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15 June 1989

Dear Sir/Madam,

Many thanks for sending me a copy of the Objector. I think it is a great idea to combine the newsletters of the various individuals' support groups. I was sorry that the Newsletter did not arrive in time to send back the 'key card' for the 15 May - how did the day go?

I am herewith enclosing my US\$ subscription fee and I look forward to receiving further editions of The Objector.

Good Luck!



Eleanor Hazleton

SENT CHEQUE FOR US \$ 20.00.

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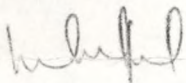
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Dear Ms. Hazleton

Thanks for the very nice letter and especially for the cheque. The next edition of "the Objector" will have a full report on our International CO Day campaign. If everything goes according to plan you should receive it quite soon. However some of the highlights were :

- The tour by three foreign COs (one each from the USA, UK and Netherlands).
- Public meetings in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg.
- Meetings at six universities.
- Concerts in Cape Town and Johannesburg.
- Pickets and handing over the key cards on May 15.

Regards



Mark Kilfoil (Secretary - COSG Johannesburg)

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S E M I N A R - 20 JUNE 1989 AT 15H30

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R W Bethlehem (Dr)
Chairman
24 May 1989

June 19, 1989

Dear Friends at The Objector:

Your newsletter is great! Keep up the work. I'm enclosing a copy of our newsletter - it isn't nearly as focused as yours, but we hope to include information from you in it. We go to print mid Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, and Dec. if you would like to send us timely material.

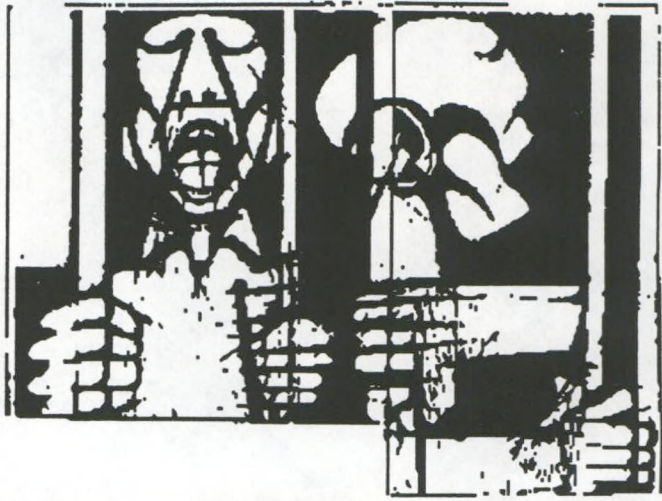
We had a good Soweto Day Walk which raised \$14,000 for NAMDA and Dependents Conference. I thought you might be interested in a local action.

Sincerely,

Jean GURIB

SAVE THE DATE

**Help Free
South African
Detainees**



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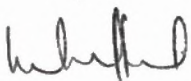
25/7/89

Dear Friends

Thanks for the copy of your newsletter. I found it very interesting and it is currently circulating amongst our activists. Please send us a copy of all future editions.

I have enclosed a short article from our Durban branch. It deals with one of the more exciting of their actions as part of our campaign around international CO day. You may like to publish it in the next edition of Synapses Messages.

Regards



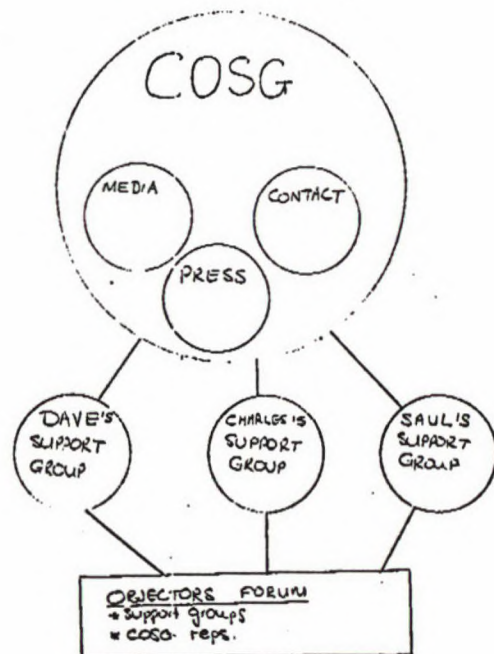
Mark Kilfoil - Secretary COSG Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG COSG REGIONAL REPORT.

The most significant happening in COSG has been the restructuring of the organisation. Until mid 1988 COSG and CAS were working together and had the same membership, after an evaluation period it was decided that the two organisations could benefit if they functioned separately. This resulted in the two organisations splitting and developing separate identities.

