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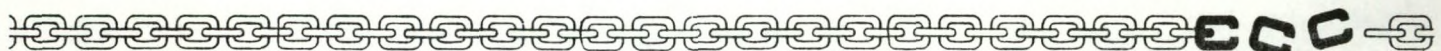
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Mini Cine in Hilbrow is a cinema with a reputation for showing 'alternative' films that may otherwise not appear on the commercial film circuit in Johannesburg. In doing so it provides a valuable service.

It also has a reputation of being sympathetic to organisations working for change in South Africa. In this regard the ECC has always had a positive relationship with the Mini Cine and they have been supportive of our goals. We have used their facilities in the past and aim to host a anti-war film festival at the Mini Cine in the future.

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Alastair Teeling-Smith
ECC National Secretary



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Dear Comrades

The End Conscription Campaign supports David Bruce in his refusal to serve in the SADF. David is fundamentally opposed to racism in South Africa and believes that the SADF is being used to uphold, maintain and defend an unjust racist system in this country.

By refusing to participate in the SADF, David is making a strong statement against racism in this country and for a new and just South Africa. By refusing to go into the SADF David faces a jail sentence of 6 years.

All white South African males are required by law to do an initial period of two years military service in the SADF after leaving school or university. They serve in the townships, Namibia and Angola. After their two years they have to do another period of two years spread over 12 years. For those who object for political reasons, like David, the results are difficult.

They either have to go into exile, hide from the army within the country or go to jail for six years. Dr Ivan Toms, the doctor from Crossroads was sent to jail in February. David will probably be the first objector to be sentenced to six years in jail.

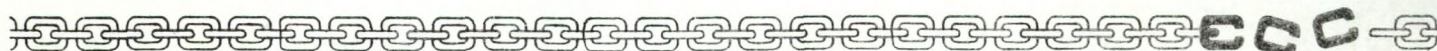
The ECC believes that white South Africans should not be forced to serve in the SADF, and that they should have the choice to do real national service, by serving communities without wearing army uniforms and carrying guns.

We ask you to support David Bruce in whatever way you can. When he is in jail you can send letters of support to Box 591, Kengray, 2100.

Yours in the struggle

Al Teeling-Smith

Alastair Teeling-Smith ECC National Secretary



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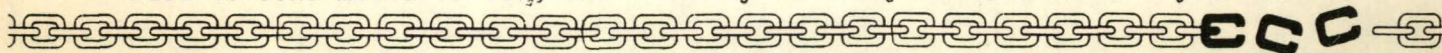
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Hello chickens

Here are some things for you plus, for those who were unable to attend/missed/lost their way to our last national meeting, some things you missed. Included in this bumper edition are:

- * NC minutes (long awaited no doubt, appologies)
- * Centre for Intergroup Studies proposed ANS conference (for your info)
- * Interesting letter from Isreali ECC-type grouping
- * Paper on White Local Government (for general info)
- * Minutes of last White Orgs Meeting (restrict to execs/key people)
- * Durban Record Proposal (for your info, discussed by treasurers)
- * Letter from Pat Poovalingam MP re Vets for Victory and response from Durban
- * ECC evidence to SADF (for your info, embargoed from press at this stage, but can use publically after Malan's response)
- * Joint SADF-ECC Statement
- * Assessment of ECC SADF mtg (for discussion)

Hope this all reaches you and finds you well and in good health

I remain

Yours faithfully here in Jhb serving the ECC

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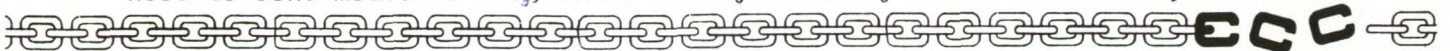
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2 August 1988

Dear ECC,

On behalf of the National Union, I would like to thank your organisation for its contribution to Nusas July Festival in Pietermaritzburg. The input helped us in addressing key questions facing us as students striving for a non-racial democracy.

