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MARCH 31, 1986

IMPORTANT MEETING!!

THE WASHINGTON OFFICE ON AFRICA INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A PRESENTATION BY GAVIN EVANS, A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH AFRICA AND A PUBLIC DRAFT RESISTER TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE, MONDAY APRIL 7, 1986, 2:00 P.M., UNITED METHODIST BUILDING<sup>NCC</sup> CONFERENCE ROOM.

MR. EVANS IS CURRENTLY ON WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A MINI-TOUR OF THE U.S. HOSTED BY THE WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE, FROM MARCH 21 THRU MAY 1. THE U.N. CENTER AGAINST APARTHEID INVITED HIM TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS ON MARCH 21ST. GAVIN IS A LAW STUDENT, JOURNALIST AND PUBLIC DRAFT RESISTER. HE IS THE SON OF BISHOP EVANS OF PORT ELIZABETH. HE REPORTED FOR THE RAND DAILY MAIL UNTIL IT WAS BANNED LAST YEAR, AND HAS BEEN WRITING FOR SEVERAL INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS SINCE. HIS FIRST CALL-UP WAS DEFERRED DUE TO HIS STUDENT STATUS; HE WILL FACE ANOTHER CALL-UP IN LESS THAN A YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF RESISTERS IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS GROWN FROM 1,500 IN 1984 TO 7,500 IN 1985. THE ECC HAS CONDUCTED A "TROOPS OUT OF THE TOWNSHIPS CAMPAIGN," CREATED A CHANNEL FOR DRAFT RESISTERS TO WORK IN BLACK AND WHITE COMMUNITIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE, AND HAS DISSEMINATED INVALUABLE INFORMATION TO THE ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT HERE AND ABROAD. THE MOVEMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT EXPRESSIONS OF WHITE OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND SOUTH AFRICA'S REGIONAL MILITARY AGGRESSION.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION!!

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Attended NCC brown-bag presentation by Gavin Evans, March 27 at 12:15, Interchurch bldg.:

Lawrence Lewis	Ag. Missions X/ DOM	870-2554
Africa Office	NCCC USA Room 612	870-2645
James A. Caldwell (looks more like Cagwell)	DOM / NCCCUSA Rm. 678	870-2175
Jane Fields	EDP - Methodist	870-3647
Bill Wipfler	Human Rights Office, DOM	870-2424

comments: Lawrence introduced himself to Lisa as Larry... asked 1st question, about ECC stand on occupation of Namibia -- particularly conscripts' feelings about going into Namibia, and seemed to think conscripts were more informed & politically minded than they in fact are (i.e., how do they feel about Cuban troops etc.) -which Gavin corrected him on (i.e. conscripts look at it from the level of personal experience) and described ECC's stand more thoroughly.

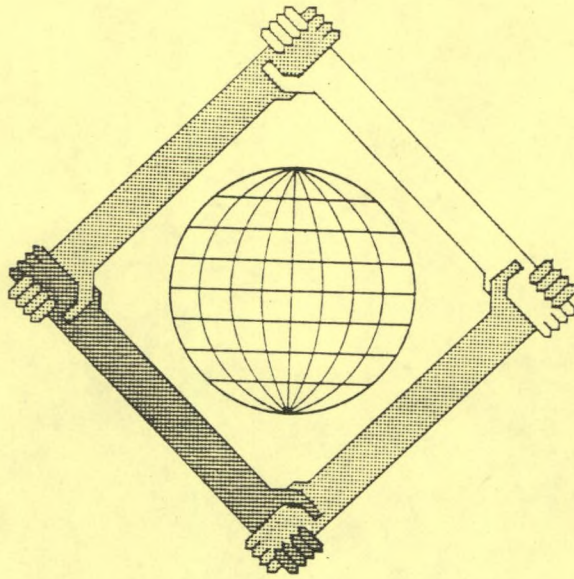
In response to Gavin's request for statement of support, Bill Wipfler said the NCC already has a prepared statement of support for C.O.'s under any circumstances, incl. selective conscientious objection; willing to give fuller statement for ECC upon request, with suggested wording.

