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Dear Adele,
 We're here! All safe and sound, and very hot!! It's muggy and very warm in Holland - not unlike Durban, for some strange reason.

The WRI material has just arrived, so I'm sending you a copy in case you don't receive it direct. Hope the decision-making is going well ...

Please will you ask the person who comes to bring media, and especially any women's media (if you can find any) for display, etc. It seems that VHS videos would be useful - if you know of anything suitable please send it as well.

Looking at the possible travel arrangements, I'd suggest that the person who comes and I should travel by coach / boat on Saturday 25th, so should meet in London (or at least make contact) before that. See you!

much love, Anita



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Dear Reader,

Thank you for your letter to the Editor. This will be considered for publication in the Business Day in the near future.

Should it not be published for space or other reasons, please feel free to write again on any topic.

Thank you for your interest in the Business Day.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ben Owen', with a long horizontal line underneath it.

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Dear All,

Well, this is going to be a lengthy, "work loaded" letter!

It would seem that since the NC in May, most of us having left with some sense of doom and some confusion, that there has been a whole lot of new innovations, discussion and enthusiasm generated about the direction, role and future of ECC.

As you will see from all the enclosed motivations and proposals (ranging from a VVAW tour to a national campus organiser), there are lots of exciting, important and relevant work for ECC activists to embark upon!

I know that discussing issues of national importance places quite a lot of strain on the regions and that it takes a long time to get through so many agenda items. So.... hang in there!


The opportunity for national contact and for 'getting a national feel' was greatly enhanced by the brief but very successful 'mini-tours' around the country by both Ivan and Laurie. Both of them have felt very positive about the contact they were able to make while in the various regions and the input they were able to give. ECC can still organise quickly and efficiently!

I hope that by now you all have the - once again changed - dates for NC.

I look forward to seeing you all after my 'happy travels' - this NC seems a long way off.

Much love, strength and energy.

Adele



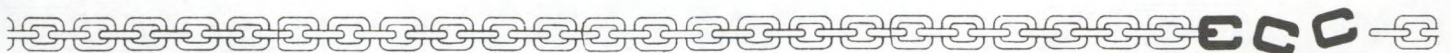
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ENCLOSURES :

1. Proposed NC agenda - for thorough discussion.
2. Press clips of May and June 1987
3. Relevant pages from the Presidents Council Youth Report
4. A campaign proposal from Durban (which includes a combined focus on the call up and International Namibia Day)
5. A proposal for a national campus organiser - this was one of the suggestions which came out of the national campus gathering at the Nusas Festival on Monday, 6th July. Despite the time constraints on that meeting, a lot of good contact was made between the different campus branches.
6. Proposal for a joint Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) and WRL Tour of South Africa.
7. Proposal for a focus nationally on the continued detention of an ECC leader, Janet Cherry. We cannot directly call for her release but there's lots else we can do to put the pressure on!
8. Motivation from JHB for Clare as NO
9. Proposal for academic research into ECC.



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PROPOSED NC AGENDA

1. IDASA :

- What has been your regions first hand experience of IDASA.
- What are the possibilities that you can see for working with them?
- Try and get a sense of how other organisations have experienced working with them.
- How do you understand the role of IDASSA in the struggle ?
- What should ECC's attitude be towards receiving funds/ financial assistance from them?
- Try and make some contact with people in your region who participated in the "IDASA trip to Dakar" and get some report back.

2. Regional Reports :

The same guidelines as usual - morale, security, internal education, programme, etc.

If at all possible try and circulate the report to all the regions prior to NC as to facilitate more in depth discussion at NC.

3. Conceptual Discussion :

- It would be very useful to have written up reports of the process, content and direction that the discussion has taken.
- How and what have you come out with as a result of this ongoing discussion?
- Consult with other organisations (member/affiliate organisations) about their thinking on the direction and content of ECC.

4. National Conference :

- What would be the purpose, content and role that such a national meeting could play?
- Issues such as the size and type of representation needs full discussion
- Suggested agenda items - yeah!
- It would seem from national contact recently that most would be seeing this item as the major focus for NC? Is that OK with regions?
- Do we want practical campaign planning to be coming out of the conference? If so, think of ideas.

5. Finances :

- A financial report'. By all accounts the news is not very good at the moment but hopefully by then we'll be smiling,
- ideas from regions about local fundraising and any news of success.

6. VVAW Tour :

- The proposal should have been discussed by NC - and we'll take it from there.

7. War Taxes :

- Some input from Durban (?) region on this and how ECC can respond/ take up the issue. eg : the call made by COSATU for "No taxation without representation "

8. National Communication/ Co-ordination :

- general assessment of how that's been functioning since last NC.
- the status and success of inter-regional contact.
- national campus organiser (see proposal) and general campus co-ordination.
- if the proposal for a campus organiser is accepted, when would we see this person taking on the position? (This was omitted from the actual proposal)
- assessment of national decision making processes (which we know is not the best) and suggestions on how to improve it.

9. International Namibia Day :

- How do regions feel about a focus on this day? NB : its the 26th August!
- Would regions want to make use of a Namibian speaker around this time?
- Ideas, ideas, ideas for this focus'

10. SACBC Alternative Service Proposal :

- See enclosed proposal
- It would be most important for the various churches sub-committees to have discussed the basic proposal and how they could as ECC slot into the programme.
- What would ECC's role be in relation to the SACBC and how would we be involved in any follow up actions?

11. Academic Research into ECC :

- proposal enclosed - decisions, suggestions, amendments on this proposal.

12. National white areas discussion :

- minutes of the second meeting will have been circulated by NC
- discussion on the benefits and role that ECC can play in this forum.
- implications of our observer status at these meetings.

13. WRI Feminism and Non-violence Conference :

- there will be a report back on the conference.
- ideas or issues for ECC to take up - this would be seen as just sharing those ideas rather than seeing this NC as the forum for detailed discussion - more for taking back to regions.

14. Extension of Conscription to coloureds and Indians :

- Try and consult with appropriate organisations within those communities about how they are reading the proposals coming out of the PC's Youth Report.
- Look at the possibility for joint actions between ECC and those organisations- rather is that a possibility?
- What implications does this report have for ECC's work?

That's it!

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Dear Adèle

You may think that I have disappeared after seeing you in June!
I had ^{had} however, and still have, a very hard time getting any reply
at the number you have given me.

As I am in need of more posters for a real sample of ECC posters,
I will sincerely appreciate it if you could contact me. I am not
working frantically at the moment, as my study leader is overseas,
but he will return the middle of August, and if I could have all
the needed information and posters by then, it would help a stack!
PLEASE!

My telephone at work is 789-0214, and at home 476-3267. If you could
give me a ring, I will be sure to pick up the posters, IF you could
supply me with some.

Thanks again for all your help - I really am stranded without you.

Regards

Elsabé

ELSABÉ KLOPPER

Jhb 24-7-87

Hello dear

Herewith your July package - not from Adele this time, given her current locus, but from her review group.

Contents: ① The final draft of the constitution - to be discussed & ratified by all regions
BY NC - it has to be signed with everyone present.

② VVAW tour proposal - sorry not typed -

③ Janet Cherry free lunch campaign proposal, from this group. One amendment - use of even pencil drawings on a poster still to be cleared by a lawyer. (Minor detail)

Still no news of Adele, we assume no news is good news & await the details...

Meanwhile

best greetings

Isabel.

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