

The date : October 15
Time : 8.00 p.m.
Venue : Claremont Civic Centre

The Committee decided to ask Black Sash to book the hall. Rondebosch Town Hall was decided as a second choice, in the event of Claremont Civic Centre not being available. It was stressed that in any case, we needed a "back-up" venue.

c) The Committee

Nearly 30 names were put forward to work on the Ad Hoc Declaration Committee. It was decided that the first meeting of the Committee would take place on WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER at 8.00 p.m. at 14 ST. MICHAELS ROAD, OBSERVATORY.

d) National Launch

It was suggested that at this stage we postpone the national launch of the declaration until next year, and concentrate on our respective local launches. As yet there are no national structures, and co-ordinating a national launch would be extremely difficult. The suggestion was adopted and Mike was asked to take it up with the other regions.

e) Patrons

It was suggested that we postpone the appointment of patrons till a later date. "Patron-type" people could still be used at the regional launches as endorsees of the declaration, and the final decisions could then be taken at a later date. Mike was again asked to take this proposal to the other regions.

So far the names that have been suggested from Cape Town ECC organisations as possible patrons include: Alan Boesak, Francis Wilson, Mike Savage, Peter Moll (Cape Town), Bishop Tutu, Sheena Duncan, John Dugard, Nadine Gordimer (from Johannesburg), Archbishop Hurley, Gerry Coovadia (from Durban) and André Brink (from the Eastern Cape).

f) Endorsements

It was stressed that all people who were approached to endorse, but have not yet complied, need to be got back to.

5. FINANCES

Mike again called for a volunteer to assist Beaver. No one was forthcoming, so Margot agreed to assist in the interim. It was stressed that this would not be ideal because Margot already has the difficult task of co-ordinating the Media Committee. Volunteers were asked to contact Mike or Margot.

So far organisations have been very slow at promising ECC much-needed finances. Only Black Sash (R15 per month) and COSG (at least R5 per month) have promised money. Organisations were asked to discuss this issue.

It was decided that the executive would apply for funds to cover the declaration launch.

6. GENERAL

It was pointed out that the Observatory Junior School would be holding a fete on Saturday morning at which there would be a strong SADF presence.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m. with the specific request that organisations put much energy into the next six weeks, to make the declaration launch an incredible success.

FOLLOWING MEETINGS: THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
- 8.00 P.M. (SHARP PLEASE!)
- RONDEBOSCH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PRESENT: COSG, UCT SRC, Black Sash, WPCC, Observatory UDF, Claremont UDF, War and Peace Group, Civil Rights League, Anglican Board of Social Responsibility, Women's Movement for Peace, Members of the Declaration Committee, Race Relations.

APOLOGIES: NUSAS, Gardens UDF.

1. REPORTS:

A. Reports from ECC Organisations

a) Race Relations

Dot reported that although the Western Cape Region of Race Relations had signed the declaration, as a policy they did not get involved in fronts. Therefore, they did not want their name included in any list of organisations supporting the campaign.

b) Observatory UDF

Andre reported that their workshop on conscription was very successful and opened up the issue in the area committee. Out of discussion during the workshop a working group was set up to look further into the

c) Black Sash

Beaver has been around to four of the branches. The response has been very supportative, although only one person has volunteered to work on the campaign.

d) UCT SRC

The two candidates standing on "Unite against conscription" tickets in the SRC elections came in the top five positions of the poll. This shows an encouraging response from campus to the conscription issue.

e) COSG

An Advice Bureau on military conscription enlisting the aid of experienced and professional people has been set up by COSG.

A video looking at South African propaganda was well received. A short edition of "Objector" focussing on objectors is due to come out quite soon. The reasons given for the banning of the last "Objector" were the content of the declaration, but they are appealing.

f) Anglican BSR

They have not yet endorsed the declaration, but will hopefully do so at their next meeting.

g) WPCC

Lesley reported that people from the American institution "Ploughshares" are in SA. They have requested to meet with the ECC when they are in Cape Town in January next year. Mike E reminded us that at the July Conference meeting in Johannesburg the importance of international support had been emphasized. Monday 21 January, in the evening, was set as a date to meet with the group of approximately 25 people.

B. Report from UDF Anti-Conscription Committee

Richard reported that at the moment the UDF is assessing and planning direction. The ACC would have to fit into direction arising out of the general assessment. It was felt that conscription had been a significant aspect of the anti-election campaign.

The ACC felt that their emphasis needed to be on a long-term educative campaign on the role of the SADF.

In regard to the launch of the declaration - the ACC will be taking material and media to UDF affiliates to promote the launch.

C. ECC Executive Report

- Finances: The exec has applied to the SACC for R5 000,00 to fund the declaration launch and are awaiting a response.
- Someone is still needed to work on a finance sub-committee. If interested, contact Mike E (47-7407) or Margo (47-0222).
- National contact: Mike has written to Durban and Johannesburg about the decision from our last ECC meeting that the appointment of national patrons should be delayed, and that a joint national launch of the declaration does not seem feasible. He also suggested that national ECC application for funding for next year be done as soon as possible.
- Paula is the SRC rep on ECC and takes over Viv's position on the Executive as secretary.

2. DECLARATION LAUNCH:

This ECC meeting was combined with the Declaration Sub-committee and will continue to be so until the launch. On the alternative Thursdays, the Declaration Sub-committee will meet at 14 St Michaels Road at 8.00 pm.

A. Meeting

The Claremont Civic Centre has been booked for Monday 15 October. Ideas for content of the meeting were that it should include a cultural event, for example, a play, the declaration slide-tape show and speakers. Suggested speakers were Sheena Duncan, Allan Boesak, Trevor Oosterwyk and Ivan Toms. It was also felt that a mother would be a compelling speaker, but five speakers would be too many and the meeting sub-group would have to prioritise and find out who would be available.

The meeting sub-group and the executive have taken joint responsibility to get as many endorsements of the declaration as possible. It was felt that endorsees could be used in some way in the meeting - possibly sitting on the stage. Mike went through the organisations and individuals who have endorsed the declaration. It was suggested that further possible endorsees were: SACC, NCFS, Andre du Toit, Harvey van der Merwe, Francis Wilson, Peter Moll, Doug Bax, Stellenbosch SAAK (?)