The woman from the Africa Office was most forthcoming on statement of support as well; the office has been in touch with the ECC in Capetown. She'll call this Monday to follow through. Her questions were particularly centered around the issue of Black participation in the SADF. Gavin was quite specific re: no Africans have joined the SADF in two years now; though the ~~rather~~ proportion of Blacks in SADF is roughly 7%. Referred to economic draft; might be best if he went into a little more detail on this, ~~xxx~~ for Americans esp., as our press is saturated with eye-catching violence ~~rather~~ at the expense of any grasp of economic devastation... "economic draft" has meaning for people who've thought about it but it's astonishing who hasn't thought about it, or just doesn't know conditions...

James C: very interested, in ECC itself, how it operates, its ability to maneuver through loopholes of South African law and take advantage of SA govt's fear of publicized political trials... was quite impressed, and wanted to make sure he would be notified well in advance ~~xxxx~~ if and when ECC will be coming through again. You bet.

It was pointed out that throughout this year, NCC is having major events on S.A. each month; so the more advance notice, the more continuity of communication, the better. To keep in touch with in particular: Bill, Office on Africa and James.

Jane, quiet white woman, seemed pleased. Larry took a poster. Low turnout due to



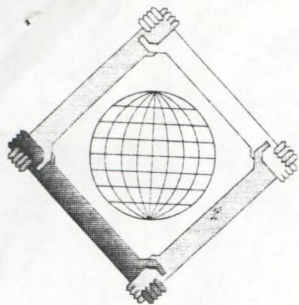
# **Students for a Peaceful Future**

Hosts a Conference to

**Draft a Student Resolution  
of Solidarity on Working  
for a Peaceful Future**

**April 5-6 1986**

**Intercultural Center  
Georgetown University  
Washington, D.C.**



# Students for a Peaceful Future

P.O. Box 6043 • Georgetown University • Washington, D.C. • (202) 944-0308

April 4, 1986

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the first Students for a Peaceful Future (SPF) peace conference. We are happy to have you partaking in this important event. The efforts in the last seven months to construct a worthwhile and educational program we believe will come to fruition in the next few days.

During this period of resurging student activism, SPF hopes to contribute to the peace effort through developing a more educated and aware student body. As such, this conference seeks to provide the forum for purposeful student dialogue and education, but most importantly, we hope to embody our commitments to peace in a unified student resolution. This resolution will act as a symbol of solidarity and give voice to the pressing global concerns that all students must face.

Each participant brings with them a different perspective on attaining peace, all of equal value, and throughout this conference we must attempt to open ourselves to examining these varied outlooks, ridding ourselves of pre-conceived prejudices. We hope this forum for student exchange and dialogue will produce innovative ways in which students may apply their individual talents to work for a more peaceful world.

Sincerely,

David Jiang  
Michael McCabe  
SPF, Co-chairs

STUDENTS FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE  
CONFERENCE AGENDA

Drafting of a Student Resolution on Peace  
April 5-6, 1986  
Intercultural Center  
Georgetown University

Friday, April 4:

5:00-11:00	Registration	ICC Galleria
8:00-10:00	Informal Group Activities	White-Gravenor 206
10:00-1:00	General Rap Session	White-Gravenor 201A
10:30-	Night Tour of the Monuments	Healy Circle

Saturday, April 5:

7:00-11:00	Registration	ICC Galleria
8:00-9:30	Breakfast	ICC Galleria
9:30-11:00	Opening Session	ICC Auditorium
	Welcome - David Jiang, SPF Co-chair Introduction - Michael McCabe, SPF Co-chair Keynote Address - Jack Healey, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA	
11:00-1:00	Symposium: "Three Approaches to Peace"	Copley Formal
	Diplomatic/Political Approach - Ambassador Donald McHenry, Former US Ambassador to the United Nations; Cultural/Social Approach - Dr. Richard Arnt, Former Policy Director of Cultural Affairs, US Information Agency; Spiritual/Theological Approach - Rev. Thomas King, S.J., Professor of Theology;	
1:00-2:30	Lunch	Copley Formal

2:30-6:00            Seminars and Discussion on Issues            White-Gravenor

Human Rights: Political Prisoners -            201B

Jeff Whalen, Human Rights Law Group  
Maureen Caughran, Amnesty International  
Panel of Prisoner of Conscience:  
Middle East - Hamdala Aloul  
South America - Debbie Benchoam  
Central America - Ivan Pereira  
Vita Terauds, Pres. of Latavia Assoc.

