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5-1-88

The Chairman
End Conscription Campaign
P.O. Box 208
Woodstock.

Dear Sir / Madame,

You have probably never heard of me and you are probably going to find my request outlandish: I would like to have the opportunity to speak for a half hour or so at one of your meetings.

The only credentials I have are:

- the attachment,
- the fact that I was a 'terry' for 3 or 4 weeks in the Rhodesian army before receiving a medical discharge,
- the fact that I support your stand and admire your courage.

I would need a flipchart and a few copies to give my talk.

Beverley Rhodes has appeared on SABC

radio and TV and from trail to trail
assists the South African Police with cases
they cannot solve.

Hoping that you will consider my
application favourably.

I am,

yours sincerely,

Geff Holliday

11 June 1987

Dear Geoff Holliday,

I was amazed to hear that you have had the gift of clairaudience for four years now without possibly realizing it.

The High Spirit of Gay is a Universal spirit guide who serves many throughout the world, delivers messages of many different kinds, peace, love and many others, you, wonderfully have been chosen out of many to hear these messages, thus the Clairaudience.

I would suggest that you obtain as much reading material as possible regarding your gift of clairaudience, so that it may explain to you the nature and the degree of your gift as it is truly wonderful indeed. You MUST start to meditate, take a quiet room and sit crossed-legged for about a half hour at first, ask your guide high spirit to come to speak with you. It may take a few weeks or so for him to come through, however this is a lesson in control, patience, and obedience. Keep pen and paper handy, write down all that is said to you.

I will be in Cape Town on the 24th June at the Cape Sun giving a lecture on Psychic Phenomena, I should clearly like to meet you if you are nearby at all otherwise I'm currently based in Durban should you wish to write

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Your progress to me please
address it directly to me at

19A TRENT PLACE

WESTVILLE

DURHAM

NORTH CAROLINA

If you can't find anything in your
area with regard to clairaudience,
write to The AQUARIAN BOOKSHOP,
HILSBROW, for their list of titles as
they have many.

God bless you and your family, I
wish you all the success, I hope
you too will help many.

Fondest wishes,

Beverly Rhodes

From the pen of Beverly Rhodes

June 1987.



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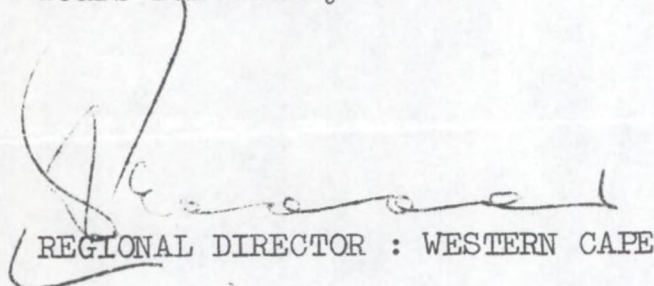
The Manager:
END Construction Campaign.
PO Box 208.
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Dear Sü.

Your ~~letter~~/application dated 7/1/88 has been received.

The matter is being attended to and we will contact you again in this regard shortly.

Yours faithfully


REGIONAL DIRECTOR : WESTERN CAPE

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13 January 1988

Mrs Caroline Knott
Box 1475
Cape Town

Dear Mrs Knott

re : Tabling of questions in parliament.

Following Crispian Olver's discussion with you on the phone, we wish to ask you to consider the following three military-related areas.

1. The recent in-camera trial of three conscripts from the Castle on charges under the Defence Act.

We have heard from sources close to these conscripts, and this has been picked up by the Weekly Mail, that the three were assembling documentary proof that the SADF, operating from the Castle, were responsible for the smear campaigns against ECC and other organisations. These smear campaigns have included the recent "ECC Peace Off" and "Every Coward's Choice" stickers; the series of pole posters under the ECC publication Out of Step logo that have maligned Doctor Ivan Toms and other ECCmembers; and various pamphlets that have used ECClogos to give a distorted impression of the ECC to the public. (We can furnish further details if you wish.)



We have long suspected, and have received reliable reports to the effect that this smear propoganda is printed in the Castle and distributed from there. It would be logical for the Cape Town JMC to be involved in this. Reports to the police have achieved nothing so far, and on one occasion when Dr Toms apprehended some individuals involved in these activities and handed them over to the police, these individuals escaped from police custody. The underhand and personally slanderous nature of these smears, the lack of official accountability, the transgression of municipal bylaws and the increasing pattern of these smears are matters of concern.

The questions we wish to ask relate to the SADF's (or other government department's) involvement in these activities. Has this material been printed at the Castle? Is the SADF/ SAP/ Security Police/ JMC involved in these activities? Why has no official action been taken against such smears? What assurances can we get that such activity will be prevented in the future?

In relation to the three conscripts themselves, we'd like to know the content of the allegations against them and what documents or information they had assembled. It will probably not be possible to get answers to this.

2. Statistics on conscripts who fail to report for military service.

This matter has been raised previously. In 1984 1 596 national servicemen failed to report for duty. In January 1985 intake 7 589 national servicemen failed to report, but this figure includes those who had deferrment for study or other purposes. These are the last official figures released. Ken Andrew subsequently asked for 1985 and 1986 figures relating to national service, Citizen Force Camps and Commando Duty - and the Minister refused to give answers, saying that ECC had misused them in the past. We should again try to get these figures, phrasing the questions in such a way that the answers would not be open to 'misuse' ie. specifying the numbers which subsequently get deferred, and those which don't.