After the split COSG concentrated on working out its role and recruiting members. About five regular new members joined the organisation giving us a constant membership of about 12. There are other members with limited time prepared to help with specific projects. The discussion we had on our role concluded that our main objective was to support Conscientious Objectors, but to do this effectively we needed to establish COSG as an organisation in the public eye. To do this it was felt we needed to get our name into the commercial press, to make regular contact with other organisations and to produce our own media. We formed working groups to perform these functions (ie. media, contact & press). These working groups meet during our weekly meeting. Any decisions taken are reported to the larger group. Additional meetings of the working groups are called as the need arises.

The working of COSG in Joburg has been very closely linked with the objectors support groups. There are about three COSG members involved in Dave's support group and this has enabled us to work effectively together. Charles' support group is made up mainly of COSG members, which meant that for the duration of his campaign this was COSG main activity. Saul's group has been more independent and has drawn in activists from other areas as well as from COSG. The overlap often resulted in people having numerous meetings discussing the same issues. To overcome this problem and to establish direct contact between the support groups we now have a joint objectors meeting once a month. The separate support groups still meet to organise practicalities (eg. going through mail, arranging visits and organising studies).

COSG STRUCTURE.Events organised by COSG.

Davids' and Charles' vigils
 Legal input on prisoner Status
 Workshop on organisational skills
 Joint support group meetings

Events COSG is and has been involved in.

Alternative National Service group
 Send rep. to Five Freedoms Forum
 Attended CAS conference

Press releases by COSG.

Support for mothers stand
 Smear pamphlet (about Charles & Dave)
 Charles trial
 Motion passed in English parliament about Charles
 Advert congratulating Dave on Reebok award in WM & VW
 Nan Cross from COSG was Charles press contact and was interviewed by the BBC about Dave and Charles.

Media produced by COSG.

COSG T-shirts
 Assisted with objectors media

Projects COSG is currently working on.

Joint newsletter
 Support Group manual.

22-6-89

Dear friends of COSG,

I would like to subscribe to The Objector.

Name: Karen Bossow

Address: Erlenkamp 7
2000 Hamburg 76
West-Germany

You said that the overseas rate is \$ 20,00.

That is a lot of money compared to the R 10,00 for South Africans.

I think and hope it would be enough, to pay 20,00 Rand to you.

I was also told, that you would lose a lot of money if you change the foreign currency. Because friends of mine are going to South Africa next week, they will send the R 20,00 to you. If that really isn't enough, please tell me.

Best wishes for your work,

Yours
Lieser Jonas

SENT POSTAL ORDER FOR R20.00

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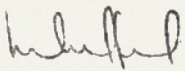
Dear Ms. Bossow

Thanks for the letter and the subscription to "the Objector".

The R 20.00 you paid is more than enough to cover the cost of four editions. We ask for more from people outside South Africa because the exchange rate usually makes it easier for people overseas to pay larger amounts. We use the surplus for other types of CO support work.

Once again, thank you.

Yours sincerely



Mark Kilfoil - Secretary COSG Johannesburg

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CHESTERFIELD PEACEMONGERS

27th June, 1989.

Conscientious Objectors Support Group,
P.O. Box 591,
Kengray 2100,
South Africa.

Dear Friends,

Our group has felt the need to support the C.O.'s in South Africa, and to this end individuals have written letter to the Minister of Justice and to the parents of Charles Bester. They have received information on your group together with a copy of The Objector.

We now think our ends can best be served by aligning ourselves with C.O.S.G. and by offering it what support we can. One of our members is writing on a monthly basis to the Minister of Justice on behalf of Charles Bester, and we had ideas of organising a rota of letter writers so that, say, one letter a week could be sent. However, with news of your group it seems that we would be best to support all prisoners of conscience against military service rather than individuals. On the other hand you may suggest that each individual prisoner could be 'adopted' by an individual over here. We should appreciate your advice on this and are ready to be guided by you as people on the spot who will appreciate the most useful contribution we can make.

We are only a small group with modest funds but would like to make a financial contribution also. There are difficulties with currency exchange which perhaps you could advise us on.

In the meantime we should like to subscribe to The Objector and in the absence of an alternative at present I am enclosing \$20 to cover one year's subscription. Obviously, it would be better if we could pay by some sort of cheque or money order rather than by cash; we also have to exchange pounds for dollars and pay for this service.* Please let me know if there is any way we can circumvent this procedure.

I have not completed the return slips (on The Objector and the 'Release Conscientious Objectors' leaflet) because I wish to circulate these publications around our members.

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, our best wishes and gratitude go out to you for the valuable work you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Randall

Secretary.

*e.g.
\$20 = £12.94
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+ Postage =
= £16.42 in total!

Sent \$ 20.00 note.

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19/7/89

Dear Friends

Thanks for your letter and subscription to "the Objector".

On your query about payment, we can easily handle cheques or bank drafts. Also the \$ 20.00 overseas subscription rate is just a guide. The approximate equivalent amount in Pounds would have been equally acceptable.

