

AB2
Conference on Militarization in South Africa

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I) What do we want out of it ?

- o Legitimization/credibility
- o A focus on 'Peace Studies' as a legitimate academic area of study.
- o Reassert Durban's position as an integral part of ECC. *as a national organisation*
- o Establish a more sound theoretical basis for our campaign generally.
- o Effect on public opinion makers and on media coverage.
- o Maintaining a diverse presentation of ECC activity and membership.

II) Who do we invite as 'drawcards' ?

- o Joan Baez *• Academics*
- o Mosignor Bruce Kent *• Public Opinion formers*
- o Cardinal Arnes *• ECC Members and supporters*
- etc.

III) Scope of the conference ?

- o The appeal should be wide enough to appeal to the broader community and not only the academic and intellectual sector.
Alternative presentations can coincide with other more academic functions.
Evening functions should reflect a broader and more general identity.
Some socio-cultural activity.

IV) Areas ? Ideas not complete list

- o Feminism and Militarization
Practical/ideological implications of women in the SADF.
Progression from "keeping home fires burning" to more central role in th military as women.
Reflection of levels from mothers discussion

groups to more theoretical analysis.

- o Psychology/Sociology of Militarization
The effect of the war on children.
The socology of war.
- o Culture and Militarization
Obvious and subliminal presentation of the military in the media.
Theatre and the military
The separation of militarization and 'The War'
Counter culture
Possible display/sale of books on the topic.
- o Economy - Counting the cost
Buisness and the SADF
- o Politics
The state and the military
The SADF link with 'reform'
Western 'expansionism' and the South African connection.

V) Logistics ?

- o When ? - Early February 1987 (Univ vac and academics returning to campus - res accomod)
- o Links ? - CCSU (access to resources and ammenities)
ASSA (Association for sociology in SA)
JASA (Joint Academic Staff Assn)
Black Sash / Neusa / Nusas
- o Duration ? - 5 days (can be reduced)
Poss starting Tuesday evening and ending Sunday.

VI) Theme ?

- o Counting the cost.
- o Left, Right, Left ...
- o Left, Right, Left ... Bang!
- o War and peace in South Africa.
- o The Onslaught: Reassessed !
etc.

FORWARD INTO ~~WAR~~ peace!

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