It was suggested that we check whether people and organisations mind their names going to the press.

B. Press

The Press Sub-Group proposed the following plans:

- to convene a meeting with sympathetic journalists to raise the launch campaign;
- to assess the viability of a press conference;
- to get a feature written by Michael Savage to the paper;
- to get a student viewpoint written about the End Conscription Campaign, etc.;
- to see if Microphone-In will give us a theme just before the launch;
- to encourage all people in ECC and affiliate organisations to write letters and teletexts. It would be useful if during the next month organisations such as Black Sash, Anglican BSP, Justice & Peace, Civil Rights League wrote letters explaining why they supported the campaign and endorsed the declaration;
- put together a press package;
- contact local TV and radio groups;
- try and make the work of other sub-committees newsworthy.

C. Concert

This will be held at UCT Yellow Level on 9 October, 1984. The bands playing will be the Dynamics, Amapando, Social Camouflage and Back to Normal.

D. Cultural Roadshow

A play "somewhere on the border" is being prepared to be put on at the launch meeting.

The Roadshow should be ready in two weeks and will include poetry, a play, slide-tape show. The time length of the Roadshow is flexible. Any people interested in being creative and helping should contact either David (65-1031), Mike (65-4987) or Andre (55-8094).

If organisations feel they could use the Roadshow also contact any of the above people. UCT, Black Sash, WMP and some churches indicated that they would be able to make use of it!

E. Debate

Dot raised the suggestion of a debate on conscription with Civil Rights League, but they were not particularly enthusiastic. She will approach Race Relations and the Centre for Intergroup Studies.

F. Media

- Slide-tape show: Half has already been done.
- Poster: Three possible posters using powerful images were displayed. The idea of an A1 declaration poster had been discarded because it looked dull, but it was suggested that an A3 could be done. We left it to the poster group to make the final decisions.
- Badges and T-Shirts: Designs were passed around. Slogans were: No Call-up; Cancel the Call-up; No Apartheid War; Stop the Call-up; Don't Die/Kill for Apartheid; No to Botha's Army.
Beaver said she would check the legality of the last two slogans.
- Display: Will start once the slide-tape show is finished.
- Banners: Three statement banners are planned, as well as advertising banners. Venues for banner painting are hard to find, and if anyone can help out, contact Lou (47-9957).
- Publication: Will consist of the declaration and will elaborate on each point of it.

The Media Committee will meet on Monday 17 at 5.30, 26 Arnold Street, Obs. Anyone interested, phone Margo (47-0222).

G. Pickets

Will be organised by Black Sash for Friday, 12th October and Monday 5th October. Beaver needs to know the slogans two and a half weeks before and we felt the declaration sub-committee could decide next Thursday. We decided 37 picket spots would be a good number.

H. Churches

Vigils and other possibilities were discussed. Lesley, Ivan and David are going to meet to look into the question of the churches more thoroughly.

Beaver said there had been a complaint from one of the churches about the lack of follow-up after a pamphlet of the Namibian campaign.

3. GENERAL:

- Dot said that Civil Rights League were giving ECC R100,00 for the declaration meeting.
- Beaver reported that Black Sash would give their monthly donation in a lump sum. Other organisations should discuss a monthly donation to ECC.

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PRESENT: COSG, UCT SRC, Black Sash, NUSAS, Anglican Board for Social Responsibility, Observatory UDF, TEAM, SUCA, Declaration Sub-Committee Members.

APOLOGIES: WPCC, Claremont UDF, Catholic War & Peace.

1. REPORTS FROM ECC ORGANISATIONS:

(a) UCT

The Conscription Action Group (CAG) brought out another copy of the pamphlet "The Conscript". The new SRC has endorsed the Declaration and granted ECC R240,00 for the next year.

(b) SUCA

Mike v. G. reported that SUCA is working on a play on conscription which will be ready in 3 to 4 days.

(c) Black Sash

The Black Sash magazine which has a wide distribution has good coverage on conscription - three pages on Namibia, The Declaration on the back cover and "cancel the call-up" on the inside cover.

(d) Anglican BSR

Have endorsed the declaration and granted a minimum of R10,00 per month to the ECC.

(e) COSG

At the last COSG meeting, ECC was discussed and COSG members have undertaken a letter writing campaign to the press.

2. REPORT FROM THE UDF ANTI-CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE:

Richard reported that ACC had undertaken to do work for the launch of the declaration and would be discussion it further at their next meeting.

3. REPORT FROM THE ECC EXECUTIVE:

(a) International: A letter which had been drafted by the Johannesburg ECC has been sent to a range of international groups and peace organisations. Peter Moll will be going overseas soon and has undertaken to meet with various organisations including Amnesty International. Mike E reminded us of the usefulness of international support, both in terms of the pressure that could be put on SA and also possible financial aid.

(b) Durban and Johannesburg ECC's: Mike v G. who has recently been to Durban, reported that the main activity is around the Declaration Launch. Durban is planning their launch after Cape Town and hopes to use some of our media. The constituency Durban is aiming the launch at is young people, and they are planning events such as a band on the steps outside the City Hall. Some problems were raised with the declaration terminology, but since a number of organisations and individuals have already endorsed, it was felt it wasn't worth changing.

Mike E has recently been to Johannesburg. He reported that they had also had some problems with terminology in the declaration, but also felt it could be left. Johannesburg has set up a Co-ordinating Committee of ECC. They have been working on endorsements, but have been severely curtailed by the ban on meetings. The ban extends to the end of this month but could be extended further which affects their Declaration Launch meeting, so they are planning to have a fete on Sunday, 21st. The fete would be opened with an address, and have stalls, videos, press, media etc. Johannesburg has also produced a pamphlet recently.

(c) Endorsements - Cape Town: The Executive has prioritised individuals and organisations to approach. Other people should also approach possible endorsees of the declaration. The possibility of a national pamphlet with endorsees from all regions was raised.

