



*End Conscription Campaign*

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Johannesburg.  
25 April 1986.

Dear Patrick,

On behalf of the ECC Executive and all those who participated in the Children's Peace Holiday Programme, I would like to thank you very much for the use of the church buildings for that entire week of 1st - 4th April. We could not have asked for a better situated and ideal venue.

I believe that not only was it a fun-filled week for the children of Westbury, but that those young people who volunteered to be a part of the programme, learnt something of what it means to share of themselves and perhaps something of what it means to work towards a just peace and future for this country and all its people.

Once again thank you for your co-operation and support with regard to the ECC programme. It is much appreciated.

In Peace,

*AKirsten*

Adèle Kirsten. (ECC Executive - Secretary.)

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29 April 1986

Dear ECC

PEACE RALLY: WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE CAMPAIGN

The Young Progressives of the Southern Transvaal Region of the PFP congratulate the End Conscription Campaign on their success in promoting alternative national service to military conscription in the SADF.

We believe the ECC has a vital role to play in peaceful opposition to conscription. By promoting the right of individuals not to serve in an apartheid army, the ECC has secured itself an important position in opposition politics.

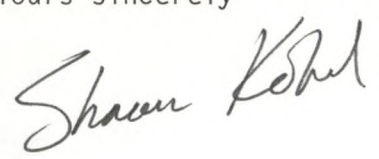
The strength of ECC lies in that so many individuals and political groups may come together on common concerns - and may voice their concerns about militarization in our country with one voice, and one conscience.

ECC, we congratulate you on the success of your campaign; we trust and hope that your work will be as valuable to South Africa in the future.

Viva ECC!

29 APRIL 1986

Yours sincerely



SHAWN KOPEL  
Chairperson: Young Progressives (Southern TRansvaal)



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12 April 1986

Dear All

We in Cape Town have been receiving bits of news from all the centres but nothing meaty enough to satisfy our lust for what appears to be GOOD NEWS all around. So here is a letter from us describing recent events and asking for letters in return.

## Overall

Things are now going very well!!! CT ECC is on a high, and all our activities seem to be working better than planned. ECC is the talk of the town and we are feeling chuffed with ourselves. One disappointing area has been the press. They seem to be taking less of an interest in us than usual, despite the earth-shattering successes we have had. We are going to be looking quite seriously at some of the creative action ideas from other centres (balloons, planting wheat, olive trees etc.)

## Working for a Just Peace

We are well into the campaign at this stage and we have completed/started most of the projects. Over 300 people have volunteered and they keep streaming in. All the volunteers who have done work seem to have enjoyed it immensely.

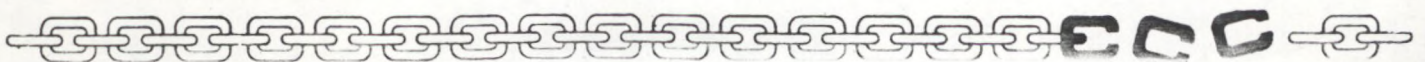
We are finding that (as expected) the campaign is giving us an extremely positive public image. We have distributed tens of thousands of pamphlets (and are continuing to do so) and we find that knowledge about the campaign is very wide.

The major political question that confronts us is 'where to from here?' - to what extent can we expand our organisational structures to cope with an influx of people?; how will this affect the smooth functioning/ democratic workings/ friendly atmosphere of the organisation?; how can we accommodate the people who want to be involved in ECC, but from the angle of community type prospects?; do we need to reassess the decision to limit the WJP type work i.e. have some kind of ongoing involvement in this area?

We feel this campaign has finally and conclusively established ECC in CT as a popular and 'reasonable', 'responsible', creative and dynamic force in the political arena.

## The Fair

At the risk of going over the top we would probably claim that the fair has been our greatest single success yet. There were about 45 stalls that catered for every conceivable taste/fantasy. The main elements of the 'success' are hard to pin down. The atmosphere was very festive, lots of children, lots of families and lots of youth culture; and somehow it all seemed to gel. Inbetween the puppet shows, live music, comedy routines, kites and screaming children with painted faces we made quite a bit of money and firmly established a political resistance type context which was apparent at all times. Its difficult to estimate, but about 4000-5000 people visited the fair during the day.





### Film Festival

We opened the film festival last Sunday night with a very positive chat by Dr. Alex Boraine and a screening of the 'War at Home' - a film documenting anti-draft strategies in U.S.A. around the Vietnam issue. About 600 people attended and the movie was astounding. The parallels with our own situation are enormous (the slogans, atmosphere, police repression etc.). The film festival looks like it is going to be very successful both in terms of credibility and educational content - tickets are selling like wildfire and the films themselves are very hot!

