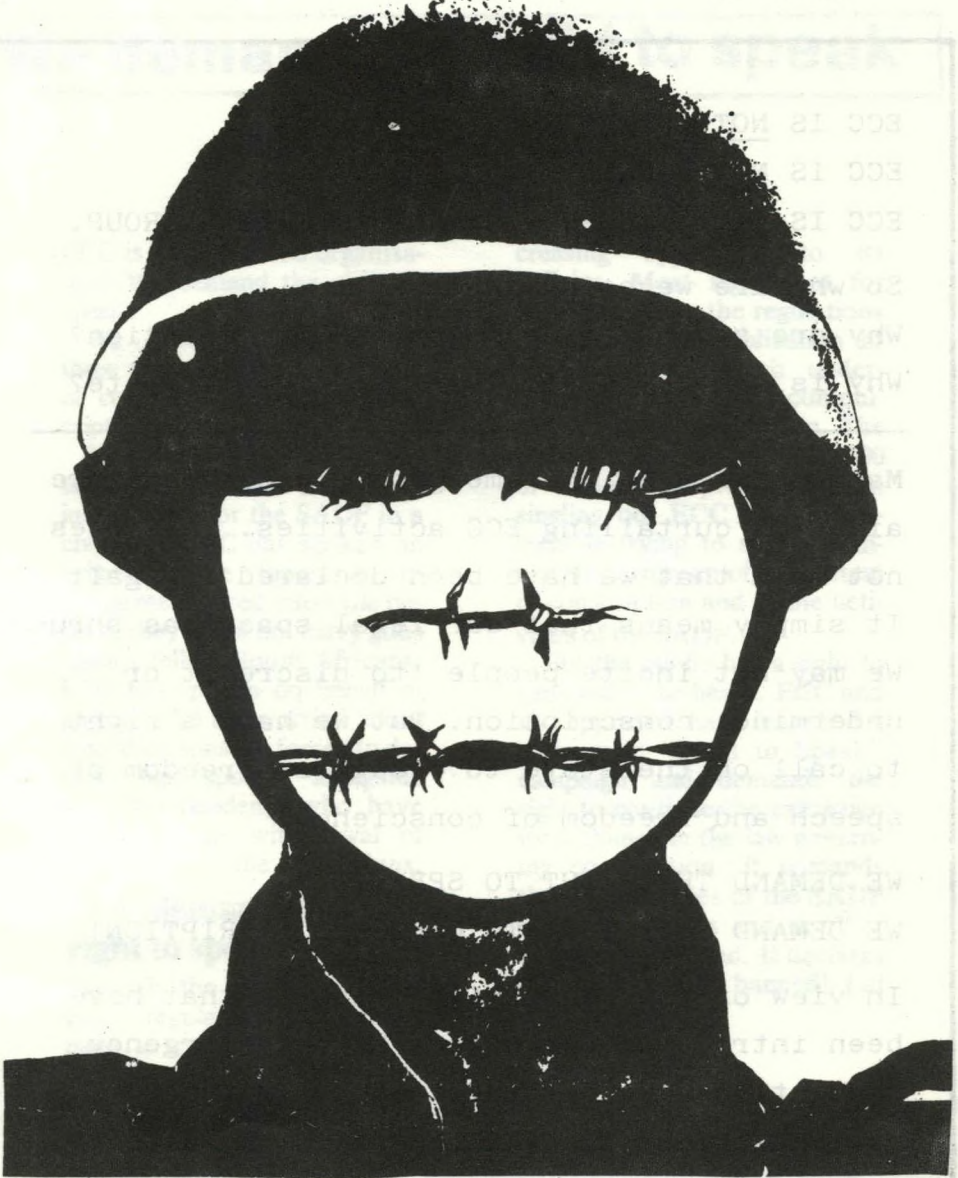
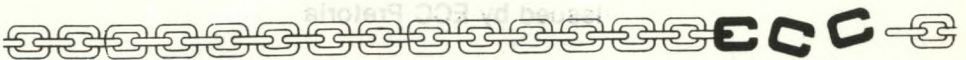


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We demand the right to speak



End Censorship Campaign

ECC IS NOT SUBVERSIVE.

ECC IS NOT BANNED.

ECC IS NOT ALIGNED WITH ANY POLITICAL GROUP.

So why are we being harassed?

Why are several of our members in detention?

Why is our campaign restricted by the state?

Many clauses in the emergency regulations are aimed at curtailing ECC activities. This does not mean that we have been declared illegal. It simply means that our legal space has shrunk. We may not incite people 'to discredit or undermine' conscription. But we have a right to call on the state to recognize freedom of speech and freedom of conscience.

WE DEMAND THE RIGHT TO SPEAK!

WE DEMAND THE RIGHT TO OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION!

In view of the repressive measures that have been introduced against us by the emergency regulations, we have decided to launch a national RIGHT TO SPEAK campaign. We assert the right to legally and openly represent the views of those South Africans affected by conscription.

