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September 25th, 1985

Laurie Nathan
 c/o End Conscription Campaign
 37 Polo Road
 Observatory, Cape 7925
 SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Laurie,

Thanks for the information on the fast. This note is just a short message of solidarity from the members of the War Resisters League - activists, resisters and local organizers for peace and justice - for the fast and the goals of the ECC.

The Mobilization For Survival national office, another peace group that does organizing on disarmament, anti-intervention and human needs issues, is having their annual Chinese Banquet on the evening of Oct. 7th! I figured that that was as good a way as any to end a fast, so I will personally be joining you in the Oct. 6 - 7 fast. This is an individual, and not quite an organizational, commitment - so I'm not sure how much publicity or attention I will get. The information about your activities, however, will be included in the article for the Nonviolent Activist.

I've gotten some good responses about the Youth and Conscription conference in Helsinki Nov. 29 - Dec. 1. Funding for an ECC person has not yet been confirmed, but if you could tell me more logistical info. (i.e., cost of trip, if someone is actually still planning to attend) then I might be able to get a confirmation sooner.... I was also told by some of my British friends at WRI that they spoke to one of your representatives (who was on a European fundraising trip) about the real possibility of having two ECC members at the WRI Triennial in India this December. Have you heard about all this?

Finally, it has just come to our attention (via the International Fellowship of Reconciliation) that three or four of your members and supporters have just been arrested. We immediately send a letter and telegram to Botha, Secretary Shultz and some local U.S. Senators, so this note is just one of concern for all of you in the struggle. Let me know if there is anything further that we could do.

Matt Meyer
 acting Chairperson, WRL

For Peace With Justice,

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November 5, 1985

Laurie Nathan

Dear Laurie,

By now you will have already received the exciting news about the tour. As I discussed with Steve L., I'll transfer all money to Howard at WRI in London, who will be coordinating the tour with the CIIR folks.

I wish that I could go on the tour with you!

As for details about getting into India, Howard is again the best person to talk to - or at least he will know the best people. I hope that can get straightened out- either through your Indian Congress contacts or through our Indian organizers. Do you have any back-up plan if this doesn't work?

I was glad and relieved to hear about the slight easing of the situation there for ECC, though Howard mentioned something about a new detention - of Dr. Ivan Toms? The movements here have been intensifying over the last months, and I have just come from an exhausting weekend conference of student activists from around the country.

As we were working on getting word out about the Troops Out Of The Townships campaign, we were in touch with several other supporting groups who have now helped me raise the necessary funds for your travel expenses. The Fellowship of Reconciliation and Quaker Friends Peace Committee have been particularly helpful.

On another note (I realize that I'm note very focused tonight), I would like to know the timeline for sending ECC reps. to N.Y. and the U.N. We would certainly be interested and able to set up a public event here, and could definately organize a regional tour if we had the advanced notice and your folks had the time to spend. Get back to me on this if it looks like a possibility - all the folks that I've been talking to about ECC in WRL are anxious to meet you and sorry that your whirlwind tour can't include the U.S.

Well, I have a hundred things left to do, so I'd best go now. If their are problems or questions contact the office or me at home (718) 788-7620.

Be seeing you in a few weeks!!!


Matt

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June 12, 1986

*copies sent to ECC
Regiswale*

Dear Friends,

We're just two days away from one of the largest, probably to be the largest demonstration in U.S. history against apartheid. Under the slogan "Remember Soweto" hopefully over 100,000 people will march from Harlem to the United Nations to Central Park to protest the Botha regime, and Reagan regime's support for Botha. It is an exciting time, and I hope and trust that all of you are well and busy in a struggling and difficult time in your country.

I'm sending a packet which I hope will get to you, giving full details of last April's Gavin Evans tour. The tour has enabled us to broaden our support work for ECC tremendously, reaching well over an active core of 25 national networks that are now hooked in to ECC, and hoping to support your continuing work.

By the time this reaches you, I hope to be able to inform the national office of a ~~sizeable~~ sizeable grant from the New York Friends Group, which is led by Bayard Rustin - a long-time civil rights and trade union activist who is connected to AFL-CIO and mainstream Democratic Party leadership. Also, just last week, our office received a call from one of Senator Edward Kennedy's top aides, thanking us for our work on the tour, and inquiring about Philip Wilkenson's case and how they can help out. Ivan Toms visit also was able to make links with some key State Department allies (who are few and far between, but quite important nonetheless).

