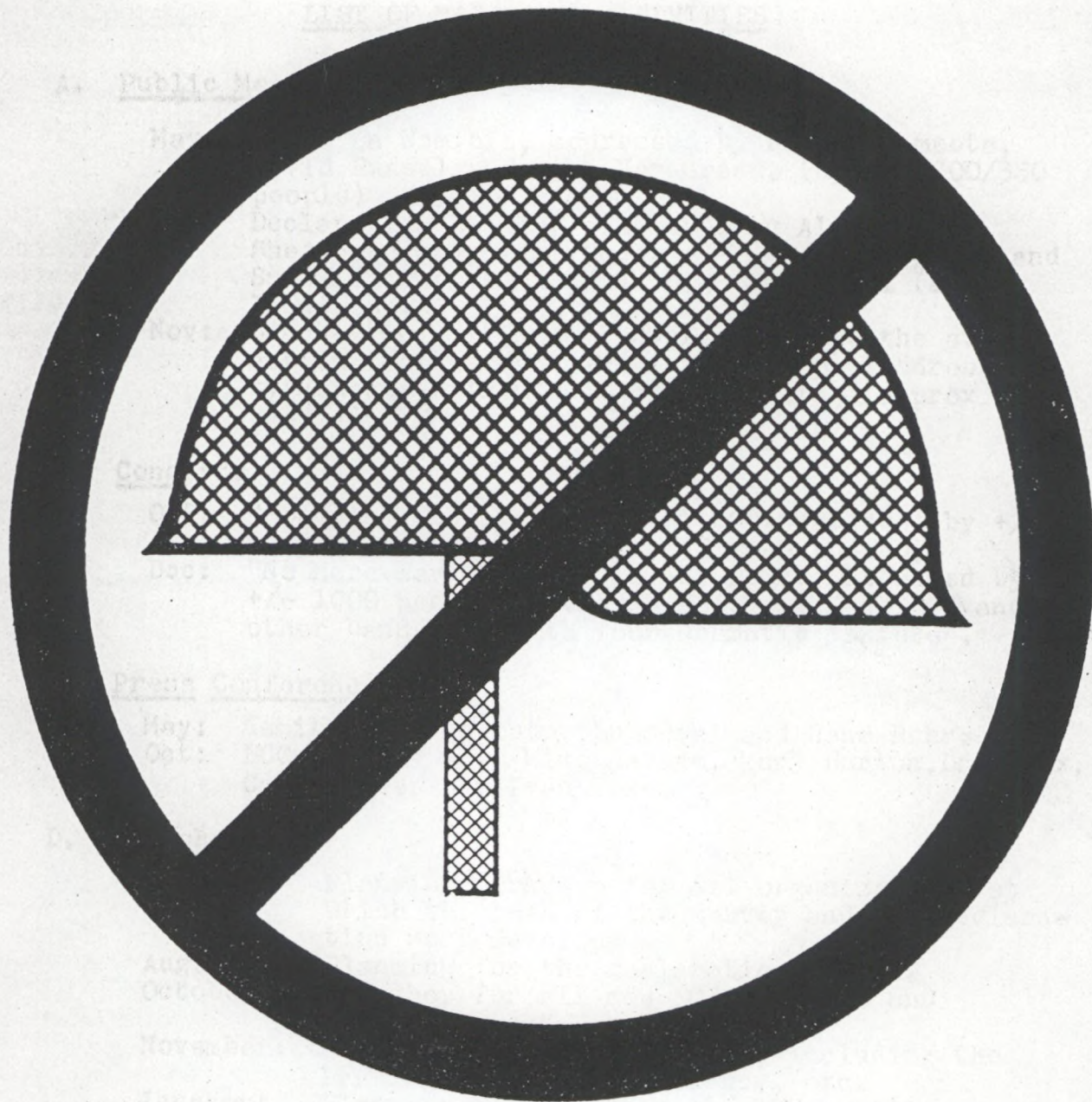


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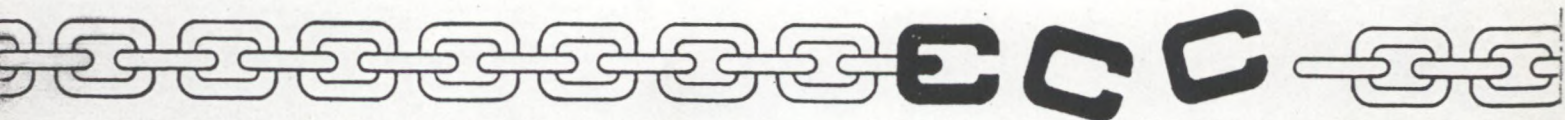
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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF E.C.C.