Nuclear Issues: SDI -            301A

Loren B. Thompson, Technology Trends Corp.  
William Kincade, Carnegie Endowment for Peace  
Nancy Donaldson, Women's Action for Disarmament  
John Kwapisz, Center for Peace and Freedom  
Sanford Gottlieb, UCAM

Poverty/Homelessness in America -            208

Prof. Jean Cardinali, Monroe Community College  
Kevin Johnson-Kicones, Martha's Table  
Maria Foscarinis, Nat'l Coalition for Homeless  
Monica Hauck, Florida Avenue Shelter

Racism/Apartheid in South Africa -            201A

Prof. Howe, Georgetown Univ., Moderator  
Prof. Nimur, George Washington Univ.  
Dumi Matabane, African National Congress  
Richard Campanelli, State Department  
Gavin Evans, South African Journalist  
Stephen DeGruchy, South African Student Activist

World Hunger -            301B

Pat Kutzner, World Hunger Ed. Service  
Walter North, Agency for Int'l Development  
Charles Haynes, Bread for the World

6:00-7:30            Special Dinner for Participants            New South Cafeteria

7:30-10:00           Working Groups on Issues            Same as 2:30 Session

The focus of this time will be on examining students beliefs and positions on the topic issue. Emphasis will also be placed on investigating possible plans of action on these issues.

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Working Groups on the Statement on            White-Gravenor 203  
Peace and Education

The focus of this time will be to start the draft of the student statement of solidarity on Peace and the role of Education in Peace.

10:00- Open Forum on Current Issues White-Gravenor 201A

Sunday April 6:

8:00-9:30	Breakfast	ICC Galleria
8:45-9:15	Interfaith Service	Copley Chapel
9:30-9:45	General Announcements	ICC Galleria
9:45:12:00	Working Groups: Drafting of Statement on Topical Issues or Drafting of Statement on Peace and Education	Same as Saturday TBA
12:00-12:30	General Meeting to Approve General Statement	ICC Auditorium
12:30-1:30	Closing Session Reading of Resolution Presentation of Pacem in Terris Award - Rev. Richard McSorley Recipient and Closing Keynote - President Rodrigo Carazo of Costa Rica Closing	ICC Auditorium
1:30-5:00	International Day Festival	Copley Lawn

## SEMINAR TOPICS

**HUMAN RIGHTS: Political Prisoners** - This seminar will begin with the theoretical implications of human rights, featuring speeches by representatives of the International Human Rights Law Group and Amnesty International. We will then progress to the specific, practical effects of the problem of political prisoners. This will be highlighted by a panel discussion featuring former political prisoners from Nicaragua, Argentina, Israel, as well as the leader of the Latvian Youth Association.

**NUCLEAR ISSUES:** Known variously as the Strategic Defense Initiative, "Peace Shield", Ballistic Missile Defense, and of course "Star Wars", SDI is accompanied by an equally varied array of issues, beyond the general question of "yes" or "no". This seminar will explore the debate over technological feasibility, arms control ramifications, deterrence considerations, and the basic meaning of SDI for issues of peace, using the formats of an informational forum and panel discussion.

**POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA** - There are two goals: First, this seminar will attempt to educate participants on the causes, present situation, and resolutions of the problems of poverty and homelessness. Second, this seminar will attempt to broaden the participants' awareness and spawn creative thought on the possibilities for active student participation in solving these dilemmas. The first half of this seminar will be a lecture and the second part will be a panel discussion.

**RACISM/APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA** - This seminar will, in a panel discussion, focus on the latest attempts at reform in South Africa by the government. Are these measures effective or sufficient to bring about social change? Students will consider the following questions: Is it in the strategic interest on the US to support Botha? What is the role of Business and industry in social change? What specific changes can the South African government institute in the short term to better the position of Blacks? Are present US policies adequate? Is violence justified as a means to achieve justice?

**WORLD HUNGER** - The purpose of this seminar is to raise awareness of the issues in world hunger sufficiently in an attempt to create a forum in which the various solutions to end hunger may be identified, clarified, and understood. These options and approaches will then be clearly articulated and written down in a unified statement of a commitment to some form of action.



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