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10 August 1992

To: the Management
Bobolink Centre
33 Killarney Road
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Re: use of conference facilities at Bobolink.

The End Conscription Campaign, the Conscientious Objectors Support Group and the Conscription Advice Service held a combined conference at Bobolink over the weekend 7-9 August.

The fact that a conference facility such as Bobolink exists is greatly appreciated by the members of organisations such as ours.

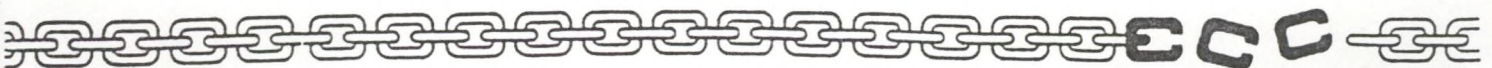
Many of the delegates at the conference mentioned that Bobolink was an ideal venue and that its quality and character contributed substantially to their enjoyment of the conference.

We would therefore like to express our thanks to the staff and management of Bobolink for the use of the centre.

Yours sincerely



David Bruce
on behalf of the conference organising committee



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FAX COVER SHEET

TO... ECC

ATTENTION... Roddy

FROM... Jaqui

DATE... 28/8/90

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Howzit! How NC went well. I'm sending you a
 copy of a proposal drawn up by Grotler Winkler
 regards an exhibition in Germany. If ECC
 are interested please let me know + contact the
 Museum directly.

See you
Jaqui

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7 October 1992

Letter to leaders of political parties

ONGOING PROSECUTION OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS AND "DRAFT DODGERS".

On 23 September 1992, the Pretoria Supreme Court dismissed an application by the ECC to declare the whites-only military call-up legally invalid. Nonetheless, the ECC is appealing against this decision, and we are hopeful that the Appellate Division will confirm our belief that a whites-only call-up is invalid.

In the meantime, the chief of staff of the SADF, General Pierre Steyn, has indicated that the present call-up system is being phased out. The SADF has embarked on a rationalisation program, with units being disbanded and major military bases being closed. The SADF has begun retrenching thousands of surplus staff members. At the same time, thousands of volunteers are turned away from the SADF every year.

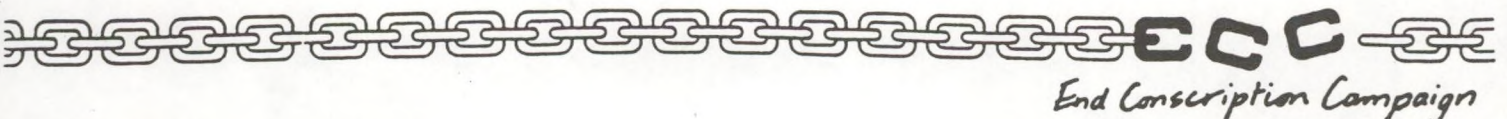
Clearly, the SADF does not have a shortage of personnel - it has a surplus. Yet, against all reason, the SADF continues to enforce the whites-only call up and to prosecute those who fail or refuse to serve, on a selective basis.

We believe that, irrespective of one's political viewpoint, the prosecution of individuals on call-up related offences is unacceptable in this period of transition. Since, by the SADF's own admission, the call-up system is being phased out, we believe that prosecutions of this kind should be stopped immediately. It is immoral and cynical to prosecute people under a law which is due to be repealed within the next few months.

We ask you to endorse our call on the government to halt call-up related prosecutions and to declare a moratorium on any further prosecutions of this kind. We would greatly appreciate it if you could send us a brief indication of your support by fax to the above number. We believe that even organisations which have not supported the ECC in the past will agree that it is time to stop the prosecutions, and we hope that you will see fit to support us on this issue.

Yours faithfully

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For: The End Conscription Campaign



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Note that section 121(c) of the Defence Act, 44 of 1957, provides that:

Any person who uses any language or does any act or thing with intent to recommend to, encourage, aid, incite, instigate, suggest to or otherwise cause any other person or any category of persons or persons in general to refuse or fail to render any service to which such other person or a category of such persons or persons in general is or are liable or may become liable in terms of this Act,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand rand or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.



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Statement of support for ECC call on conscripts not to comply with their call-up instructions.

Taking note of the fact that the present system of military service in South Africa is racially discriminatory and believing that it serves to perpetuate inequality, distrust and division between people of different races in this country, I call on people who are called-up for military service not to comply with their call-up instructions.

I wish to encourage conscripts who may be considering not responding to their call-ups to inform themselves of the potential consequences of whatever course of action they might take so that they will be acting as informed individuals.

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Signature...*Sheena Duncan*...

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