WESTERN CAPE.

MARCH 1984 - FEBRUARY 1985.



End Conscription Campaign

LIST OF MAJOR ECC ACTIVITIES

A. Public Meetings

- May: Focus on Namibia, addressed by Pastor Kameeta, David Russel and Mike Van Graan. (approx 300/350 people)
- Oct: Declaration Launch, addressed by Alan Boesak, Sheena Duncan, Ivan Toms, Trevor Oosterwyk and Sue Williamson and with the SUCA play. (approx 1400 people)
- Nov: Lunch-time meeting protesting against the states actions in the Vaal and Eastern Cape, addressed by Francis Wilson and Andrew Borraine. (approx 500 people)

B. Concerts

- Oct: "Rock the Ratel" concert at UCT, attended by +/- 1000 people with the Dynamics and other bands.
- Dec: "No More War" concert in Sea Point, attended by +/- 1000 people, with the softies, Nude Red and other bands and with four dramatic 'skiets'.

C. Press Conferences

- May: Namibia - with Anton Lubowski and Hans Rohr.
- Oct: ECC launch- with Mike Savage, Mary Burton, Doug Bax, Colin Jones and Ivan Toms.

D. Workshops

- March : Planning workshop for all organizations at which the idea of the survey and the declaration were developed.
- August: Planning for the declaration launch.
- October: Workshop for all new ECC recruits and "sympathetics".
- November: "Critical issues" workshop, including the PFP issue, ECC constituency, etc.
- January: Planning workshop for the IYY campaign.

E. Other Activities

- May and October: Picket stands to coincide with the Namibia campaign and declaration launch.
- July and January: Phamplet distribution to co-incide with the SADF intake.

MONTH BY MONTH BREAKDOWN OF ACTIVITIES

March

Declaration - sub-committee set up. Final wording accepted.
Survey - carried out on white campuses and in churches.

April

Namibian Campaign - planning started, sub-committee set up.

May

Namibia Focus Week - press conference, stands, concert, vigil, media campaign meeting - speakers Advocate Anton Lubowski, Hans Röhr (leader of Namibian Christian Democratic Party) Pastor Cornelius Kameeta (vice-president of Evangelical Lutheran Church) David Russell and Mary Burton.

June

South African Council of Churches - focus on militarization. Five resolutions passed on the militarization of our country. The Declaration was endorsed.

July

Conscientious Objectors Support Group National Conference in Johannesburg.

First National E.C.C. meeting held in Johannesburg.

Call-Up - Pamphlet to co-incide with July call-up.

August

Assessment Workshop - Areas Discussed :

- Declaration & Patrons
- Structure & Finance
- National Co-ordination
- Interest Groups
- Namibia campaign on-going directions.

Launch - Sub-committee set up to co-ordinate Launch of the Declaration.

Final Endorsements of Declaration collected and submitted.

September

Sash Magazine has article on Cape Town on Namibia Focus Week. The Declaration is on the back cover and a picture of a "Cancel the Call-Up" stand on the inside cover.

Work goes on for the Launch.

Cultural Road Show starts its work.

October

Press Conference

Vigil

Concert - 9 October on Campus - R1,200 profit.

Launch - 15 October Claremont Civic Centre.

Media campaign - Poster, Badges, Slide Tape Show, Six page pamphlet, two stands, T-Shirts, S.U.C.A. Play.

S.A.D.F. in Townships - Press Release which was read on Capital Radio and got into the press here.

November

P.F.P. - Federal Congress passed a motion calling for an end to compulsory conscription. P.F.P. Debate within E.C.C.