### Photo-Exhibition

The foyer of the film festival venue (Baxter Theatre) is the venue for the photo-exhibition - South Africa in conflict: Protest, Resistance and Power. The photographs are extremely powerful and moving. At the moment many hundreds of people are visiting everyday and it looks like this may even increase. The theme is much broader than conscription but we have a table there all day with WJP and general ECC media and an ECC person.

### Parents Group

A whole range of 'older' people and parents have expressed an interest in getting involved in ECC but we haven't been able to accommodate them. There are several mothers with young sons (3 - 4 years old) who are motivated to work in the campaign because they don't want their children to face the dilemma of conscription later. We are in the process of setting up a parents group of some kind (possibly a sub-comm.) and a lot of interest is being shown from many quarters. Possible first project would be a large afternoon 'conference' or structured get-together of parents of conscripts and parents of the 'Young Lions'. The symbolic power of a statement condemning the fact that 'Apartheid forces our children to face each other across the barrel of a gun, when they could be working side by side to set this country right' would be very powerful. But more news about this later.

### Organisation

ECC as an organisation is a bit stretched at the moment and there is a tendency for each different area to assume its own dynamics. We are constantly trying to integrate each area (e.g. WJP slides and speakers before main films) but things are getting too big for us to maintain a cosy intimate atmosphere. This situation has its own gains and losses but mostly it is a new challenge that we will find ways of coping with.

Much love from us all, please send return updates as soon as possible.

Yours in the struggle for peace

Nic Boraine for ECC in CT



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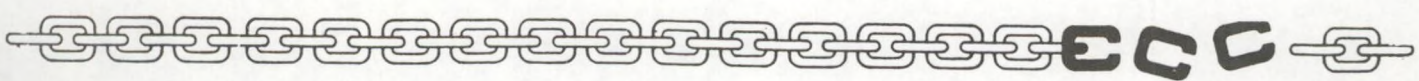
22 April 1986

Dear David

Enclosed please find:

1. Motivation for Barbarato do the research job
2. Comments on 'What is ECC'

Lots of love  
Nic



## Motivation for Barbara Friedman to compile CIIR Publication

Barbara has extensive research experience, having completed an honours degree in Industrial Sociology. She has worked in ECC or similar areas (namely the Conscription Action Group) for several years and has a good practical grasp of the role of the SADF in Southern Africa.

Her academic training and her training in ECC has given her good analytical and theoretical skills. She has been widely used to present seminars on various topics and has a good ability to present complex and intricate issues in an accessible manner.

Recently Barbara has worked with the Education Resources Information Centre in Cape Town on compiling resources and booklets for community organisations.

We feel that given Barbara's experience and given her familiarity with the subject and her access to ECC's theoretical resources that she would be an ideal person to complete this research.



Comments on David's proposed ECC National 'PR' publication

1. Intro is too heavy / rhetorical / unsubstantiated / polemical. Should be more ECC, as an organisation oriented and less SADF oriented.
2. Info on what is ECC is not exciting enough. Obviously layout and pics will make a difference, but could still be jazzed up a little. Maybe some nice quotes from ECC chairs or nobs would help.
3. 'Evidence to Geldenhuys' section in particular needs to be jazzed up. Our interim demands are a strong feature of our work at present, and need to be highlighted.
4. re. TOC (pg 6) : fast not explained. Here too some quotes from Richard and Ivan and Harald would be nice.
5. pg 3: should list more individual endorsers of the decl. eg. Brink, Gordimer, PFP MP's etc.
6. 'What is ECC (pg 6) needs more on what we do, stressing the creative side of ECC eg. film fest., anti war photos and art, record, videos, concerts, churches, schools etc. fun runs etc,
7. Internat support (pg 6) could be expanded a little to mention WCC, EEC, European parliament support and other overseas
8. pg 4 last para needs to be motivated
9. pg 5 first para : confusing / sayign too much too succinctly
10. Stronger emphasis throughout on our call for peace



  
End Conscription Campaign

UNIVERSITY OF NATAL  
KING GEORGE V AVENUE  
DURBAN  
11 JUNE 1986

Dear Mr Poole

Regretfully you appear to be once more doing what we reproached you for in our public challenge to debate (please read the attached challenge again carefully - we quote paragraph 2) "ECC is concerned by the tactics used of giving incorrect information as if it were fact, or distorting information by quoting it out of context."

Your rather emotive pamphlet issued on campus shortly after we confirmed your acceptance (in principle) of our challenge, is certainly not accurate. We cite one example:-

Our challenge (see final paragraph) proposed that "a suitable chair, date, time and details of this debate be negotiated jointly before 20th May".