We demand the right to speak

ECC is not a banned organisation! We demand the right to speak!

We have campaigned for three years against the system of compulsory military conscription.

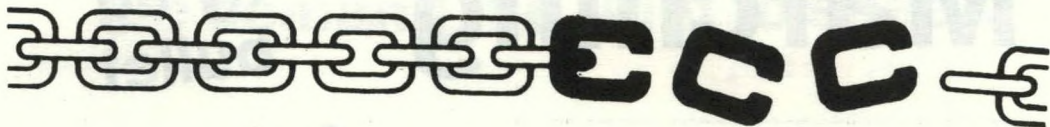
ECC has spoken on behalf of the conscripts who are forced into fighting for the SADF in a civil war. ECC has spoken on behalf of the thousands of young men forced into exile because they could not carry guns against fellow South Africans. ECC has spoken on behalf of parents who are worried about what their sons are forced to do. ECC has spoken alongside township residents who have demanded the withdrawal of troops from the townships.

ECC demands the right to speak!

Through the State of Emergency regulations the government is trying to stop the in-

creasing opposition to its policies. Most significant for ECC have been the regulations prohibiting the publication of any statement which undermines the system of compulsory military conscription. The penalty for doing so is R20 000 or 10 years imprisonment. In singling out ECC the government is trying to stop the increasing criticism of the system of conscription and of the activities of the SADF.

But the public has a right to hear and to be heard. ECC and its supporters have launched a nationwide "Right to Speak" campaign and demands the right to continue the campaign for a change in the law governing conscription. It demands that the activities of the SADF in the townships and in other areas be publicised. It declares that ECC is not banned! Let ECC speak!



**New weapon
Wasteful war**

RESTRICTIONS

Expensive war

REPRESSION

Construction

**The war
continues**

not

conscription

**Do I
have to fight
in the SADF?**

You've got a friend

Troops out

ECC

Marching

**flying
bullet**

as to war

Suicide

Will Father Xmas put guns in baby's stocking?

review
stance

on

ECC is to run an awareness campaign highlighting the psychological costs of war toys.



children's

WAR

TOYS

As adults, we are responsible for building alternative communities in which we ourselves do not use guns and bombs to settle disputes, or any violent action to prove a point.

Adults can reduce the availability of war toys merely by realising this and creating alternative role models for peaceful behaviour.

Years of campaigning in Sweden and German have brought bans on war toys and restrictions on advertising. And a recent resolution in the European Parliament calls on member states to limit the advertising of these toys and encourages a progressive reduction in their manufacture, and their replacement with constructive, creative toys.

War Toys
Christmas is a time of goodwill, yet many children will receive all the paraphernalia of war as toys. Almost all parents who give such toys will be doing so without any wrong intention. That is sad and dangerous. Sad because it reflects an unconscious, uncritical acceptance of war, which is so pervasive in white South African culture. Dangerous because children learn to romanticize war before they can understand its terrible consequences.

shot dead

games...

peace toys....not war toys

We customarily associate Christmas with peace and joy. Over this period we exchange greeting cards and gifts as a tangible expression of our goodwill towards others.

Many children will receive toys this Christmas: dinky cars, monopoly sets, dolls' houses, BMX bicycles. Through these toys, the practices and values of the adult world will be passed down to them. Toys reflect what is important in the adult world. They represent the adult world reduced in size and complexity.

Through toys and games, children are also presented with role models. They begin to play the parts that characterise adult society. This process is crucial to the formation of their identity. Children pretend at being doctor, mother, superman, or villain, and learn the behaviour and attitudes appropriate to each of these roles.

It is in this context that we question the desirability of giving war toys as gifts to children.

Toy guns, toy uniforms and toy armoured vehicles (along with Rambo, Mad Max and the 'A' Team on video) condition children into perceiving violence as a natural part of their lives. It is portrayed as the norm rather than as a deviation.

Violence is imbued with glamour and turned into a game, a spectacle, an adventure, a rush of adrenalin and excitement. The social dislocation and personal suffering caused by violence, its sheer inhumanity, is minimised. Ruthless and criminal behaviour is glorified. Might is foregrounded at the expense of morality. Inevitably children are encouraged to adopt a superficial view of social problems and their solutions.

We reject the view that man's natural state is one of inevitable and perpetual violence. We maintain that man has the potential to create peace or conflict. We believe that children are taught to embrace violence, that they are socialised into it through the toys they receive and the games they learn.

For this reason we have launched a campaign urging parents to consider the psychological and social effects on children of promoting violent norms and of turning violence into a game. We ask parents to examine critically the myth of innate human aggression perpetuated by war toys.

Christmas teaches us that the solution to conflict lies in peace and goodwill. Children ought to be encouraged to build through peace, and not to destroy through violence. War toys have a damaging influence on their later attitudes.

WE CALL FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND CREATIVE TOYS. WE CALL FOR PEACE TOYS.

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