3. Alternative service for conscientious objectors.

Current legislation only allows for universal religious pacifists to be granted C.O. status and have access to community rather than military service. The duration of this service is one and a half times that of the full four years of military service, and it is available only in government departments. We wish to enquire whether any changes to this legislation are contemplated. In particular we wish to know why alternative service cannot be available to all conscientious objectors : moral or religious, pacifist or otherwise; why such service cannot be performed in religious and community organisations; and why such service must have a punitive extended duration?

These matters have been taken up by the ECC and are included in our interim proposals, a copy of which is attached.

Many thanks for your help in this regard. Should you require any further information please contact me. Unfortunately our telephone has not yet been installed, but our office is now in Community House, 71 Salt River Rd, Salt River.

Yours faithfully

Thérèse Boulle
ECC office worker

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13/01/88

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13 January 1988

Dear friends and supporters,

The February call-up is upon us once again. Thousands of young men are about to be conscripted into the SADF without any choice.

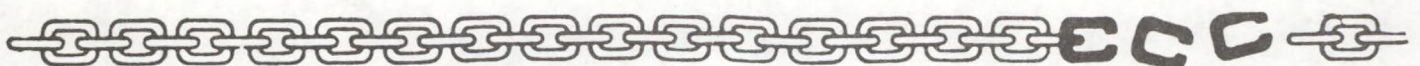
The ECC, aware of the difficulties facing conscripts and keen to be of service to them, have organised, together with the Conscription Advice Bureau, two 'Know Your Rights' forums for conscripts and their families. We will be able to give information on the board for religious objection, conscripts rights in the army and any other aspect of legal advice pertaining to the military and conscription.

On the 26th of January we will be available to answer your queries at the Municipal Hall in Fish Hoek at 8pm.

On the 27th of January we will be at the St Paul's Church Hall in Rondebosch (opp Riverside Shopping Centre) also at 8pm.

All conscripts and their families are invited to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



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Dear Mr and Mrs Toms,

17 February 1988

I am writing to you on behalf of the End Conscription Campaign's Support Group for Ivan. We would like to take this opportunity to extend to you our support, concern and friendship. We recognise that this is a time of anxiety and sadness for you. To have a son placed on trial because of his moral and religious convictions, is not something that even we, his friends and supporters, can readily appreciate. In the weeks and months ahead your pain will be shared by many. We hope that you will draw strength from the knowledge that his decision is widely supported and that his action is not in vain. It will undoubtedly build trust and friendship between black and white communities, and will contribute to the just and democratic future we all hope for.

The Support Group has arranged a wide variety of public activities including a national speaking tour, church services, vigils and protest actions; in the belief that it ought not to be necessary for young men of conscience, such as Ivan, to be imprisoned or forced to leave our country. Despite evidence of widespread disaffection amongst national servicemen, the Defence Force has not provided alternative national service. The End Conscription Campaign believes that this situation must be urgently addressed if we are to resolve the conflict and violence which beset our country. It is the basis of our commitment to a future of peace and prosperity for all South Africans that we support your son.



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While we are not able to predict the outcome of the trial, it is most likely that Ivan will be required to serve a prison sentence. This line is therefore a line of sadness for all of us, for you all the more so. Ivan is an friend and colleague and we shall endeavour to offer him all the support during his imprisonment, that he deserves. We hope too to be able to offer you comfort and friendship in this time.

Should you wish to travel to Cape Town to be with Ivan during the trial, the Support Group will gladly make the necessary arrangements in respect of travel and accommodation. I may be contacted at the above address or by telephone on 478818 (Cape Town) or 253844 page 16. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Yours most sincerely.

Glen Croser

ECC Support Group Co-ordinator



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1 March 1988

Dear Ed Rudi and Jimi

Firstly many thanks indeed for your letter and interest in ECC. And secondly, very very sincere apologies for the delay in the response. Unfortunately with a change of office worker and not having had one for a period of two months a few mistakes and oversights have occurred. We hope this is not a reflection of the organisation more broadly and persevere to eliminate such errors.

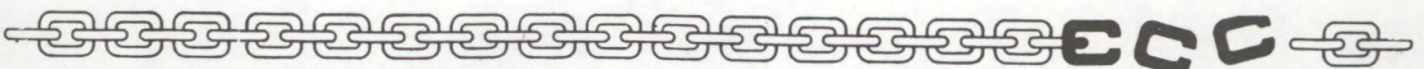
Included in this letter is a pamphlet which outlines the work and nature of the End Conscription Campaign, and hopefully addresses some of the questions which you might have about ECC.

T- shirts are usually available at all our public functions. They should also be available at the local offices of ECC. The Cape Town office is located in Community House, Salt River, and the phone number is 47 8818 to let me know when you might come in. The Durban office is in The Ecumenical Centre. Prices for t-shirts range from R8 to R12.

At present in Cape Town we are working on specific membership forms. In other parts of the country these are already in operation. By phoning the ECC office in your region you could arrange to chat to someone about the type of involvement you would foresee yourself fulfilling.

Should you require more information please let me know, we'd be happy to oblige and this time there won't be such a long delay in our response.