In extending the value of the conference beyond those who attended, we will be publishing a booklet of the proceedings. We will send you a copy of this booklet.

Yours sincerely
Meryl Plasket

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NUSAS SECRETARY-GENERAL

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The Secretary General
ECC

4 August 1988

Dear Comrade,

NACTU is holding its Congress on the 6 and 7 August 1988 and would appreciate a message of support and solidarity in our important work of uniting the workers in our country.

We deeply appreciate your support in the past which has contributed to the strengthening of the struggle. Your message at this crucial Congress will help us consolidate our forces further.

Your organisation is also invited to send a representative to the opening of the Congress at 9.00 am at Standard Bank Arena, Doornfontein.

Yours fraternally,

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General Secretary
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17 August 1988

Dear Friends,

INVITATION TO PRESS CONFERENCE

In the light of the following recent developments:

- the Minister of Defence's negative response to our proposals for alternative national service presented at our meeting with the SADF in June,
- the possible implementation of UN Resolution 435 in Namibia;
- the jailing of Dave Bruce for six years for refusing to serve in the SADF;
- the public stand by 143 conscripts refusing to serve in the SADF,

ECC is hosting a Press Conference at 9.30am on Tuesday the 23rd of August. At this Press Conference we will;

- release to the press our memorandum to the SADF.
- respond to General Malans' rejection of our proposals.
- declare our support for Ivan Toms, David Bruce and the '143'.
- articulate the urgent need for alternatives to military service.
- comment on the Angola/Namibia peace process. (conscripts viewpoint).
- outline our future plans of action.
- answer questions from the press.

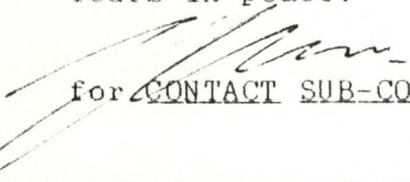
We would appreciate your presence at the Press Conference where there will be an opportunity for you to make a statement in your personal capacity or in the name of your organisation.

We suggest that your statement includes;

- a sentiment of regret at General Malans' rejection of ECC's proposals for alternative service.
- a call for the government to reconsider extending alternative service to all conscripts who for moral, ethical, humanitarian or political reasons, cannot in good conscience serve in the SADF.
- words of support and encouragement for Ivan Toms, David Bruce and the '143'.

If you are able to participate, please confirm telephonically with our office.

Yours in peace.


for CONTACT SUB-COMMITTEE



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PRESS STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF LAW AND ORDER, CAPE TOWN
AUGUST 22, 1988

The Minister of Law and Order this morning in terms of Regulation 7 of the Emergency Security Regulations, 1988, by way of a notice in the Government Gazette, prohibited the organisation END CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE (ECC) from carrying out or performing any activity or act.

The main purpose - basically the sole purpose - of the ECC is to launch campaigns encouraging opposition to military service. The ECC is attuned to discouraging the citizenry from supporting the South African Defence Force and from doing national service in its true sense. These activities of the ECC are a link in the so-called struggle against "apartheid" and the so-called "national liberation struggle" undermining an existing state structure.

At the ECC's February 4 to 7, 1988, national conference it was inter alia decided that there should be closer links between the ECC and the UDF.

There is abundant proof that the UDF is the tool of the ANC for carrying out the revolutionary onslaught against South Africa.

The ECC attempts to create an impression of political neutrality, but it is not difficult to see the organisation's role in the revolutionary onslaught against South Africa.

Earlier this year the ANC appealed to white South Africans to join the ranks of the ECC. The ANC also is most positive in regard to those refusing to do national service. In a statement issued on August 17, 1988, by the ANC's National Executive Committee, it is said: "The National Executive Committee also welcomed the decision by scores of young white South Africans to refuse to serve the racist South African Army".

The Republic of South Africa is the target of a multi-dimensional revolutionary onslaught finely orchestrated by the ANC/SACP alliance. Terror acts against civilian targets and attempts to render South Africa ungovernable are some of the most important strategies in this drive. Contrary to certain denials that the ANC is responsible for such terror deeds, the National Executive Committee of the ANC on August 17, 1988, issued a statement acknowledging afresh that Umkhonto we Sizwe, military wing of the ANC, attacks civilian targets in our country which cause the death of defenceless civilians.