(d) Patrons: The executive had been mandated to come forward with suggestions for patrons. The proposals of the executive on this issue were that: patrons have a time limit of one year, after which they can be re-appointed; there are a maximum of three patrons from each region; and each region has the power to veto suggestions from other ECC's. Because of different opinions about patrons from other regions, discussion was opened as to the usefulness of patrons. It was felt by most people that patrons were useful, but three from each region was too many. After much discussion, the proposal was that Boesak, Hurley, Beyers Naude and possibly Sheena Duncan would be the best patrons for the campaign. The advantages of having patrons were that they would be giving strong support and weight to the campaign and could draw respect from various organisations and constituencies.

4. DECLARATION LAUNCH:

(a) Media: The number of people in this group have dwindled. Badges will be ready on Friday; they are waiting for the slides of the slide-tape show; and T-shirts have been designed, the publication is written and banners will start being painted soon. The display has not started and Paula suggested that campus might take on this task.

(b) Meeting: Boesak has confirmed that he will speak, as has Duncan even though she is speaking in East London the next day. Other inputs will be Ivan Toms (conscripted and CO); Trevor Oosterwyk (potential conscript); Sue Williams (mother). Dramatic input and a slide-show will be used at the meeting.

(c) Concert: In the week before the concert, this group will need help. A list went round for people to say if they would be available over the next two weeks to be called on to work.

(d) Roadshow: This Sunday the group will meet, write the script and rehearse - so the Roadshow will be ready after Sunday. It was suggested that SUCA put on their play at the public meeting which Mike v. G. said would be possible. The Roadshow group felt that they would like to present the play "Somewhere on the Border" and limited time would mean this would be done after the launch.

(e) Vigil: A pamphlet has been produced, which will be distributed through WPC and SUCA, advertising the vigil. The vigil is on Friday 12th October, 1.00 pm to Saturday 13th, 1.00 pm, ending with a communion service. It is at St Michaels Church in Observatory.

(f) Pickets: We agreed with the proposal for the pickets to be "Cancel the Call-Up" and "No to Apartheid's Army". Picketing will be Friday 12th October and Monday 15th October from 4.00 - 6.00 pm. The executive will draw up numbers needed from each organisation for picketing.

(g) Press: The meeting with sympathetic journalists has been held and the date for the press conference set for Monday 8th October. They are aiming to have Doug Bax, Mary Burton, Mike Savage, Jakes Genwel and possibly Brian Bishop at the conference. COSG has arranged for seven letters to the press, and Black Sash have sent a letter. Anglican BSR questioned the angle their letter should take with regard to how much the public already knew about the declaration, and it was felt that these letters would be initiating, rather than assuming knowledge.

(h) Debate: There was no report on the debate.

5. GENERAL:

(a) The Board for Religious Objectors: David Schmidt appeared before the Board on Tuesday and was accepted for alternative service but after a long, hard drilling. This raises the need to assess how much the Board can be used. Victor McGregor from Durban COSG was also given alternative service.

(b) Pamphleteering Schools: Alison reported that UCT were prepared to pamphleteer white schools on Monday 8/10/84 and to draw up the pamphlet. Some people volunteered to help. It was felt the pamphlet should advertise the concert and look generally at conscription.

(c) Durban suggested that after the launch one ECC member from each region meet to discuss the national budget, the national launch and the ECC conference to be held in Durban from January 25 - 27 next year.

(d) Trial: Mike E reported that Roland Hunter, Dereck and Trish Hanekom had been sentenced to five years, two years and three years respectively. Initially, their charges were much heavier but the sensitivity of the evidence and the way the defence intended to conduct the case led to relatively light charges being made.

(e) Meeting:

- (i) The media group will meet on Monday at 5.30 at 26 Arnold street;
 - (ii) The declaration launch group will meet next Thursday at 8.00 pm at 14 St Michaels Road;
 - (iii) The next ECC meeting will be on Thursday 11 October which is just before the launch. Be prompt!
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EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE END CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE - 11 OCTOBER 1984

PRESENT : COSG, Black Sash, War and Peace, Declaration sub-committee members, Anglican Board for Social Responsibility, WPCC, NUSAS TEAM, SUCA, UCT SRC, Observatory UDF, Gardens UDF, Women's Movement for Peace

1. REPORTS FROM ECC ORGANISATIONS

- (a) Black Sash
At their regional conference there was strong support for continued involvement in ECC.
- (b) WPCC
The Quakers have officially appointed a rep - Mary Ellis - to sit on ECC.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE

- (a) Endorsements : There are many more endorsements of the Declaration. Endorsers will be named on charts at the launch meeting.
- (b) Finances : Our application for funds for this campaign to the SACC has come through, they are granting us R4000. The concert also made some profit.
- (c) Press release : An ECC press statement concerning Le Grange's comment and SADF involvement in townships was released at the press conference. It was also read by Mike Evans on Capital Radio.
- (d) Meetings : Members of the executive met with Gardens Area Comm. who are now sending a rep. to ECC meetings. Mike Evans met with some Swedish journalists.

3. LAUNCH ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE PAST

- (a) Schools pamphlet
UCT covered 12-15 schools, and it was felt that the number of schoolchildren at the concert indicated the worth of pamphleteering schools. Alison expressed the need to draw up a comprehensive list of details about schools - the time they start, best entrances, etc.
- (b) The concert
A profit of about R1000 was made. We had discussion about the content of the concert and felt the End Conscription theme came across quite strongly. It would be useful to experiment with ways of introducing more content into concerts. Generally it was felt to be a great success, and might be worth repeating on a larger scale during the holidays.
- (c) Press conference
It worked well and coverage has been reasonable. However letters from organisations have not been published. There has been a development in the amount of press coverage since the Namibia campaign and we must continue pressure on the press.

4. LAUNCH ACTIVITIES TO COME

- (a) Pickets :
Pickets were distributed. Information regarding legalities etc is on the back of each picket. Pickets should be taken to Mike Evans' house after Monday.
- (b) Vigil :
Will go ahead, the full 24 hours have been covered and David Russell will lead the service from 12 noon - 1.30pm on Saturday.
- (c) Media :
Statement posters and badges have been done - "No Apartheid" war seems to be the most popular badge. A list of volunteers to pamphleteer at shopping centres on Saturday morning was passed around, people also volunteered to pamphleteer at the Baxter and the Labia. Publications will be going nationally and organisations should indicate how many they can use.