Public Meeting - to follow up on Launch participants.

Public Meeting - "Civil Unrest Meeting" (500 people)
Francis Wilson and Andrew Boraine

National Co-ordinating Meeting - in Durban.

Issues addressed :

- Conference Budget
- National Co-ordination
- E.C.C. Field Worker
- P.F.P.
- Patrons
- Declaration
- I.Y.Y.
- Constituency
- Namibia

H A D A P A R T Y !

December

Concert-in Sea Point 28th December. Five, five minute plays, 1,000 people, Road Blocks, Tear Gas, 3,000 stickers advertizing the concert, 550 posters - most pulled down.

Anglican Bishops eventually endorse declaration.

Road Show goes to Harbonium Youth Camp.

January, 1985

Video - first motivation for E.C.C. Video.

Call-up Phamplet - 5th January

Youth Workshops

Assessment Workshop

Many overseas visitors see people in E.C.C. e.g. International Quakers, Plaughshares, Humanitas Internationale.

First National Council - Koinania, Bothas Hill, Durban.

Items Addressed -

- Constitution
- Finance
- Field Worker
- July National Conference
- National Campaigns
- Namibia
- Youth Constituency
- Media
- P.F.P. Issue
- Raid

Field worker appointed

Phamplet banning - contesting of the banning to go forward to lawyers.

February

You h sub-committee - set up to work around I.Y.Y.

Public Speaking Workshop.

Civil Right League, Womans Movement for Peace and several other organizations met under a Black Sash umbrella to discuss military issues.

A.D.A.C. Workshop - to address issues raised by January raid in Durban and general wishes of participants in E.C.C.

Orientation Week - U.C.T. Campus, the Road Show, played to +/- 1,000 people.

Concert - planned for March by the Youth Culture sub-committee.

Poster - "Hands OFF Crossroads" produced and plakked up all over Cape Town - entire planning and action took four days.

Membership and Newsletter Sub-Committee sat up.

APPENDIX 1

BLACK SASH CONTRIBUTION AND WORK AROUND THE E.C.C.

Positive

- * Produced "Cancel the Call-up" Sticker.
- * Black Sash Chairperson took part in Launch Week Press Conference.
- * Sash produced a phamplet for members with a copy of declaration in it -
People signed and returned the forms - there was a good response.
- * Sash E.C.C. Representative visited branches to involve and interest people in E.C.C. Very good response but no offers of involvement.
- * Regional Council had a weekly report.
- * General: Sash Members get a regular up-date at General Meetings.
- * Paid subs to E.C.C.
- * Helped with Hall Bookings and Stand Permissions.
- * Morning Market sold E.C.C. buttons, and T-Shirts and R90,00 was raised for E.C.C.
- * Road Show performed to 2 branches.
- * Sash members helped in limited way with phamplet distribution.
- * Conscription Sub-Committee set up - dealing with school cadets at the moment.

Negative

- * Sash did not get the survey off the ground. This was a loss of good opportunity.
- * The General Sash Membership, while being verbally supportive took very little part in the E.C.C. work. Only 2-3 people helped with phamplet distribution - this was inadequate.

Continual pleas for help fell on deaf ears. The activists in Sash are over-committed and the rest of the membership is either apathetic or the E.C.C. representative has not had the right approach in asking people for commitment. We must learn to help people face the reality of action - theoretical and moral discussions are important in their place but do not lead automatically to decisive and long term action. E.C.C. is an issue on which the Sash must place great importance on the need to act.

The E.C.C. is an issue with a great potential to bring about peaceful change.

APPENDIX 3.

ON-GOING PLANNING OF THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

1. Youth and Call Up

Republic Day - to be confined to regional activities

June 16 - 26 - UDF IYY & CIYYCC

FOCUSES, ECC slotting in on "Peace" focus.

June 26 - National poster and pamphlet on
'Peace & Friendship'

First week in July - national call-up action

2. National Conference - 5/6 July in Johannesburg.

Big public conference with high profile speakers and very interesting material.

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

3. Townships/Civil War

Commemoration of Sebokeng - September 3rd.

