an active demonstration of their commitment to working towards a peaceful future for all in South Africa. And we will strengthen through action our demand that all people should have the right to choose whether or not to serve their country by defending apartheid in the SADF.

We in ECC feel that the Working for Just Peace Campaign (WJP) has tremendous potential to draw people from the white constituency into active support for the campaign to end conscription. Our challenge can only be strengthened through the involvement and support of conscripts and their families in both the English and Afrikaans communities, school students, proffessionals etc.

The success and impact of our campaign, however, will depend on the involvement and committment of our member organisations and affiliates. We would like you to advertise WJP amongst all your members, and to stimulate discussion about the campaign.

But most importantly, we would like you to use all the channels available to you to obtain firm committments for work in the WJP campaign. We need volunteers for:

- * Conducting a survey on militarisation and conscription
- * Painting ECC's contribution to the Peace ribbon
- * Running a Children's Holiday Programme in Coronationville from 1st to 6th April. The Concerned Social Workers are working jointly with us in planning and running this programme. It will involve training 30 volunteers in nonviolent and co-operative methods to run the activities of the programme from 9.00-1.30 from Tuesday to Friday that week. There are plans for a festival or parade on the Saturday morning.

Through this programme we will make clear our opposition to conscription and at the same time our preparedness to work for peace for all in South Africa.

- * Planting a park for Mentally Handicapped Children in Eldorado park (19/20 April). We need people to plan, to collect plants and to plantthem out.
- * Host house-meetings around the themes of militarisation and conscription in South Africa. In particular, we would like to get a series of mothers' meetings going, at which the choices facing young men in terms of the army and school cadets could be discussed, and which could provide some support for the mothers of conscripts.

Other plans for the campaign include a non-racial picnic and a public meeting. The meeting will be held on 30 April in the Johannesburg City Hall. Speakers will include Dr Alex Borainne and Laurie Nathan.

If members of your organisation would like to participate in the WJP, please telephone Clare (6489282) or Gavin (6484266).

OPEN FORUM ON THE SADF AND HEALTH SERVICES.

The past few months have seen the contraversial involvement of the SADF in the Baragwanath strike and in the removal of records from the Alexandra Clinic. What is the effect of such actions on the well-being of the community ? Come and hear Dr Tim Wilson from the Alex Clinic and a Bara doctor explain. Thursday 13 March, 8pm. Trinity Hall, Braamfontein Catholic Church (just below Dental School).

ECC OFFICE.

Our National Office has been established in room 227/229, Khotso House, 42 De villiers Street, Johannesburg. Our National Secretary, David Shandler, is in attendence. Phone him at 3376796.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

If you wish to make use of any of ECC's resources, please contact Clare (6489282). We have available

- * A slide and tape show on militarisation and the role of the SADF. (20 minutes)
- * A video of the 1985 Peace Festival (45 Minutes)
- * An information package on ECC and opposition to conscription * A selection of t shirt's, buttons and a new (and stunning)
- Declaration Poster. Please let us know if you are having a meeting at which these can be sold.

NON VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION WORKSHOP.

This will be on 23 March from 9to 5 at Trinity House, Braamfontein Catholic Church. Richard Steele and Anita Kromberg of Durban ECC will run the workshop. All are welcome.

ECC INFORMATION MEETINGS.

These are important for all new members of your organisation One will be held on 11 March at 205 Highlands Road, Kensington. The next will be on 15 April. Please encourage people to attend.

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TOWARDS A JUST PEACE IN OUR LAND'

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A Declaration to End Conscription

We live in an unjust society where basic human rights are denied to the majority of the people.

We live in an unequal society where the land and wealth are owned by the minority.

We live in a society in a state of civil war, where brother is called on to fight brother.

We call for an end to conscription.

Young men are conscripted to maintain the illegal occupation of Namibia, and to wage unjust war against foreign countries.

Young men are conscripted to assist in the implementation and defence of apartheid policies.

Young men who refuse to serve are faced with the choice of a life of exile or a possible six years in prison.

We call for an end to conscription.

We believe that the financial cost of the war increases the poverty of our country, and that money should rather be used in the interests of peace.

We believe that the extension of conscription to coloured and Indian citizens will increase conflict and further divide our country.

WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE MORAL RIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICANS TO EXERCISE FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND TO CHOOSE NOT TO SERVE IN THE SADE.

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Jong mans word vir militêre diensplig opgeroep om te help met die toepassing en verdediging van apartheidbeleid.

Jong mans wat weier om militêre diensplig te doen moet kies tussen ses jaar tronkstraf of ballingskap. Ons vra vir die beeindiging van konskripsie.

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