Yours in peace



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25 March 1988

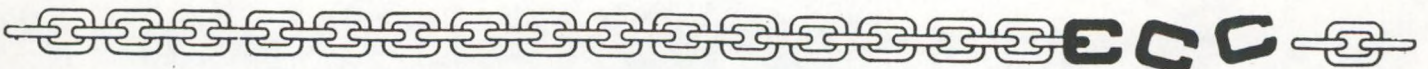
Dear Prof Davies

I read with concern your letter of 28 February to Sir Richard Luyt.

After receiving the letter Sir Richard contacted me to assist him formulate a response. I suggested that you first adopt a low key approach through SADF channels. This would involve your writing to the SADF Complaints Office (Private Bag X 159, Pretoria, 0001) and the Chief of the Army. If any of your lecturers are religious pacifists they can apply to the Board for Religious Objection for non-combatant status or alternative service. If these efforts are unsuccessful you can consider applying pressure through a member of Parliament and letters to the press.

Our experience has been that the SADF is often reluctant to force the issue with unwilling Dad's Army conscripts as they are normally older, professional men. (This is true of the higher echelons of the military and not necessarily the Commanding Officer of a particular unit).

We would also advise you to brief an attorney, whatever action you take. The SADF is more likely to take notice if a lawyer acts on your behalf. We would recommend a Grahamstown lawyer, Dave de la Harpe, who has been involved in Dad's Army issues there.



Please keep us informed of developments and do not hesitate to contact us if you need further advice or any other kind of help. You can contact me through Sir Richard or the ECC office in Cape Town (tel. 021-47 8818).

All strength

In peace

Laurie Nathan

the southern african literature society

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Gaborone Botswana

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26 March '88

END CONSCRIPTION COMMITTEE
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SOUTH AFRICA

Dear friends,

We recently received a single copy of your publication 'Out of Step'. We would be grateful if you could send us a further 30 copies of this issue and any further issue.

Please treat us as a distributor where prices or procedures differ.

Thanks very much for all your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



John Foley
for SALS



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA

P.O. Box 4862

DURBAN 4000

March 31st, 1988

The President
Veterans for Victory
P.O. Box 87752
HOUGHTON
Johannesburg
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Dear Sir

I have received your brochure, entitled "The Rape of the Peace" with its campaign against the End Conscription Campaign. There is no doubt that the Communist movement will grab any opportunity to further its cause.

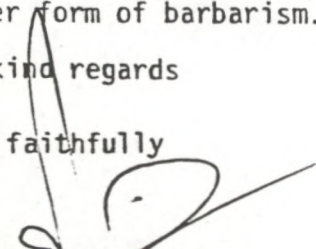
But it is the racialistic policy of apartheid that creates the opportunity for Communists to grasp. The disease is apartheid or separate development or the doctrine of "own affairs" being prostituted to maintain White domination. The rest are symptoms. Which is why I prefer to tackle the disease.

No one who is truly impartial can truthfully claim that the End Conscription Campaign in South Africa is an organ of Communism as your brochure insultingly and in a wholly defamatory manner suggests. The fact that Communists will use any genuine grievance to further their own interests is part of their tactics. But it is the existence of the grievance that is the fault. And it is the purveyors of apartheid who are the culprits. You should therefore direct your attention towards removing the horrible and debilitating disease of apartheid, which gives rise to so many genuine grievances.

I must explain that I am wholly opposed to conscription for military purposes. It is bad enough for any society to compel any of its people to risk being killed but to compel someone to go and kill someone else is, in my respectful view, the epitome of barbarism. Apartheid is another form of barbarism.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully


PAT POOVALINGAM

M.P. Reservoir Hills

HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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TELEPHONE (021) 45-4421



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April 8th, 1988


The End Conscription Campaign
22 Ecumenical Centre
St Andrews Street
DURBAN
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Dear Sir

Herewith a pamphlet received by me and copy of my response to it. I would appreciate it if you would kindly forward copies of my letter to your branches especially those in Cape Town and Johannesburg. If this is not convenient, I shall be grateful if you would kindly let me have the relevant addresses.

Just to avoid misunderstanding, let me say that while Mahatma Gandhi's doctrines of ahimsa and satyagraha (which he obviously adapted from the Jain philosophy as much as from the Sermon on the Mount) are powerfully persuasive, I nevertheless do not oppose per se the maintenance of armed forces by nation States, provided these consist of volunteers. I am aware of the so-called benefits of a conscripted "people's army" as argued by Lenin but am of the respectful view that that gentleman was rationalising away his own support for conscription.

Yours sincerely


PAT POOVALINGAM
MP- Reservoir Hills



OASSSA

ORGANISATION FOR APPROPRIATE
SOCIAL SERVICES IN SOUTH AFRICA
(WESTERN CAPE)

5th FLOOR
LEDGER HOUSE
ADEN ROAD
ATHLONE

Secretary
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E.C.C.
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Dear Comrades

Your Organization is cordially invited to send a representative to our Annual General Meeting.

DATE : 13th April 1988

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE: OASSSA Office, 5th Floor, Ledger, House, Aden Road, Athlone

The agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Ratification of the minutes of the 1987 AGM
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Presentation of the Annual Report
6. Presentation of the Financial Report
7. Adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statement
8. Election of the Executive Committee
 - 8.1 Chairperson
 - 8.2 Treasurer
 - 8.3 Secretary
 - 8.4 Two to four additional members
9. Election of two representatives to the National Executive
10. Appointment of Auditors
11. Thanks and Closure
12. Sue Williamson's slide show on 'Anti-Apartheid Art.'
13. Refreshments

Please contact the office at 638 6318(9-2pm) if you would be able to attend.