Response to be activated in the event of any military moves in the Townships.

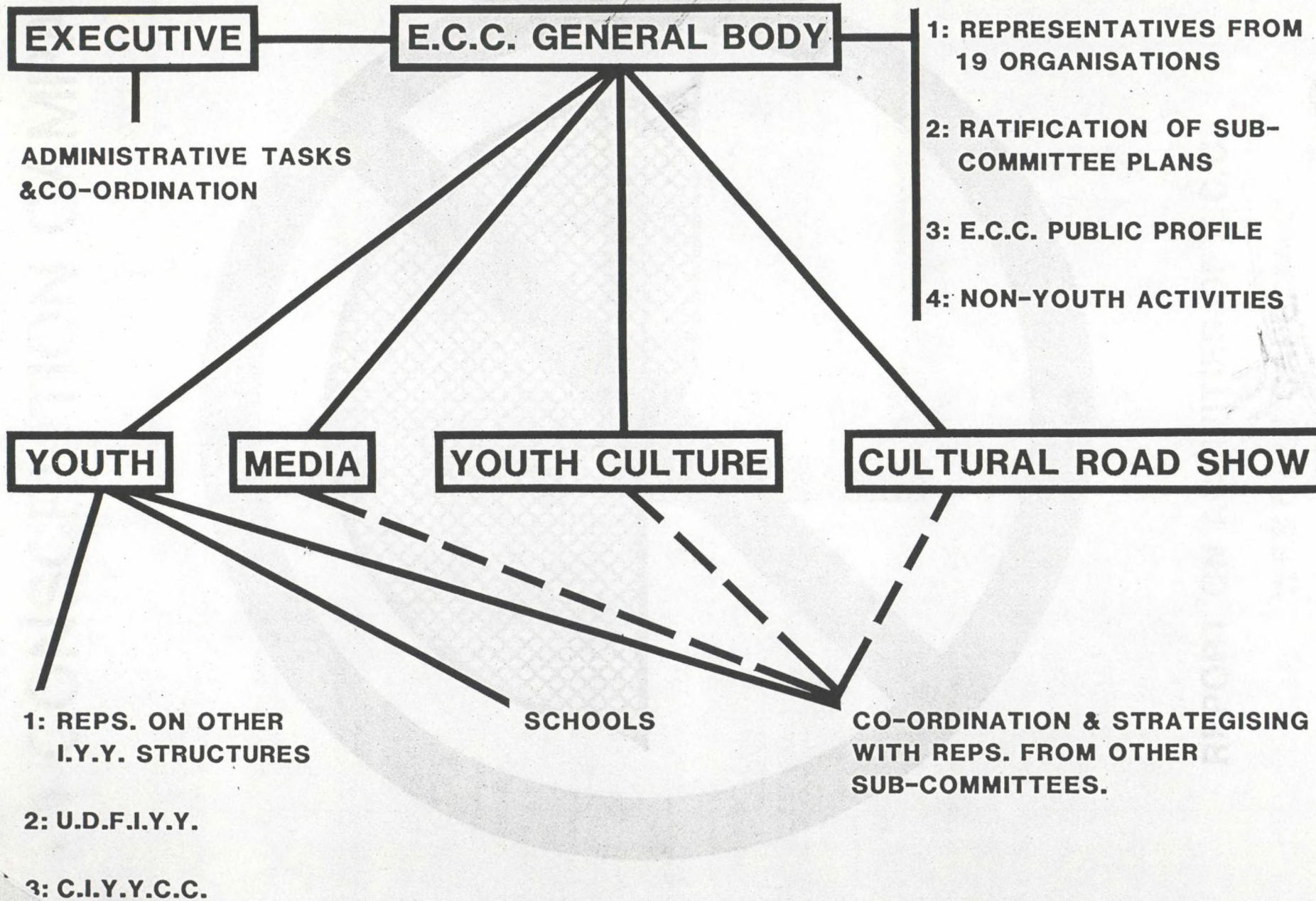
4. Namibia
Reactive

5. Defence Debate

Information meetings and stands.

6. Research

Nationally co-ordinated research and resources.



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