5. E.C.C. POST-LAUNCH

Short-term projects :

- (a) Roadshow : This consists of songs, the SUCA play and poetry. It will be done at some UCT residences on Sunday 14, and for the Black Sash on Tuesday 16. If more people would like to participate they would be very welcome.
- (b) Post-meeting involvement : We discussed how to involve people who were interested in working in ECC. David suggested we announce on Monday night an evening/afternoon of in-depth discussion, videos, etc. which interested people could attend. Mike Evans and David were mandated to set a date for that meeting.
- (c) SA Outlook : Francis Wilson suggested ECC do an entire SA Outlook.
- (d) The idea for a concert in the holidays.

Long-term projects :

- (a) International Year of the Youth has potential to be taken up by ECC.
- (b) Namibia needs to be picked up again.
- (c) The idea of making a video on conscription has been suggested.
- (d) We could do some action around the next intake in January.

6. GENERAL

- (a) Social evening : A lot of people have worked on this campaign and we felt it would be nice to have a social evening. Friday 26 October was set as the date, with the venue as 30 Malleson Road, Mowbray. People should bring meat and alcohol and come to a braai from 6.00pm onwards. Debra, David and Ivan were prepared to help with preparations.
 - (b) Mike Van Graan still needs money from the Namibia sweat shirts.
 - (c) Next meeting - Thursday 25 October.
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PRESENT: COSG, Black Sash, UDF Claremont, UDF Observatory,
TEAM, SUCA, WPCG, NUSAS.

APOLOGIES: Mike, Paula.

1. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS:

UDF Obs: Held a workshop on SADF activities in the frontline states.

COSG: Next OBJECTOR will feature the ECC launch and possibly deal with January call-ups.

Sash: Launch campaign will feature in next issue of the Sash in January.

WPCG: Clergy giving positive feedback on launch.

UDF Claremont:

Formed a conscription sub-committee.

NUSAS: CAG focus week publications are available.

BSR: Working on a memo to Episcopa synod on Defence Act and board for CO and also to remove Rud Danes from board.

2. UDF Anti-Conscription Committee:

Committee working on SADF and removals and resettlement. Invites ECC to meeting on November 8, 1984 to discuss co-operation between committees and look at SADF relationship to other security forces.

3. ECC LAUNCH - JOHANNESBURG

Affected by ban on meetings; campaign consisted of two events:

Press conference: Speakers were Beyers Naude, Helen Joseph, Kate Philip and David Webster which achieved fairly good coverage.

Spring Fair: Fair opened by Helen Joseph and Shena Duncan with a short address. Consisted of songs, videos and stalls run by ECC organisations, with publications etc. Approximately 200 people went through fete, but did not succeed in attracting new people. Those who attended moved that Cape Town organise a similar event in the future.

4. LAUNCH IMPRESSION:

"I was absolutely over the moon, it was so exciting" stated the Chair. There were general salutations from the meeting. Discussion dwelt on the low key provocation from right wingers. It was felt these types need to be isolated to minimise disruption and influence at ECC events. In future no flag poles or articles which could be used as a weapon should be allowed into meetings and only accredited photographers be permitted to take photographs. A workshop on repression was suggested for the future.

5. MEDIA GROUP REPORT:

Overall assessment was that media was of high quality and successful. Banners were good, publication a good explaining document. T-shirts

selling slowly. Statement poster has been criticised for not being very eye-catching.

Problems: Over centralisation; lack of person power and distribution. Possibly for a distribution subcommittee to overcome this.

Plans: Produce a declaration pamphlet to cover Cape Town. Hold a workshop to train new people. Produce four statement posters on aspects of argument for conscription. Producing a newsletter is not possible unless more person power is available. Group will run a media and conscription workshop for Cape Town High School.

All organisations were urged to distribute T-shirts and badges.

6. CONCERT REPORT:

Concert an overall success. Not sufficient content given and needs closer working with bands to improve content. Profit made + R1 200,00.

Propose a summer concert interspersed with short speeches and a lot of media available. Hold it at a time to catch people, but see this as part of developing a culture against conscription and a good start to year of the youth.

Proposed date: January 5. Venue in southern suburbs.

7. REQUESTS:

Cahac: Message of support from ECC on AGM.

NAMDA: Resolved to work with ECC.

CUVA: CUVA are producing a video on media and selected ECC to be one of the groups featured.

PFP Youth: Request a meeting with the ECC. Contact with the PFP was debated and it was unanimously felt that no official contact could be accepted. Opinion on whether informal contact could be maintained was divided with some organisations feeling informal contact would be acceptable and bring gains through encouraging efforts to work on conscription within the PFP Youth as well as reaching a broader base of people. Other organisations felt contact at any level would not be acceptable and would compromise the ECC by linking it to a party participating in the new constitution and prejudice its position in the broader struggle. A vote (8:5) in favour of an initial meeting was declared an insufficient mandate for the meeting to be held, and the issue was referred back to organisations to discuss and resume with mandates at the next meeting.

8. ECC FOLLOW-UP MEETING - 3 NOVEMBER:

The meeting felt this meeting should be made as accessible to new people as possible and should answer questions people might have on the campaign.

Plans cited above should be adapted to accommodate new people. Organisations should send representatives to give outlines of their organisation.

9. GENERAL:

ECC National Conference is on 25 - 27 January.

Argus Woman's Page is proceeding to run a story on conscription.

Future planning by means of a workshop was referred to the next meeting.

TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE END CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE MEETING - 8/11/84

PRESENT : COSG, TEAM, SUCA, Anglican Board for Social Responsibility, Claremont UDF, Black Sash, Gardens UDF, UCT SRC, Observatory UDF, Women's Movement for Peace

APOLOGIES : Laurie, Paula Richard, Leslie

1. CORRESPONDENCE

We received a number of letters reflecting highly favourable responses to the Declaration-launch campaign (including one from Black Sash). We also received - as usual - a decimated pamphlet, reworded somewhat antagonistically.

2. REPORTS FROM ECC ORGANISATIONS

(a) Anglican Board for Social Responsibility

Ivan circulated a memorandum presented to the Archbishop raising two issues :

- i) misgivings about the structure and terms of reference of the Board for Religious Objection; and
- ii) misgivings about the presence of an Anglican priest (Rev Daines) on the said Board.