Looking forward to your presence.

Yours in the Struggle

F. Thomas
F. THOMAS
(CO-ORDINATOR)

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18 April 1988

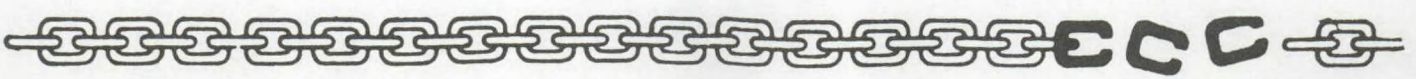
Dear Friend

re : ECC membership drive

Since the ECC's inception, the campaign has grown considerably with ten regional and five campus branches currently active. Support for the issues we have raised has come from a range of interest groups, including church, liberal, parliamentary and community organisations. Following our National Conference in February we feel that the time is right to consolidate our support base through a membership drive. In this way we hope to formalise the process whereby our supporters can be kept in touch with the Campaign. We would also like to provide avenues for those not actively involved in our campaign work to show support in other ways.

We therefore wish to invite you to become a member of ECC, and fill out the membership form. As an ECC member you will be entitled to:

1. Confidentiality : ECC membership lists are only available for ECC mailing purposes.
2. Regular mailings of the ECC information sheet / newsletter.
3. Notificaton of public ECC activities, and briefing on ECC campaigns.
4. Invitations to our monthly education forums, which cover a range of military related topics.
5. ECC members may become actively involved in our campaign structures, having discussed this with an executive committee member.



We are asking our members to pay an annual membership fee of R25 (R10 for students, pupils, unemployed and pensioners). This is necessary to cover costs of our extensive mailing and our media, and because of the limitations on fundraising posed by current legislation.

We have enclosed an outline of ECC's Campaign for Alternative National Service, which will be the major focus of our work for this year. This campaign is potentially our most significant so far, taking our work into the sphere of realistic and achievable objectives. We ask you to support us in this endeavour and become an ECC member.

Yours in peace

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20 April 1988

Dear Friend and Supporter

Following the ECC National Conference held in February this year, each region has been preparing for the launch of a national campaign for alternative service. Our conference identified the need to be campaigning more actively in support of our practical goals, viz:

1. that every conscript who in good conscience for religious and political reasons, cannot serve in the SADF, be given an opportunity to do alternative service;
2. that such alternative service be of the same length as military service and available in religious and/or community organisations;
3. that serving national servicemen be granted the right to refuse to serve in the townships, Namibia and Angola.

We believe that these objectives are reasonable and attainable. The Campaign for Alternative National Service therefore seeks to generate support for such a call and to involve large numbers of the public in an attempt to realise these goals.

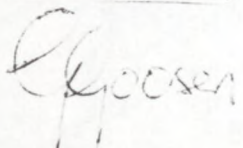
The Campaign itself will involve three components:

1. The provision of a service to conscripts and their families, regarding the rights and obligations of the servicemen in the army, and the psychological and other effects of military service;
2. A substantial Alternative Service Project (eg. building a clinic) in a deprived black community. The project aims to be a practical expression of the potential for alternative service;
3. A consultative conference drawing on a range of interested parties and aimed at formulating a proposal for an Alternative Service scheme which could be implemented.

We ask that you support us in our endeavour to introduce a form of national service which would benefit all South Africans, and contribute to a peaceful and just solution to the problems of our country.

In the course of the campaign, we will require your assistance on a number of levels. Involvement need not take up too much of your time. Should you be interested we will be mailing a more comprehensive list of potential tasks or you could phone the ECC office : 47 8818.

Yours sincerely



Glenn Goosen
pp. The Campaign Administrators



J C G Botha

Ministry of Home Affairs and Communication

Private Bag X 9102

Cape Town 8000.

Honourable Sir,

Your letter of 28-4-88 refers.

The publication to which you refer has not been produced or distributed by ~~the~~ our ^{office.} ~~branch~~ of ~~the~~ ~~organisation~~. We, the Cape Town branch of the End Corruption Campaign, operate independently of campus branches, and have no ^{occasional} formal contact with them other than through a national committee meeting. The publication in question apparently originates from the campuses, and I recommend that the matter be taken up with the responsible organisations.

Yours faithfully

Crispian Olwe (Chairman, Cape Town branch, End
Corruption Campaign)



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Dear Sir

COMPULSORY DEPOSIT OF PERIODICALS: "THE COMBAT"

In terms of regulation 7B(1) of the Regulations promulgated by Proclamation R.123 of 28 August 1987, I have to direct you to supply the Director General: Home Affairs, Civitas Building, cnr. Struben and Andries Streets, Pretoria, (Private Bag X114, Pretoria, 0001), free of charge, with one copy of each issue of your publication published on or after date of this order. I deem it necessary, for the proper administration of the provisions of the Regulations, that these copies be supplied until 11th June 1988.

(Please mark all copies M.M.W. to ensure correct routing.)

Your attention is also drawn to the following relevant provisions of regulation 7B:

"7B(2) A copy of an issue of a periodical which in pursuance of an order under subregulation (1) is required to be supplied to the said Director General, shall be supplied to him within three days from the date on which that issue is published in the Republic.