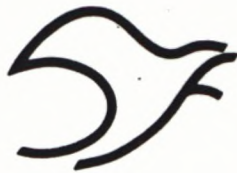
Regarding your other question. We recomend support for all CO's (individually or collectively). In addition you could consider :

- Campaigning for better asylum conditions in Britian for South African and other COs. The vast majoriety of our objectors go into exile not to jail. You can contact War Resistors International (55 Dawes St. London SE17) and the Committee of SA War Resistors (WRI will have their address) about this.
- Work for your government to pressurize the South African government
- to release jailed COs, introduce a better system of alternatives to military service and even end conscription.

Regards



Mark Kilfoil - Secretary COSG Johannesburg



FIVE
FREEDOMS
FORUM

5 July 1989.

Dear Friend,

On Monday 12 June, ACTSTOP asked our Social Action committee to help them in co-ordinating a response group to help people who had been evicted from their flats in the inner city. This response group was needed to give immediate assistance to the evicted tenants from Allendene Residential and Waldorf Heights, who had been living on the pavements outside these blocks since their eviction. The Waldorf tenants had been evicted illegally and the Allendene tenants are currently sheltering in St George's church in Hillbrow.

Together with other organisations, we were able to participate in this response group, providing the evicted tenants with both concrete and moral support. This involved finding people to take turns in spending two hours on a chosen night with the evictees as well as helping to find blankets, firewood and hot drinks during the night.

ACTSTOP is sure that these evictions will continue and will grow in number. Our experience in this action showed us that there is an urgent need, within Five Freedoms Forum, for organising a way of being able to make immediate responses to such situations. We are therefore drawing up a quick contact list of people who are willing to be contacted in an emergency. If you are prepared to be part of this network, please contact Cecily or Adele at the office (640-3240), giving them your name, contact numbers, and some idea of the kind of assistance you are willing to provide.

Thank-you.

Social Action Committee.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR SUPPORT GROUP

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 4001 Durban
 South Africa

4 July 1989

Dear YESH GVUL,

I have been asked by the National Committee of the Conscientious Objector Support Group (COSG) to write to you.

We fully support your struggle in Israel, and are wanting to find ways in the next year to support you. If you have any specific suggestions, we would like to hear them.

We had a very successful national campaign in May around International CO Day. Our campaign included an international tour as well, with CO's from the UK, The Netherlands, and the USA. As you may know, there were discussions around bringing out an Israeli war resister as well. For certain strategic reasons this unfortunately did not materialise. We are thinking that perhaps we should have another look at this possibility for 1990. There are of course many similarities in repression and crisis of conscience between our two countries, and also one of our objectors currently in jail for six years, David Bruce, is Jewish. (His one-year imprisonment anniversary comes up on 19 July - perhaps you could use the occasion to protest to our embassy and your government). We would appreciate your response to the idea of an Israeli CO touring South Africa next year. I must emphasise that this idea has not yet been canvassed in our organisation, so we are still very much at the exploratory stage.

Would you also please place our three regional branches on your mailing-list. The Durban branch address is as above, and the contact person is Andrew Warmback. The Cape Town address is : Rolfe Eberhard, 10 Glendale, Shanklin Crescent, 8001 Camps Bay, South Africa. The Johannesburg branch address is Paul Boule, Box 31619, 2017 Braamfontein, South Africa. From this month we have a National Worker, Mandy Taylor, who will be based in Johannesburg. One of her responsibilities is international liaison, so she would be the best person for you to correspond with concerning the contents of this letter, and any other matters.

Peace be with you, shalom,

Rob Goldman
 for COSG NATIONAL COMMITTEE

P.S. Mandy, another address you may not have (this is the new one, if you had the old): Greek Committee for Conscientious Objectors

Solomon 27

*106 82
 Athens
 Greece*

Looking forward to seeing you in Dbn - love Rob.

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YESH G'VUL

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Dear Friends

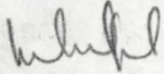
Your letter to the Conscription Advice Service (CAS) was passed on to us. CAS's main function is counselling conscripts who are considering objecting to SADF call-ups, going into exile or applying for alternative non-military service. The Conscientious Objectors Support Group (COSG) supports objectors, publicises their stands and campaigns against militarisation. Our work is more similar to yours than CAS's work is.

Please send us additional information on objection in Israel. We are particularly interested in the statements of individual refuseniks.

In South Africa the number of objectors jailed is far less but their sentences are usually between 18 months and 6 years. David Bruce and Charles Bester have recently started 6 year sentences. (A copy of David's statement is enclosed.) Two objectors are awaiting trial and we anticipate a few more being charged later in the year.

Our resources are already fully committed. However we have given a copy of your letter to Jews for Social Justice - a local progressive organisation. They or one of the Jewish groups they have contact with may be able to help you.

Regards



Mark Kilfoil : for COSG (Johannesburg)

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