A recommendation was put forward that Conscientious Objection legislation be changed to comply with ethical directives from the Anglican Church.

(b) Observatory UDF

It was noted that a workshop is to be held on the 18th November which would examine the internal role of the SADF, as well as the nature of our war. The ECC Cultural Roadshow agreed to present an edited package over supper. The Obs conscription working group is to compile a resource package on militarisation which will be circulated to ECC organisations around the end of January.

(c) Black Sash

ECC buttons and t-shirts to the value of R90 were sold at the annual Black Sash market.

(d) UCT SRC

NUSAS congress is to focus on conscription and militarisation at a number of sessions (2 - 7 Dec., Pietermaritzburg).

Mike R announced that a puppet show around conscription is being prepared.

3. NOVEMBER 3 WORKSHOP

General agreement was reached that a seminar-styled programme be run on a regular basis - an adhoc group was mandated to get a firm proposal off the ground. The project will be launched next year.

4. JOINT ECC/ACC/DPSC/ADAC MEETING

Richard was mandated by this joint meeting to take a proposal to UDF General Council calling for a response to the Transvaal situation.

ECC is to issue a press release about the use of troops in the townships. A proposal that a press conference be held on the issue was rejected on the grounds that insufficient gains would be made due to inadequate coverage. A protest meeting was suggested.

It was decided to propose a joint meeting to DPSC, ADAC and ACC that would keep a good balance between informational- and protest-content. Volunteers were mandated to take the suggestion further.

5. MEDIA COMMITTEE

- * After assessing SUCA- and NUSAS congress requirements, it was decided to go ahead with a reprint of 600 ECC badges.
- * The Namibia badges are to be reprinted as well. A new badge saying "Troops out of Townships" is to be printed.
- * A resource centre is to be established.
- * The feasibility of a display at the Baxter is to be examined.
- * Media Comm suggested that all material should be translated into Afrikaans. Ivan suggested Xhosa translations. The ensuing discussion raised major problems : who is our constituency? what is our direction? should we go beyond our "constituency"? The issues were deferred to the coming ECC Assessment. It was agreed that the particular pamphlet under discussion should be printed in both Xhosa and Afrikaans because of existing distribution channels.
- * A proposal about a Christmas-edition poster along the lines of "Bring my Daddy Home" was referred back to Media Comm for modification after objections that the given theme would be chauvinistic, narrow, and more identifiable with Southern Cross propaganda.
- * The need to use a constituent organisation's name on our posters was reflected via a straw-vote; Mike v.G. raised a matter of procedure: Do we vote as individuals, or as organisations? The chair made a temporary ruling and deferred the matter to the Assessment.

One gets the feeling that Media Comm members are radiating splendid commitment and considerable energy.

6. CONCERT

- * Concerts are to be held on 21st and 28th December, the latter aiming at a broad advertising drive throughout the Western Cape.
- * The concert group intends to get content across at these concerts via five short and punchy 5-minute plays - a workshop was planned for the 18th November at CAP; an appeal was made to organisations to encourage their members to come.
- * The group was requested to indicate why they had come to see plays as an effective medium (as opposed to an alienating medium). The response :
 - 1) We need to jolt audiences;
 - 2) The plays will be structured in such a way so as not to bore the audience (though special effects, participation in plays from within the audience);
 - 3) Vaun said that we should come to the workshop to see why - it is difficult to report on a discussion around possible alienation.IVAN : (In response to the "special effects") "You may not be alienated, you may be shot!!"

The concert committee should get a bottle of wine for stunning creativity.

7. FINANCES

Deferred; we're in the BLACK!!

8. NATIONAL

- * The Durban launch consisted of (i) an organisational workshop (very successful) and (ii) a public meeting (only 200 attended - sad) addressed by Zac Yacoob.
- * A national gathering of reps are to meet in Durban (30 November) to thrash out directional problems, establish a national budget and to start planning the January conference. The executive was mandated to sort out the Cape Town delegation.

9. ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP - NOVEMBER 17

People who have been centrally involved in ECC work were urged to attend. As meaningful participation would require prior involvement in ECC, it was stipulated that attendance would not be open to people lacking such prerequisite involvement (not open to organisations-at-large).

10. PFP REQUEST

The discussion was deferred to the 17th to allow everyone to get a mandate from their organisations. So far, only Obs, SUCA, COSG, UCT and Claremont had mandates.

11. YOUTH

Deferred till the 17th

12. GENERAL

- * The next meeting is to be held on 22nd November - we are to sort out our programme for December.
- * Paula who did not take minutes at this meeting, should be merited for her dedicated sacrifice in normally taking on tis arduous and restrictive (in terms of participation) task.

We call for an End to Conscription!

21ST MEETING OF THE END CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 1984

PRESENT : COSG, UDF OBS, BLACK SASH, WPC, TEAM, CATHOLIC WAR AND PEACE, UCT SRC, SUCA, ANGLICAN BSR.

APOLIGIES: LAURIE

1. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS

OBS UDF : Had a successful and well-attended workshop on Sunday. The roadshow was put on at the workshop and went down well. A resources package is starting to be pulled together and should be completed early next year.

2. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE

A letter has gone out to all ECC volunteers to keep them informed of our activities.

A press statement was released concerning the Vaal unrest, but wasn't published (probably because it was a little delayed in responding to the issue)

Finances - we will discuss at our next meeting.

CVRA are doing a video on conscription to illustrate the use of media in political campaign work. They have filmed picketing, pamphleering etc. and interviewed Mike, Margo and Chippy. It should be finished early next year.

Mike saw 2 Namibians today. Conscription has recently been extended to all Namibians with heavy penalties for refusal. They wanted to know about our campaign.

The exec. will be depleted for the next while with Margo and Paula away for a month, and Mike for 10 days. David as an ex-exec. person will be available to help out the exec. for the next month.

3. MEDIA REPORT

The media committee has been busy, and will continue to be so with the concert media and a poster for the January call-up. They are thinking of restructuring the committee so that people take responsibility for particular areas. It was felt that distribution of media tends to be left to the media committee when it should be the responsibility of all of ECC.

A training workshop is planned for 12 and 13 January. More buttons are available and will be sold at the meeting tomorrow.