(3) In this regulation "issue", in relation to a periodical issuing different editions on the same day, means each edition of that periodical which is so issued."

Your kind co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully


J C G BOTHA

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Green level
Students' union
29 April 1988

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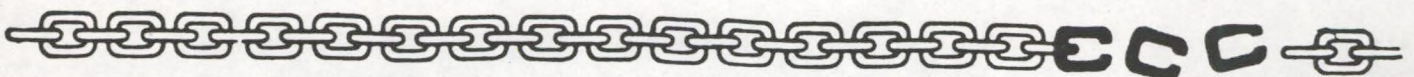
This letter comes with greetings from UCT ECC. Our intention is to inform you of our forthcoming National Campaign and to appeal for your participation and support.

At the ECC National Conference in February 1988 ECC decided to embark on a National Campaign with the aim of implementing alternative national service. Since conscription is not likely to end in the foreseeable future, ECC is calling for the provision of adequate alternatives to national service. We believe that alternative service should be available to all moral, political and religious objectors and not only universal pacifists as at present. Alternative service should be available in religious and welfare organisations and not only in government institutions, and it should be the equivalent length of military service and not a punitive six years. A further aim of the campaign would be to represent and speak on behalf of and with unwilling conscripts, thereby breaking down the barrier between ourselves and the conscript and gaining more support from those directly affected by conscription.

In contrast to our previous short-running campaigns, this campaign will run throughout the year. The campaign is being run nationally - however, as a campus branch we will outline our own initiatives and activities. The campaign passes through four phases, which will interlink with one another to form a cohesive campaign.

Phase ONE will serve as a preparation phase for our campaign. UCT ECC will be running a campus survey early next term in an attempt to gauge feeling about issues such as conscription, the role of the SADF, and ECC's call for alternative national service. This survey will better equip us to carry out the rest of the campaign. We will also be consulting community organisations for the alternative service phase of the campaign. We will be connecting with all student organisations in an attempt to establish student support for the campaign. We will be approaching staff, academics, the university administration and workers for their support, as constituencies which form an integral part of the campus.

Phase TWO will consist of a more high profile period where we will be launching a national "Know your rights" booklet, informing conscripts of their rights in the SADF. We will be holding "Know your rights" forums in residences and faculties on campus in an attempt to make conscripts aware of their rights and options. We also feel that it is important to debate our issues and will be starting off with a debate with the MSM.



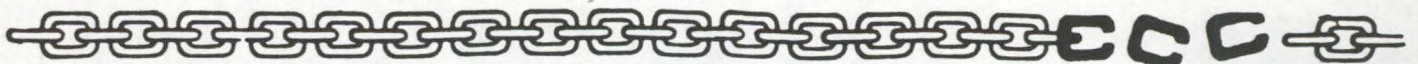
Phase THREE is intended to demonstrate that alternative national service is beneficial, possible and necessary. During this phase UCT ECC will be working together with the Cape Town and Stellenbosch branches on a constructive project within a community with identified needs. This project will have great impact as we envisage it to be completed just prior to the August call-up. We will be appealing to all sectors of campus for their skills, knowledge, expertise and advice in this project. The project will serve to demonstrate that alternative national service will benefit both the conscript and the community.

Finally we aim to hold a very high profile consultative conference which intends to gather the broadest possible range of organisations and individuals (e.g. business, media, religious groupings, community organisations, students etc.) to draw up a collective proposal in favour of a system of alternative national service. This proposal we hope to submit to parliament in an attempt to introduce alternative national service as a legal and viable option.

This letter serves as a preliminary step in the launching of our campaign and we will be following it up with personal contact. We urge you to discuss our proposal and consider ways in which you could support and/or participate in our campaign. In order for this campaign to achieve its aim we would need the support and help of as many organisations as possible. We wish to emphasise that there is scope for all concerned to get involved in our campaign, as every South African is affected, in some way, by the system of compulsory conscription, even if it is not directly through receiving a call-up. We look forward to constructive suggestions and support from your organisation, in helping to create positive and just forms of national service in our country.

Yours faithfully
UCT End Conscription Campaign

P.S. If you have any queries please contact us through the SRC, or contact Margaret Gribble at 774943.



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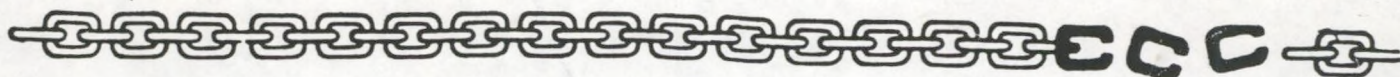
Dear Community construction group

This letter comes with greetings from UCT ECC. Our intention is to inform you of our forthcoming National Campaign and to appeal for your participation and support.

Since we have had no formal contact with your organisation, we feel it would be beneficial to elaborate on the End Conscription Campaign. ECC was formed in October 1983. It is a coalition of many human rights, religious, student and womens' organisations opposed to conscription into the SADF, and militarisation. We are an independent body not affiliated to any political organisation, and are committed to working for a just peace in our land. Because of the role of the SADF in upholding apartheid, our opposition to conscription is based on the belief that no person should be forced against their will to participate in such an army. ECC was formed on campus in 1986 as the importance of this constituency was realised by the national organisation. We felt that young white men who are affected by conscription could be directly represented through a campus branch. Since our formation many campus organisations have affiliated to our organisation which has helped to broaden our constituency.

