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Dear Friends

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Greetings to you!

Here is an update on the status of the campaign around Ivan Tom's objection and proposed action around his trial on 29th February 1988. The campaign around Ivan's objection has been centred around 3 key dates :

- his call up on November 12th 1987 ;
- his court appearance on November 30th 1987;
- his trial on February 29th 1988.

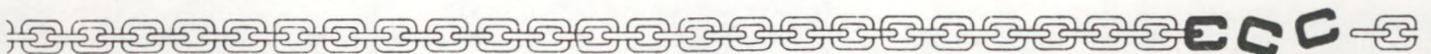
The major aims of the campaign have been to build support for conscientious objectors, particularly for Ivan at this point ; to Build ECC and to broaden our support ; to highlight the role that the SADF plays (this has been particularly effective as Ivan has served 2 years in the SADF and so speaks out of his own experience) ; highlighting the very inadequate alternatives for C.O.'s and thereby raising again a strong call for the end to conscription.

Action around the November 12th call up :

- * Ivan completed a whirlwind national speaking tour, addressing public meetings and ECC forums in all the ECC centres around the country
- * He received good national press coverage, especially on Radio 702 (an independent radio station) and in a Cape and Natal newspaper.
- * He had several interviews with international press and TV (including the New York Times; London Guardian and Times; Channel 4 and Canadian TV).
- * Messages of support were received from a range of overseas organisations.
- * Work has begun on a video production of the campaign and Ivan's objection.
- * On the morning of the 12th, an early morning church service was held at St. Georges Cathedral (Cape Town) , after which he proceeded to his unit in Goodwood. He was taken to a magistrates court where he was charged with " refusing to report" and the case was remanded to November 30th.

Action around November 30th :

- * A local iteration of local organisations and interested groupings, publicising his stand.
- * Produced stickers, T. shirts and pamphlets.
- * A mill-in was held in a shopping centre in Cape Town on Saturday 28 Nov, wearing campaign T. shirts.
- * A 12 hour vigil was held in support of Ivan from 6pm on the 29th - 6am on the 30th November



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Proposed actions for the trial on February 29th 1988 :

The following are a list of suggested actions which we believe organisations such as yourself can embark on in support of Ivan Toms and ECC :

- * Send messages of support for Ivan's stand and letters of protest to Chief of the SADF, Jannie Geldenhuys and Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan. (Refer previous letter for relevant addresses)
- * Seek support and solidarity actions from the major churches and church leaders in your community
- * Hold vigils in support of Ivan during the duration of the trial
- * approach top musicians to endorse a statement of support for Ivan's stand of conscientious objection and his general anti-apartheid stand
- * We are inviting international observers to the trial and will liase with you on that issue if we need assistance.

We believe that through our international work that we will be able to raise the issues of militarisation , conscription, C.O. , ECC and non-racialism - both within our own organisations and in your organisation.

We would appreciate your continued support and solidarity action around the Ivan Toms campaign. We will also keep you informed of any new developments around the trial and other appropriate actions. We would welcome any suggestions from you on how to further support for Ivan and his stand in the international community.

Enclosed is a copy of the press coverage received in the build up to his call up date of November 12th and some stickers.

Yours towards a just peace

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