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DRAFT STATEMENT ON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR BRETT MYRDAL.

UDF(Western Cape) supports Brett Myrdal in his refusal to serve in the SADF because of its role in upholding apartheid. The SADF is engaged in a civil war in South Africa, while at the same time defending South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia.

It is significant that despite all the government's propaganda and indoctrination, thousands of white youth are refusing to serve in the SADF. Some, like Brett, have chosen to go to jail.

The new constitution will further heighten the civil war in our country. In fact, the price that sections of the oppressed will have to pay for their sham representation in the new parliaments will be conscription into the apartheid army.

Brett's stand cannot be seen in isolation from the situation which will be faced by coloured and Indian youth in the near future. While the Apartheid constitution attempts to further divide South Africa's people, we are united in our opposition to the SADF and the new constitution, and in our struggle for a free and democratic South Africa.

Brett's participation in the democratic movement has led him to the conclusion that he cannot participate in the SADF. The UDF(Western Cape) wholeheartedly supports him, and all other objectors, in their stand.

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