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In contrast to our previous short-running campaigns, this campaign will run throughout the year. The campaign is being run nationally - however, as a campus branch we will outline our own initiatives and activities. The campaign passes through four phases, which will interlink with one another to form a cohesive campaign.



Phase ONE will serve as a preparation phase for our campaign. UCT ECC ^{now} ~~will be~~ ^{is} running a campus survey ~~early next term~~ in an attempt to gauge feeling about issues such as conscription, the role of the SADF, and ECC's call for alternative national service. ^{We hope} This survey will better equip us to carry out the rest of the campaign. We ^{will} ~~will also be~~ consulting community organisations for the alternative service phase of the campaign. We ^{are now} ~~will be~~ ^{contacted} connecting with all student organisations in an attempt to establish student support for the campaign. We ~~will be~~ approaching staff, academics, the university administration and workers for their support, as ^{they} ~~constituencies~~ which form an integral part of the campus.

Phase TWO will consist of a more high profile period where we will be launching a national "Know your rights" booklet, informing conscripts of their rights in the SADF. We will be holding "Know your rights" forums in residences and faculties on campus in an attempt to make conscripts aware of their rights and options. We also feel that it is important to debate our issues and will be starting off with a debate with the MSM.

Phase THREE is intended to demonstrate that alternative national service is beneficial, possible and necessary. During this phase UCT ECC will be working together with the Cape Town and Stellenbosch branches on a constructive project within a community with identified needs. This project will have great impact as we envisage it to be completed just prior to the August call-up. We will be appealing to all sectors of campus for their skills, knowledge, expertise and advice in this project. The project will serve to demonstrate that alternative national service will benefit both the conscript and the community.

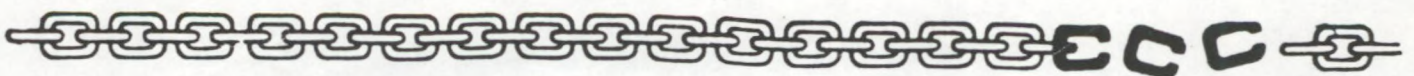
Finally we aim to hold a very high profile consultative conference which intends to gather the broadest possible range of organisations and individuals (e.g. business, media, religious groupings, community organisations, students etc.) to draw up a collective proposal in favour of a system of alternative national service. This proposal we hope to submit to parliament in an attempt to introduce alternative national service as a legal and viable option.

This letter serves as a preliminary step in the launching of our campaign and we will be following it up with personal contact. We urge you to discuss our proposal and consider ways in which you could support and/or participate in our campaign. In order for this campaign to achieve its aim we would need the support and help of as many organisations as possible. We wish to emphasise that there is scope for all concerned to get involved in our campaign, as every South African is affected, in some way, by the system of compulsory conscription, even if it is not directly through receiving a call-up. We look forward to constructive suggestions and support from your organisation, in helping to create positive and just forms of national service in our country.

Yours faithfully

UCT End Conscription Campaign

P.S. If you have any queries please contact us through the SRC,
or contact Margaret Gribble at 774943.



36 Scott Road
Observatory 7925
Saturday, April 30, 1988

Dear Sir,
Please address future correspondence
to the above. I have received your Membership
Drive at 36 Scott and at various
College addresses.

It is no longer necessary to use the
latter. Thanks,

Yours faithfully,
John H. ...

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20 May 1988

Attention:

Chris de Villiers

To please pass on
 to Ali & Gary
 with much love
 from us all

Thérèse

Dr C. Olver
 ECC Chairperson
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 Woodstock
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Dear Dr Olver

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ON WAR, REVOLUTION AND PEACE

Stanford, California 94305-6010



May 2, 1988

Out of Step
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Dear Sir/Madam:

According to our records, our library placed an order for our subscription with you 2/12/88 to begin with Volume 1, No. #4+ and to include back issues Volume 1, Numbers #1-#2. We have not received anything from you to date.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terrel D. Hale".

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Phone 82-3036

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Σ. C. C.
Woodstock

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May 3. 1988

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of April 18 1988 inviting me to become a member of Σ. C. C. I would like to do that but at my age of 84, am restricted in my ability to take an active part in your work or attend evening meetings etc. So my bit of help to express my appreciation of your efforts must, alas, remain as an occasional monetary donation - see enclosed cheque.

Best wishes in your efforts,

Sincerely

R. Hacking

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4 May 1988



ECC
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South Africa

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your form letters of 18th and 20th April 1988 and the membership application form. I've asked our Acquisitions Dept. to send you R30 for our membership. We would like to receive your newsletter plus any other materials (leaflets, posters, stickers, press releases, etc.). I hope this is enough to pay for the postage.

In your letters you mention the February National Conference. If any papers were given at the Conference, would it be possible to obtain these? We will pay for xeroxing costs and postage. I think it's important for people in the U.S. to know of your efforts.

Thank you very much for your help.

Yours truly,

Karen Fung
Deputy Curator
Africa Collection

Phone: 61 8928

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Bishopscourt
7700
12th May, 1988

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ECC.

Sir

I was amazed to read in today's Cape Times that "Cat 'torture' man for tests" and that "Lance-Corporal Peter Usher is to undergo psychiatric treatment at a military hospital." A year or more ago I read that some international psychiatric body had distanced itself from its South African affiliate. This hardly surprises me.