The security forces of the Republic, including the SA Defence Force, play a decisive role in protecting the inhabitants of South Africa against the deeds mentioned. In addition, the South African Defence Force is responsible also for safeguarding the borders of our country against terrorists threatening the security of all South Africans.

As a result of the ECC's campaigns many liable for national service are influenced to refuse to do military service. Their refusal is not necessarily founded on political convictions. The result is that such persons

are tried and sentenced in terms of the ordinary laws of the land. This would probably not have happened had it not been for the ECC's campaign against military service.

It is also known that the ECC actively assists service dodgers who leave South Africa to acquire residence permits in the United Kingdom. Once such permits have been acquired, they are permitted to work in the UK and should they be unable to obtain employment they become entitled to social-security benefits.

In England seminars aimed at politicising service evaders are held.

The dangers posed by the activities and acts of the ECC to the safety of the public, the maintenance of the public order and the termination of the State of emergency, leave no other choice than to act against the ECC and to prohibit the organisation from continuing any activities or acts.

AMBASSADE VAN HET KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

ROYAL NETHERLANDS
EMBASSY

No. 5919

Pretoria, August 25, 1988

Dear Mr Teeling-Smith,

First of all I would like to thank you for the elaborate report on the Arts Festival 86 and the financial statement.

As far as the Embassy is concerned, we are satisfied with your reporting. It was unfortunate that the festival was banned.

When I am in contact with Mr Schillings I will convey your regards to him. He now works in the Netherlands Embassy in Paris. In his last letter to me he wrote that he enjoys his new job very much and has a lot of work to do.

Yours sincerely,



J. Smallenbroek
Third Secretary of Embassy

Mr A. Teeling-Smith
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Gary Cullen
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31 August 1988

Dear Gary

Thank you very much indeed for agreeing to talk on Wednesday the 5th October here in Pretoria to our members. Your own topic: the need for alternatives to conscription. Adèle Kirsten will talk on women and militarisation, and Edwin Cameron on the Bruce case.

Please confirm whether you can be here for lunch at 12 o'clock for lunch before the talk at 12.45. I will let you know here we are to lunch. The venue for the meeting is the Philadelphia Hall, Samuel Pauw Building, UNISA (in town), but again, I will explain to you how to get there.

Regards

Glaudin Kruger
Coordinator

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MUHAMMED SHABAZZ

P.O. Box. 6167

HARARE

ZIMBABWE

AUGUST 26. 1988

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a Zimbabwe journalist, specializing in Southern African affairs, with emphasis on S.A.

I would be grateful if you could send me all relevant information/data/regular bulletins/papers/leaflets, pertaining to the END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN (ECC)

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

MUHAMMED SHABAZZ

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THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO
BE YOUR AFFILIATE DUE TO THAT IT IS ALSO PREPARED
TO ACHIEVE THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF YOUR ORGANIZATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO STATE CLEARLY THAT EVEN MYSELF
WOULD LIKE TO BE YOUR STAINCH MEMBER TO ACHIEVE
YOUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES HERE IN THE LOWVELD. OUR
ORGANIZATION'S POLICY IS TO OPPOSE ALL EXPRESSIONS
OF MILITARISM IN SOUTH AFRICA BLACK AND WHITE, AND IT'S
AGAINST THE UNJUST LAWS.

I PROPOSE THAT YOU COME TO US OR WE WILL
DELEGATE OUR LEADERSHIP TO HAVE TALKS AROUND THE TABLE,
WITH YOURS AT THE DATE AND PLACE TO BE CONVENED BY YOU.

YOUR QUICK RESPONCE TO OUR REQUEST WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

Yours Faithfully

NHLENGETHWA JETHRO - FIELD ORGANISER OF INYANDZA. N.M.

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