This suggestion to meet within a week is a far cry from your claim that ECC "are attempting to disrupt this petition campaign by demanding that this debate be organised before 20th May (anniversary of Pretoria bomb blast, 239 maimed 19 killed)" and that this "should give some indication of how the ECC feels about the ANC's campaign of calculated terror against innocent civilians."

We request that you attempt to be more accurate in future statements about ECC.

Now to business:

Your undated letter received recently suggests the 26th June as a suitable date for the debate planning meeting. This date is suitable to us, but only after the afternoon exams. We suggest 6 pm in your office as being a suitable time and venue for this meeting.

We feel it important to remind you of the history of this challenge. (To ensure that Durban Campus does not later get a modified story of the facts.)

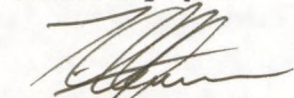
- \* Our original challenge to the DSA was made by Howard Varney of ECC to yourself (as a representative of the DSA) in February 1987. We intended the debate to be part of orientation week.  
N.B. This challenge was announced to approximately 150 persons who attended the orientation week panel discussion on militarization. The challenge was also reported in the next edition of the ECC newspaper "AT EASE". (Copy available)
- \* The DSA response was that you were too busy and that we could possibly debate in August



- \* Our public challenge issued on Durban campus on 13 May 1987 was a follow-up to our original challenge. The way the DSA was presenting its petition illustrated again to us the need for a fair and public airing of the views of the two organisations. We consequently issued you with a general challenge to debate and included the proposal that we jointly agree on details.
- \* It seems that we are now all agreed that the debate should indeed take place in August. HOWEVER the DSA have chosen to try and dictate a specific topic. This is neither the way a challenge generally proceeds, nor is it in line with the history of this particular challenge.
- \* We therefore emphasize again the need to jointly decide on the debate details at the debate planning meeting. We realize that both organisations have points of view they wish to bring to the notice of those on Durban campus, and we accept that in the DSA's case this includes our refusal to sign your petition. A suitable topic can undoubtedly be agreed upon which will allow you to include your concerns. After all this is obviously not the only issue the DSA is capable of debating.

If the tone of this letter sounds more reproaching than is usual from ECC, this is because you have chosen to ignore some of what we have said in our previous communications with you. Once again we urge you to take more care about being accurate in what you say about us.

Thanking you



TAM ALEXANDER  
Campus ECC Co-ordinator



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I COULD UNDERSTAND THEM BEING QUESTIONED, BUT CERTAINLY NOT DETAINED.  
IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE THEY SHOULD BE RELEASED WITHOUT DELAY.  
STATEMENT FROM BISHOP BRUCE EVANS.  
JANET CHERRY IS A YOUNG LADY WHO MY WIFE AND I HAVE KNOWN FOR ABOUT  
SEVEN YEARS, AND WHO HAS STAYED IN OUR HOME MANY TIMES.  
I KNOW THAT JANET HAS IN FACT BEEN OPPOSED TO DRUG TAKING AS SHE  
BELIEVES MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH ARE VERY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY  
IN THE TENSE SITUATION IN WHICH HER WORK PLACES HER.  
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WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT THE DRUGS WERE FOUND IN AN OUTSIDE  
BATHROOM, THAT IS ALWAYS LEFT OPEN AND WHICH COULD BE ENTERED BY  
ANYONE WHO MIGHT WANT TO "PLANT" DRUGS OR DO OTHER HARM TO JANET  
AND DOMINIQUE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE  
EXTREME HARRASSMENT THAT JANET HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO. HER HOUSE HAS  
BEEN SEARCHED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THE SPECIAL BRANCH (WHO APPARENTLY  
NEVER FOUND ANY DRUGS), THE TYRES OF HER CAR HAVE BEEN SLASHED MANY  
TIMES, WINDOWS OF HER HOUSE SLASHED MANY TIMES, WINDOWS OF HER HOUSE  
HAVE BEEN SMASHED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, HER CAR HAS BEEN SET ALIGHT,  
AND SO ON. IT SEEMS TO ME TO BE QUITE CLEAR THAT SOME UNKNOWN PERSON  
OR PERSONS WANTING TO DO HARM TO JANET CHERRY AND  
MORE

