

End Conscription Campaign

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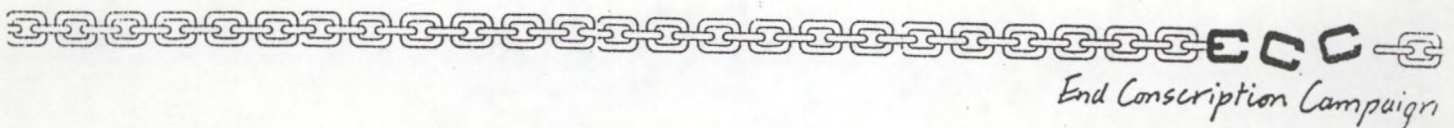
- 1) Our country is sinking into a deepening civil conflict.
- 2) The presence of troops in the townships further increases tension and bitterness in our divided country. Many conscripts consequently face a serious moral dilemma. They should be given the right to choose whether to participate in the SADF or not. This is why we call for an end to conscription.
- 3) In the interim, our right to choose would be respected if the government allowed for genuine alternative ways of serving our country.

Therefore we call on the government to:

- a) Provide alternative service to all conscripts who in good conscience object to service in the SADF.
- b) Reduce the length of community service from a punitive six year maximum to a maximum of four years.
- c) Make alternative service available in religious and welfare organisations.

Presently for a person who has done no service:
*Military service is two years continuous service and a total of two years camps;
*Alternative service is a continuous six years in a government department usually at a private's salary and available only to religious pacifists;
*Those who do not qualify face six years in jail or exile.

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