Meanwhile, on the home front, we are trying hard to pull two key church and anti-apartheid organizations into a national coalition to host a major Spring public speaking tour. Possibilities for this look very promising, and again I will let the national office know as soon as I hear anything.

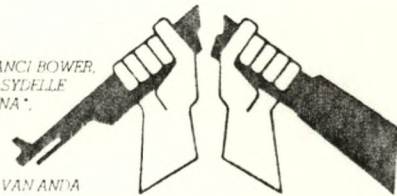
Finally, I have just heard in a letter from Gavin, that repression - especially physical attacks - have been on the increase over the past months, paralleling ECC tremendous growth. There is little I can say here, except stay strong at this key time - you know that we are with you in spirit and in struggle.

For Peace With Justice, for a just peace,

Matt Meyer, acting Chairperson WRL

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September 23, 1985

End Conscription Campaign
37 Polo Road
Observatory, Cape 7925, South Africa

copies to: State President P. W. Botha / Secretary George Shultz
Senators Moynihan and D'Amato

Dear friends and co-workers,

We have received the news of the arrests of Sue Britton, Anita Kromberg, Richard Steele, and Michael Evans with great concern and had earlier cabled the government there to protest.

Now we find that Dr. Ivan Thomas and Harold Winkler have begun a prolonged fast. Our concern deepens.

You are too fully aware of the ironies of the situation - if you were resisting conscription in the Soviet Union you would have no end of supporters (in addition to us). If you resisted conscription in Nicaragua, where U.S. pressure has forced the government to adopt a policy we cannot support, you would have support from many official U.S. sources (in addition to us).

But we have a President who thinks segregation has ended, (and had to correct his statements in this regard when an aide got his attention), we have a government engaged in a cooperative relationship - "constructive engagement" - with a government which has continued to wage war against its neighbors and now against its own people.

We fully support your work. We call on U.S. officials to apply the same standards to South Africa that they apply so swiftly elsewhere. Your actions require enormous courage - and they remind us that it is not South Africa we condemn, but the present government of South Africa. You give witness to the fact there are, in your troubled nation, both Black and white South Africans who may yet redeem the future.

Fraternally,

David McReynolds
staff, War Resisters League



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August 22, 1985

To: Laurie Nathan
37 Polo Road
Observatory
Cape Town

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Your material are quite attractive. The festival looks and sounds like it was a great success. The article will appear in a future issue of The Nonviolent Activist, though the issue with an article on the U.S. draft and on the Columbia U. anti-apartheid protests has already been printed. (I've enclosed a copy).

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As far as funding for the two conferences is concerned, I've sent letters to our own locals around the country and to other national organizations informing them of your interest; none of them, however, have too much money. I've also written to the Finnish organizers, who may have more contact than we do, and who would be interested in learning of your work in any case. (The "Youth and Conscription" conference in Helsinki - Nov. 29 - Dec. 1 will be easier for me to raise funds for: put the date - tentatively - on your calendar.)

I've also sent word via our rep. to the W.R.I. Council, which is meeting in London this weekend, that folks from EEC may be interested in the India Triennial (Dec 31 - Jan. 7). One suggestion or question was whether any EEC representative would be interested in traveling to Finland, touring around Europe for a month, and then going on to India. This may be more feasible, though would take much more coordination work on both our parts. If you're interested, please contact me as soon as possible. In any case, we'll have to be in touch

8-23 - Dear Laurie -

Hope you've received this already. Enjoy the materials!
Love + ✉ Jesse Matt



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pretty soon about all of this stuff.

One new internal development here - While our national Chairperson, Dr. Linnea Capps, will be working as a medical assistant in Central America this coming year, I will be assuming the position of acting Chair. Though this will mean a good deal more work for me, I hope that it will also mean good things for the League and anti-draft movements - I'll be the youngest Chair in our history and it'll be one of the few times a current public non-registrant has taken on the role.

One of the first things I'll be involved in is drumming up support for the two non-registrants who are currently in prison: Ben Sasway (#58318-098, Federal Prison Camp, P.O. Box 771, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, California 93436) and Gary Eklund (#03005-030, P.M.B. 443, Federal Prison Camp, Duluth, MN. 55814). Of the hundreds of thousands of young men who failed to register over the last 5 years and the possibly millions who did not send in their change of addresses or social security numbers, it is a sign of the governments fear of a strong peace movement that has kept indictments and jailings down to so few,

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The key way that the government and Armed Forces are getting to young people today is through high school and college recruitment - or ROTC - because of the problem of high unemployment. I'll send some of our anti-ROTC materials, which is another of our major campaigns.