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ATTENTION DAVID SHANDLER  
TO DO HARM TO JANET CHERRY AND DOMINIQUE SOUCHON AND TO DISCREDIT  
THEM, HAVE DELIVERATELY PLACED THE DRUG IN THE OUTBUILDING.  
THE RIGHT REV BRUCE EVANS.  
REV GEORGE IRVINE, HEAD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE EASTERN CAPE,  
36 HAVELOCK STREET PORT ELIZABETH 6001  
/ WAS APPALLED AND OUTRAGED WHEN I HEARD THAT JANET CHERRY AND  
DOMINIQUE SOUCHON WERE ARRESTED BECAUSE MANDRAX TABLETS WERE FOUND IN  
AN OUTSIDE TOILET/BATHROOM ON THEIR PROPERTY. THIS TOILET/BATHROOM IS  
NEVER LOCKED AND IS OPEN TO THE ROAD. I HAVE KNOWN JANET AND  
DOMINIQUE FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND HAVE WORKED WITH THEM ON  
COMMUNITY COMMITTEES AND HAVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEM ARRANGED  
SERVICES OF PRAYER AND WITNESS FOR SOUTH AFRICA. OVER THE PAST YEARS  
THEY HAVE BEEN HARRASSED. THE SECURITY POLICE HAVE OFTEN SEARCHED  
THEIR HOME, THEY HAVE BEEN DETAINED, THEIR CAR TYRES SLASHED AND  
RECENTLY ONE CAR WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. THIS FINAL OUTRAGE WAS  
STRATEGICALLY TIMED IN THAT JANET WAS DUE TO LEAVE FOR SPEAKING  
ENGAGEMENTS IN EUROPE. BOTH OF THEM ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO WORKING  
FOR A BETTER WAY OF LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THIS LAND AND THEY HAVE MY  
FULL SUPPORT  
M I LOEWE

For further information contact  
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CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN MEMBERS  
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~~ATTENTION DAVID SHANDLER~~  
BISHOP JOHN MURPHY, ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF PORT  
ELIZABETH I WAS SHOCKED AND OUTRAGED TO HEAR THAT JANET CHERRY AND  
DOMINIQUE SOUCHON WERE DETAINED, SEEMINGLY BECAUSE DRUGS WERE FOUND  
IN AN OUTDOOR TOILET, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THEIR PROPERTY.  
ANYBODY COULD HAVE PLACED OR PLANTED THE OFFENDING DRUGS IN THAT  
PARTICULAR BUILDING. I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT IT WAS EITHER JANET OR  
DOMINIQUE, BOTH OF THEM ARE COMMUNITY MINDED AND ARE INVOLVED IN  
VARIOUS PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN FAVOUR OF THE LESS PRIVILEGED  
MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. JANET IS ENGAGED IN THE EAST CAPE ADULT LEARNING  
PROGRAMME, AND DOMINIQUE IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
JUSTIC AND PEACE COMMISSION.

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STE STATEMENTS OF THE RIGHT REV BRUCE EVANS, ANGLICAN BISHOP OF PORT  
ELIZABETH BISHOP JOHN MURPHY, CATHOLIC BISHOP OF PORT ELIZABETH, AND  
REV GEORGE IRVINE, HEAD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE EAST CAPE,  
SERVE AS POWERFUL TESTIMONY TO THE INTEGRITY OF JANET CHERRY AND  
OMINIQUE SOUCHON.  
THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN (ECC) IS COMITTED TO WORKING WITHIN THE  
LAW, AND OUR VIGILANCE IN THIS REGARD EXTENDS TO THE PEROSNAL LIVES  
OF OUR LEADERS. WE REGARD DRUG ABUSE AS HIGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND  
DAMAGING TO THE INDIVIDUAL, OUR ORGANISATION AND SOCIETY.  
IT IS A SINISTER SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT LEADS TO TWO OF OUR LEADERS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATING THIS POLICY BEING CHARGED WITH THE  
POSSESSION OF MANDRAX.  
THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS BECOMES EVEN MORE SINISTER, WHEN IT IS TAKEN  
INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THE DRUGS WERE FOUND IN AN OUTSIDE A BATHROOM  
IN AN OPEN COURTYARD LEADING OUT ONTO THE ROAD.  
THIS BATHROOM IS NEVER LOCKED. THE TIMING OF THE DRUG FIND APPEARS TO  
BE NO COINCIDENCE, JANET CHERRY WAS ARRESTED HOURS BEFORE SHE WAS TO  
HAVE LEFT PORT ELIZABETH EN ROUTE FOR FRANCE WHERE SHE IS TO HAVE  
BEEN A KEY SPEAKER AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA.  
THE LONG HISTORY OF HARRASSMENT ENDURED BY ECC MEMBERS IN THE EASTERN  
CAPE IS I SURE INDICATION THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WOULD LOVE TO  
SMEAR OUR MEMBERS AND DISCREDIT THE ORGANISATION.  
THE HARRASSMENT INCLUDES, THE GUTTING OF CARS, DEATH THREATS,  
SMASHING OF A CAR WINDSCREEN, SLASHING OF TYRES AND OTHER FORMS OF  
TAMPERING.

P R HATHORN

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