What causal connection is there, if any, between Usher's psychiatric condition and his allegations? He apparently produced a photo of "a serviceman kissing a dead cat's mouth. Its head had been severed." There seems to me more reason for questioning the sanity of this "serviceman" than of Usher.

Are we now to assume that it is quite in order to torture and kill cats provided you can prevail on an army psychiatrist - who presumably has the "Christian, patriotic" mindset - to "diagnose" and "treat" any witnesses.

Predictably the "establishment" Cape Times, employer of Willem Steenkamp, has collaborated with the army, publishing this item imputing that Usher is at least "disturbed"; this condemning a young man who has quite probably acted in an eminently sane and responsible way to a life of ostracism and ridicule. The one who kissed the cat is of course not named.

Surely, even if Usher is a total, total psychotic, (which I doubt) there should be an investigation of his allegations which have been substantiated with photographs?

It seems to me that South Africa is afflicted with the "Rohm Syndrome"; bizarre, sadistic, evil conduct is regarded by the "establishment" as "normal"; while those who resist this trend are very publically labelled as "sick".

P T O

Yours faithfully

R. Swales

ROBIN EDWARDS

C.C. The Media Council. I regard the Cape Times conduct as disgraceful.

The Civil Rights League.

I feel that the S A D F's efforts to debase psychiatry to Stalinist levels should be resisted.

The Medical Association of S.A.

If you are prepared to sit back while psychiatry is debased in this way, you fully deserve international ostracism.

The S.P.C.A. I dont think you should let the SADF get away with this twisted "psychiatric" gimmick.

The SADF. I accept that you will be sending someone around to terrorise and intimidate me. No doubt you regard the twisted psychopath who kissed the cat as "officer material".

The Cape Times.

Various international bodies concerned with psychiatry and civil rights.

Amnesty International: This confirms my recent letter. Systematic abuse of psychiatry for state propagandistic purposes is now taking place. If L-C Usher is being detained in an army hospital, I feel he should be regarded as a prisoner of conscience.

The End Conscription Campaign.

Cape Times, 12th May, 1988. P. 3

CAT 'TORTUNRE' MAN FOR TESTS

JOHANNESBURG.- The AWOL man who claimed SADF members had tortured cats, has contacted the army in Durban, a spokesman said yesterday.

Lance-Corporal Peter Usher is to undergo psychiatric treatment at a military hospital.

Psychiatric findings would determine whether the army's investigation into his allegations would continue.*

He alleged that SADF members were involved in acts of animal torture, decapitation and mutilation on the border and provided pictures to substantiate his story. One showed a service-man kissing a dead cat's mouth. Its head had been severed. -Sapa. (2).

*This is a blatant quasi-psychiatric "labelling" strategy by used by the SADF. Once the hulabaloo has died down all investigations will be dropped. Poor Mr Usher will by then have been stigmatised for life as some sort of paranoid, persecution psychotic.

(2). In normal circumstances such a photo would be regarded as prima facie evidence. The "psychiatric" condition of the photographer is totally irrelevant. Even if Usher is South Africa's most psychotic psychotic an investigation should continue. The only grounds for dropping an investigation would be proof that the photo was faked.

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12th May, 1988. P.7

Droster gee hom oor na bewerings

JOHANNESBURG.- Die man wat beweer het dat lede van die Weermag katte martel, het homself aan die Weermag in Durban oorgegee.

Volgens 'n woordvoerder van die Weermag, kol. Hans Stemphe, het o-kpl. Peter Usher het o. kpl. (1)* Peter Usher gevra om sielkundige behandeling by 'n militere hospitaal te ondergaan.

Die Militere Polisie het sedert verlede jaar, toe hy gedros het, na o-kpl. Usher gesoek.

Kol. Stemphe het gese versoeke soos die van o-kpl. Usher word nie gewoonlik toegestaan nie. Weens die omstandighede is sy versoek egter deur die hoof van staf: personeel, gen.-maj. Len Meyer, goedgekeur.

"Usher het homself aan weermagpersoneel in Durban oorgegee en is nou op pad na l Militere Hospitaal in Pretoria, waar hy vir sielkundige waarneming opgeneem sal word."

Die Hoof van die Weermag, lt. genl. Kat Liebenberg, het beveel dat n amptelike ondersoek gedoen word. Twee ondersoekkommissies is reeds aangestel.- (Sapa)

*1. Even if Usher did give himself up and request psychiatric treatment - quite plausible as the less pleasant alternative would be detention barracks - I fail to see that this exonerates the Army from an investigation of his photographically substantiated allegations.

If as seems sections of the army have degenerated into Rohm like sociopathic depravity, Usher's conduct in absconding would seem to be very brave - even heroic- and eminently "sane". South African psychiatry is being debased to a Stalinist level. Presumably in time if the situation degenerates as it appears to be doing, brave individuals who object to torture, gas ovens, etc., tc., will be "diagnosed" by "brilliant, Christian psychiatrists" as "deluded, paranoid psychotics", and reported as such in The Cape Times and Die Burger.

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PO Box 208

Woodstock

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14 March 1988

Dear Comrades

The state of emergency has had the effect of severing communication between ECC and your organisation. ECC has identified this as an area to improve. The recent bannings of organisations makes it all the more urgent that we do so.

1987 was a difficult year for ECC. Much time and energy was spent formulating an effective direction for the organisation under present conditions. Through this we have emerged with a clearer understanding and plan for the year ahead. This process has been an internal one.