3 different pamphlets have been distributed about the Vaal unrest and SADF and townships - 1 in English, 1 in English & Afrikaans and 1 in Xhosa. The response seems to have been very good, especially to the Eng/Afrik pamphlet. The media committee is congratulated for its hard work and good results.

4. CONCERT

Concerts are planned for the 21 December (at CAP) and 28 December (at Sea Point Civic). Bands so far: Mango Groove; The Softies; The Pantswa's and Survival. The meeting to get together plays is on Saturday at 2.00pm at Nusas Head Office SUCA and Obs UDF have each volunteered to do a play. People are needed to help with the concert.

5. THE NATIONAL ECC SITDOWN

The national conference is from 25-27 January. On 1 December is the national sitdown to plan the conference and Mike will go to Durban for that.

Items to discuss : budget, patrons, national ECC structure, just war/pacifist interpretation of the Declaration (which we have always taken to be a minimum rather than asserting a particular position.

6. REQUESTS

- a) UDF invitation for ECC to attend the Anti-Removals Conference on 1 Dec. Because of the likelihood of military involvement in forced removals it was felt we should send reps, but send them to attend the conference rather than to get involved in ongoing work. Chippy and Richard volunteered.
- b) Grassroots offered ECC a stall at their fete on Saturday 8 December. We felt it would be a good opportunity to advertise ECC and to sell badges, T-shirts, etc. Vaun volunteered to co-ordinate getting a stall together.
- c) In Jo-burg a number of organisations have co-ordinated a response to state repression. They are holding a church service in Soweto on Thursday 29th and are picketing on that day. It was requested that a similar response be considered in Cape Town. We felt ECC should not initiate such a response, but would be prepared to help out. since there will be picketing here on the 29th ECC will help provide personpower. Margo and David will co-ordinate.

7. THE PFP QUESTION

At the workshop on Saturday this question was discussed and a decision reached that there should be no contact between the ECC and the PFP, although the ECC can send the PFP publications; individual PFP members can join ECC organisations and sub-committees and affiliate organisations can have contact with the PFP. This decision was held over for adoption at this ECC meeting. Between Saturday and today both the Black Sash and the media committee have responded fairly strongly against the no-contact decision, feeling amongst other things that only 6 mandated ECC organisations making such a decision is not sufficient. Mike felt that we had not taken into account ECC nationally in the decision that we made and that we should rather leave this question for the national ECC conference to discuss before we adopt it as policy. This would give more ECC organisations time to get a mandate and we could discuss it thoroughly in the interim. Mike's suggestion was accepted by the committee. Mike was given a mandate to explain one position to the PFP youth chairperson.

8. PROJECTS

The video will only get going next year.

SA Outlook. At the next meeting Chippy et al will present a proposal of how the Outlook will look. Anyone interested in working on it should contact Chippy.

9. GENERAL

Thanks to Bearer for the venue for Saturday.

The composition of sub-committees particularly youth, is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting is on 13 December, and the following one on 27 December (which is the day before the concert and a week before the January call-up.

MINUTES OF ECC MEETING 13/12/84

Present COSG, SUCA, UDF Claremont, UDF Obs, TEAM, NUSAS.

Apologies UCT SRC, Black Sash, Media Committee.

Reportbacks

- 1) Removals workshop. It was essentially a "talking conference". A follow-up oriented towards more action will be organised. A document of demands that was drawn up by the workshop is being circulated for further discussion. There was no discussion about the role of organisations like ECC that will not get involved outside their specific area.
- 2) National Detainees Day picket. ECC's four places happened.
- 3) Grassroots fete stall. The main intention, i.e. making ECC's presence felt, was realised. There were two further blessings. R200 worth of badges and T-shirts were sold, and Richard came second in the Spring King competition and netted ECC R30.
- 4) Exec news. i) The Anglican Bishops have endorsed the declaration. ii) The Methodists have not, because of difficulties with some of its phrases but they support the campaign. iii) A statement on conscription from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia was circulated. Each organisation should have got a copy. iv) - ECC is R2000 in the black.

The National Meeting 1/12/1984 in Durban.

The meeting was attended by eight people. (One from Cape Town, two from Jhb and five from Durban). Mike reported back on the four main areas discussed.

- 1) January conference.
 - i) It would be open only to active ECC members, and numbers would be limited to ten per region. It was felt that it would not be the best type of conference to introduce new people or regions to ECC.
 - ii) Regions must fund themselves.
 - iii) Regions must bring :
 - a) assessments of their own work
 - b) perceptions of other regions
 - c) financial statements and itemised budget.
 - iv) The focus of the conference would be 1985 projects and campaigns.
 - v) Durban would draw up the final agenda.
- 2) Budget.
 - Benita, Richard and Mike were mandated to draw up a budget for 1985.
 - the application would include background on ECC, and funders, who would be contacted through Benita and Lesley, would be informed of other funders.
 - Jhb will organise the accounting and auditing procedures and

will open up an ECC national bank account and an ECC box address.

- ECC national co-ordinators (1 from each region) will be decided in January, and would double up as the national finance committee.
- Regional differences in expenditure were allowed for.
- CT will draw up a draft constitution.

3) National co-ordination.

- national campaigns will be decided at national gatherings.
- tight co-ordination is extremely important, especially re national media. Any national ECC media must be sanctioned by all regions.
- a national co-ordinating structure should be set-up with one mobile executive member from each region, to meet on occasions through the year and co-ordinate finance.

4) ECC fieldworker.

There was strong support for the idea of a national ECC field worker.

Her/his tasks would be:

- i. national co-ordination.
- ii. assisting existing regions.
- iii. helping built up new regions, especially Eastern Cape and Namibia.
- iv. helping organises national events, including a possible national conference.
- v. research.

It was felt that the job should only be filled if the right person were available. This should be someone who :

- i)has worked in the area of conscription/militarisation.
- ii)has preferably been involved in ECC, or at least has a "feel" for ECC work.
- iii)would be able to relate to the different ECC constituencies.
- iv) would be prepared to make the necessary sacrifices, particularly with regard to no permanent base.

The fieldworker would spend the year travelling, spending varying periods in each region. A salary of R500 per month was suggested. Nominations and suggestions should be forwarded to regions by the end of December, so that a final decision can be made at the January conference.