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Enough for now. I really hope to hear from you soon, and maybe even meet you in Helsinki. Keep up the good work.

In Love and Peace,

Matt Meyer, acting Chairperson W.R.L.

P.S. - I've decided to send this letter alone - maybe safer? - and send all of the materials, posters, etc. separately, to both you and Richard G.

-MM



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April 1, 1986

End Conscription Campaign
 Khotso House
 42 DeVilliers Street
 Johannesburg, SA 2001

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire membership, local network, National and Executive committee, I am pleased to write you a letter of support and solidarity for the "Construction Not Conscription" campaign of the ECC.

As we have become familiar with your work over the last two years, we have been continually inspired and refreshed by your creativity and ingenious actions. Actions, taken especially in face of such repression, are a way of building a new society - of building new bridges between people. This month you have literally been constructing for peace...moving from symbolic to concrete direct action.

The End Conscription Campaign, in calling for an end to conscription, has made a model for the individual's responsibility in a racist, militarized and unjust society.

The End Conscription Campaign, in calling for Troops Out of the Townships, has made a model for a groups responsibility to address the issues of racism and militarism at home, abroad, and in ones own community.

The End Conscription Campaign, in calling for A Just Peace, has made a model for the white communities responsibility in facing those issues directly, unashamedly, strongly.

Our movements learn from each other, build upon each other, gain strength and grow together, even through difficult times.

Of course, you have the support, solidarity and friendship of the War Resisters League, as we wish you success through all the future campaigns.

For Peace With Justice,

Matt Meyer, National Chairperson War Resisters League

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April 16, 1986

David Shandler
National General Secretary
End Conscription Campaign
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear David Shandler,

This is to send greetings on behalf of the War Resisters International, from myself as Chair of the International, speaking on behalf of all of our sections in more than twenty countries; in making clear our view that the ECC is part of the international peace movement.

Those who oppose conscription in South Africa are part of a movement which opposes conscription in every nation where it now exists, North, South, East, West. Those in your country who may face prison - or may already be in prison - because of their affirmation of conscience are linked to those in the Soviet Union, in Israel, in France, in the United States - in many nations - who refuse to cooperate with conscription and suffer persecution for their beliefs.

War Resisters International, which in January held its Triennial in India, gathering three hundred delegates from thirty nations, including - as you know - four from South Africa, three white and one black, has spoken against organized violence for more than sixty years. We are a voice for human rights, national self-determination, full racial equality, and for nonviolence and disarmament.

We want to stay in close and continuing touch with your movement. It is important for you to know the world is watching. It is important for us to know there are those working nonviolently in a very difficult situation. If, in years to come, there is peace within a multi-racial South Africa, if the killing ends and human rights are respected, the credit for that will go to those who struggle in the present time.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David McReynolds'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David McReynolds
Chair, War Resisters International



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pretty soon about all of this stuff.

One new internal development here - While our national Chairperson, Dr. Linnea Capps, will be working as a medical assistant in Central America this coming year, I will be assuming the position of acting Chair. Though this will mean a good deal more work for me, I hope that it will also mean good things for the League and anti-draft movements - I'll be the youngest Chair in our history and it'll be one of the few times a current public non-registrant has taken on the role.

One of the first things I'll be involved in is drumming up support for the two non-registrants who are currently in prison: Ben Sasway (#58318-098, Federal Prison Camp, P.O. Box 771, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, California 93436) and Gary Eklund (#03005-030, P.M.B. 443, Federal Prison Camp, Duluth, MN. 55814). Of the hundreds of thousands of young men who failed to register over the last 5 years and the possibly millions who did not send in their change of addresses or social security numbers, it is a sign of the governments fear of a strong peace movement that has kept indictments and jailings down to so few,

The key way that the government and Armed Forces are are getting to young people today is through high school and college recruitment - or ROTC - because of the problem of high unemployment. I'll send some of our anti-ROTC materials, which is another of our major campaigns.

Enough for now. I really hope to hear from you soon, and maybe even meet you in Helsinki. Keep up the good work.

In Love and Peace,

Matt Meyer, acting Chairperson W.R.L.

P.S. - I've decided to send this letter alone - maybe safer? - and send all of the materials, posters, etc. separately, to both you and Richard G.

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