The need now arises for us to discuss these plans with you and so propose a meeting. Areas that we'd like to discuss include the following :

1. our campaign
2. work within the white constituency
3. the conditions under which you're organising
4. the year ahead

Proposed meeting : Saturday 16 April

Time : 2 pm

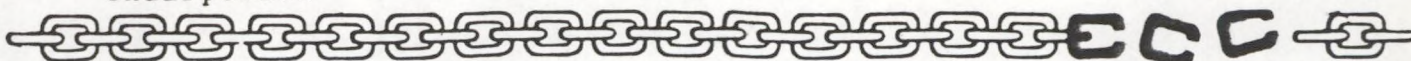
Venue : Community House

Yours in struggle

Therese Balle

Crispian Olver

Chairperson



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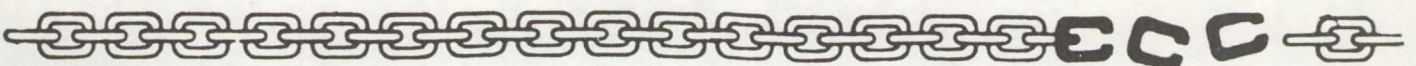
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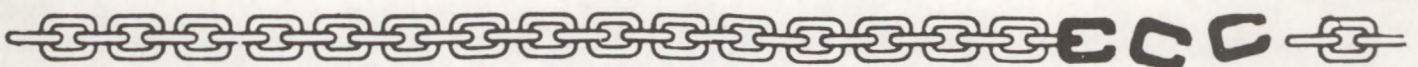
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END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

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20 May 1988

Honourable Sir

re Financial support for the End Conscription Campaign

The End Conscription Campaign was launched in 1983 as a response to:

1. the compulsory conscription of young white men into the defence force,
2. opposition to the increasingly political role played by the S.A.D.F., and
3. the inadequate alternatives provided for conscientious objectors by the Defence Amendment Act of that year.

From initially small beginnings we grew rapidly into a national structure with ten regional and five campus branches. The pertinence of the issue to so many South Africans was illustrated by the numbers participating in our City Hall rallies, supporting Dr Ivan Toms' fast in St George's Cathedral or in our 'Working for a Just Peace' community projects.

This year we have set ourselves the target of mobilising as wide a range of support for the system of alternative national service, open to all South Africans, and being of direct service to the community. Our intention is to develop a realistic and well studied proposal that can be presented in the form of a draft bill to parliament in 1989. In this way we hope to open the way for conscripts with moral or religious objections to the S.A.D.F. to serve in a more constructive manner.

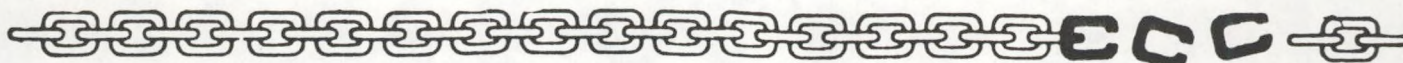
The bureaucratic demands of the campaign have placed considerable strains on our office. An expanding membership list, media production and printing of reports make it essential that we obtain computing facilities. We require a personal computer, IBM compatible at an approximate cost of R3 000. We ask that you make a financial contribution towards purchasing this facility.

To avoid problems raised by the fundraising act, we would recommend that you retain ownership (or part thereof) of the computer, allowing our organisation to rent it at a nominal rate, and in the eventuality of ECC being restricted or banned the computer would be returned to its original owners.

We have enclosed a full outline of our campaign for this year, along with a budget. We would be happy to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss these matters further.

Yours sincerely

Dr Crispian Olver
Chairperson



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The End Conscription Campaign
P O Box 208
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Attention : Miriam Wheeldon (Secretary General)

Dear Madam

APPLICATION TO DISPLAY POSTERS IN THE CAPE TOWN AND FISH HOEK
AREAS FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM BETWEEN 1988-05-22 AND
1988-05-29.

With reference to your letter dated 1988-05-20, I would advise
that there is no objection to the display of the abovementioned
posters on this Department's Electricity standards provided
you have obtained the necessary permission from Fish Hoek Muni-
cipality who has been sent a copy of this letter.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The City Planner
who will communicate directly with you concerning the erection
of posters in the Cape Town Municipal area.

The Cape Town City Council must be indemnified from any claim
whatsoever which may arise as a result of the display of the
abovementioned posters.


CITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

108.2.9

ECC Office
Community House
41 Salt River Road
SALT RIVER

1 June 1988

Dear members of the CT ECC executive

Resignation of the office worker

I wish to tender my resignation as office worker of the Cape Town ECC. This would take effect, if convenient, from the end of the month.

Attached is a detailed report of the functions of the office worker. This would enable the executive to determine the skills and person required for the job.

Briefly, the main reason for my resignation is that I have been offered an exciting job in the field of occupational therapy - the area of my training. It would provide an enormous challenge to me and, unfortunately, it is not one which would be available next year.

There are three general body meetings this month. Sub-committees will be informed of this at their next sub-comm meeting and will be asked to submit applications. My suggestion is that we close applications Friday 24 June 1988, interview prospective office workers that weekend and take a proposal to the general body on Thursday 30 June, and hopefully it will be ratified for that person to start immediately.

I do hope you understand my position - it has been one ^{over} which I have spent hours pondering and labouring.

Yours sincerely

Therese Boulle

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