Discussion of fieldworker

There was a broad agreement about a fieldworker in principle but practical problems re job definition and process were raised. Some of the points raised in the discussion were:

- it would require more clarification of ECC as an organisation.
- there is enough work but you are looking for a special person.
- who is the person answerable to nationally?

- who could know all the constituencies?
- each centre/region should have a veto on who is chosen.
- maybe two fieldworkers would be more effective and have wider appeal.
- regional full-timer could be useful.
- danger of others dropping out if there is a regional worker.
- important that the fieldworker is seen to be playing an added role, not an alternative one.

Other suggestions coming out of National meeting.

Patrons - there was a strong suggestion that we scrap the idea of patrons and continue to use our endorsers in the roles envisaged for patrons.

PFP - it was not felt to be an issue in the other centres and there was a strong feeling that we should not come out with a public position in January.

Declaration - energy should not be put into collecting more endorsements.

Regions should decide how best to utilise the declaration.

IYY - it was strongly felt that this should be ECC's major national campaign.

It was reported that the Churches Co-ordinating Committee of the SACC for IYY is planning for each month to have a theme, and for there to be three days of action. 27 April - apartheid. 3 July - the call-up. 31 August - removals.

ECC is represented on this committee through Jo'burg which is also drawing up a resource package.

Assessments

January 12 was set for an ECC assessment and looking ahead session in preparation for conference and for the year.

January 13 is to be filled with a Youth discussion. A planning group was appointed. Important areas to be covered included the counter-culture, schools, church, parents, cadets/registration and IYY.

January call-up

It was agreed that we go ahead with a pamphlet distribution on 5 Jan.

Concert

"This is no longer a jorl - we are looking at breaking into a new constituency."

"Eighty per cent of the people we are reaching are more right wing than the PFP". More quotable quotes from the ECC quote-maker of the year.

.....concert

Three out of four bands have cancelled. (Burn the night-clubs).
The 21st has been cancelled.

Bands on the 28th will now include Noise and Noise, Softies, and
Survival.

3 000 stickers (Unite against the call-up - ECC concert - Sea Point
Civic) and 550 posters (No more war - concert against the call-up)
will distributed in addition to pamphlets.

Help required on 23rd and 24th for sticking up posters, on 22nd, 24th
27th and 28th for distributing pamphlets, and on the night for boultcing
decoration etc.

MINUTES OF THE 23RD MEETING OF THE END CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE
MEETING ~~27~~ DECEMBER 1984

PRESENT : NUSAS, OBSERVATORY AREA COMMITTEE, CLAREMONT AREA COMMITTEE,
SUCA, TEAM, COSG

1. CONCERT

Vaun reported on the work done by the concert group. Posters, pamphlets and stickers have been distributed and were very well received, particularly at places like Greenmarket Square. There were no negative responses from individuals but posters were 'system'atically pulled down in Sea Point. Garth Vidal gave the concert good coverage in the Argus.

Professional bouncers have been hired and are looking forward to taking on the Transvaal.

The media group has decided to postpone bringing out the comic strip until 1985.

2. LETTER FROM DURBAN ECC

Mike reported on a letter received from Richard Steel describing the exciting developments of the ECC in Durban. At least 17 organisations are now involved in or supportive of ECC activities although some have still to discuss the question of affiliation.

Richard will be giving evidence at the UN Commission on Human Rights hearings on conscientious objection in February next year and would welcome contributions from other ECC and COSG groups.

3. FIELD WORKER

Mike presented the following job definition of the proposed field worker:

- a) national contact through regular visits to all regions;
- b) making contact with and building up new regions, especially the Eastern Cape and Namibia;
- c) additional ECC worker for short periods in existing ECC regions, including contact with affiliates and sympathetic organisations;
- d) co-ordination and organisation of the proposed national conference in July;
- e) national research into areas relating to conscription and militarization, and resource collection and distribution.

In existing ECC regions the field worker would be accountable to the local ECC. In other areas of work he/she would be answerable to :

- i) national conferences (as in January 1985) where key decisions on national travel, conferences and new regions can be made;
- ii) the proposed national co-ordinating committee which will be set up in January and consist of 1 representative from each region.

Proposals for the field worker will be discussed at the next meeting. The job definition is necessarily incomplete at this stage. The national conference in January and EEC's regionally during the rest of the year will have to make it more specific.

5. CALL-UP ACTIVITIES

The January intake occurs from the 3rd to the 7th January. It was decided to pamphleteer shopping centres on the 5th. Richard and Laurie were responsible for writing the pamphlet which will be essentially the same as the last call up pamphlet but will also include a section on the activities of the SADF in the townships over the last few months.

6. YOUTH WORKSHOP

The ECC workshop on youth activities next year will take place on the 12th January from 10.30am to 5.00pm. The areas to be covered are: schools, cadets and parents; church youth groups; other youth groups; and youth culture and concerts. The aims of the workshop are to develop an overview of youth activities in 1985, highlighting important dates, and to arrive at a concrete programme of action for the first three months of 1985.

7. CULTURAL ROAD SHOW

The road show was well-received at Habonim before 270 people and provoked much response. Several of the youth present expressed interest in getting involved in ECC activities. The roadshow has drawn in many new people and is 'now going like a bomb'.

8. NEWSFLASH

William Archer, the Jehovah's Witness who was refused religious objector status and sentenced to 72 months in jail by the Board, on appeal to the Supreme Court had his sentence reduced to 65 months, 36 of which were suspended.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on January 10, 1985.

APPENDIX

A: The launching of the campaign.

The first consideration for planning the end conscription campaign, by this committee, is the need for flexibility, both to mould the campaign into a national one to suit the pace of the other regions and to adapt the campaign to one that will be taken up by the UDF. The results of this discussion will form a basis for the New Year and a mandate from Cape Town for the COSG meeting in JHB in Dec.

For a national launch to be planned, the state of organisation in the regions has to be assessed. Thus the first question that needs to be addressed, is what are the capabilities of each group on this committee for organising, holding and carrying through, a launch that will coincide with other centres. In this it is necessary to assess what steps have already been taken to popularise the end conscription call.

The form and content of the launch will have to be carefully worked out. To facilitate this, a basic outline of the objectives of the launch could be the following:

To take place in the middle or end of January.

To build on what has already been done within organisations on this issue.

To put the campaign on the map, and provide a reference point for work and thus co-ordinate the campaign from an early date.

The launch themes could be the new legislation for conscientious objectors, and the position of objectors, and the extension of conscription.

Follow up work would include education, workshops, media and the tackling of chosen areas of work under the programme of action.

If we are not faced with an early launch of the campaign, then we will need to define a programme which lays the groundwork for a future launch. In such a situation it is suggested that the emphasis be placed on internal work, which builds impetus to the campaign, both within organisations and publicly, prior to a public launch.

To give content to what we mean by internal work, and to provide a basis on which constituent organisations can set about undertaking such work, it is suggested that internal work be seen as work which involves raising and linking the issue of conscription, and the campaign, to the usual work of each particular organisation. So for example The Sash (in Cape Town) which has by and large as its primary focus, questions of Resettlement, Influx control, etc., could link questions of military involvement in that area in their internal education programmes, and organisational work. So too other organisations can raise the issue within the parameters of their organisational activity.

A: The launch (cont.)

The value of seeing internal work in this way, is that not only is educative work being conducted within each constituent organisation - but that it affords the opportunity of building organisation and expanding the degree of political awareness of members of that organisation.

A further advantage is that such internal work can establish a dynamic of its own and generate resources which in turn can be circulated to other constituent organisations, thereby stimulating and complementing the internal work of other organisations.

Moreover, seeing internal work in this way would avoid limiting it to workshops. Rather, internal work would then include seminars, workshops, videos, movies, housemeetings, some public meetings, slide tape shows, internal publications, newsletters and so on.

B: Areas of work.

Possibilities for areas around which educational activities can be developed are numerous, and will relate to work that has already been done in particular organisations. The following are a few areas and issues that we felt to be important.

a) Schools and youth - It is important to challenge the militaristic aspects of schooling in general and the militaristic activities that youth are engaged in eg. veld schools. In doing this it would be necessary to consider one's approach and something that is often not made clear enough to school students is the relationship between the SADF and the Apartheid society which it is designed to protect. Parents could play an equally important role as regards this area.

b) Media and creative activities - Apart from the media aimed at the constituencies of each organisation, attention could be focused on how the mass media eg. commercial press and radio, may relate to this campaign. Other ideas relate to the use of essay competitions, displays, music and theatre to take the campaign further with cultural input.

c) Namibia - The conflict in Namibia will provide an important focus for the campaign at a number of levels. Possible issues that can be picked up on are: the present state of the war in Namibia, its social costs, the changing role of the SADF and special units such as Koevoet, and the close connection between the situation in Angola and a Namibian settlement.

d) Civic Action Programme - This programme is primarily aimed at winning the 'hearts and minds' of the oppressed in South Africa. As such it is important to focus on how the SADF affects the oppressed majority, not only because this

is a crucial trend in the development of the SADF, but also because we have to guard against focussing too narrowly on how we as whites, relate to the SADF. The militarisation of our society affects all South Africans.

e) Extension of conscription. - Extended conscription is certain to be introduced in the future, and will be a critical issue to fight. It will be necessary for this committee to work with organisations taking this up and to constantly raise the issue in programmes, so that links are drawn between the position of presently conscripted youth and those who have yet to be conscripted. This also means that the end conscription campaign is situated in a broader perspective.

C: Method

The structure of this committee places the emphasis upon the contribution of representatives of organisations. The executive has been given a mainly administrative role, with decision making to be done by the committee. For the successful operation of the committee and efficient conduct of the campaign great responsibilities lie with the representatives of each organisation to ensure that full report backs are made and that these are discussed in each organisation, as well as accurately representing the strength of their organisation on issues.

For the effective work of the committee, with its structure of representatives of organisations, it is strongly suggested that working groups be formed within organisations. These working groups would consist of people willing to work on the issue to apply the suggestions of the committee and adapt them to be implemented in each organisation.

Regular meetings of the committee are essential and it is suggested that they be held fortnightly. With respect to resources, each organisation should work out what is needed, and what areas need to be developed.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS THE LAUNCHING OF AN END CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE THURSDAY OCTOBER 13 RONDEBOSCH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Report from the Cape Town Conscientious Objector Support Group (COSG) on the rationale and running of the campaign.
3. Discussion and adoption of working principles.
4. Discussion of committee structure.
5. Discussion of planning of campaign.
6. General

ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED

COSG, NUSAS, UCT SRC, ADAC, UWC SRC, Women's Movement for Peace, Black Sash, Western Province Council of Churches, Methodist Church, TEAM, UCT SCA, War and Peace group of the Catholic Church.

1. The meeting commenced at 8.20. The chair welcomed those present, and explained that the meeting was a preliminary one, and would serve to clarify the motivation for such a campaign.

2. Report- please see attached copy.
After the report was read, the Black Sash representative said the Black Sash would like to support the establishment of such a committee, as it would give their resolution to call for an end to conscription greater depth.

3. The working principles were adopted by the meeting, with clarification of points 2 and 4.

Please see attached copy.

4. The draft proposals for the structure of the committee were accepted with one amendment. The amendment was to include a recommended minimum frequency of meeting of the committee. The point was raised that the executive structure as proposed did not include a treasurer. The meeting felt that such a position was not necessary on the executive at this stage, but that if the need arose, such a position could be created.

In conjunction with this, the points were made that the committee was in an interim preliminary stage, and that the executive of such a committee would be designed to cope with the immediate campaign, and that these considerations therefore meant that both the committee and executive would have to be flexible.

UWC SRC excused themselves as they had other commitments. They explained that it was difficult for them to come to a decision as they were reaching the end of their term of office, but would draw up a report and inform the incoming SRC. They said they were willing to work and help with such a campaign and would recommend that the incoming SRC continue with this, but that they would not want to become members of the committee, but would prefer to remain as observers. They said they would prefer to work formally in this area under UDF structures.

5. The meeting felt there was a need for an interim ad-hoc group to co-ordinate and plan and it was decided that this could be done by the COSG sub-committee which had planned this meeting, but that this interim ad-hoc group should be extended to all others who wished to work in this area.

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