

# REPORT BACK

A20.6

- C.T. - Have had 2 meetings (not well attended)
- All objectors are in possession of statements of CS and are getting people to sign (statements to go to lawyers)
  - Felt register should be kept low key (not public)
  - No decision on who should hold register
  - Numbers in August must be big
  - Meetings not going too well, after last year its become static + its a matter of re starting.

COSG: objectors from America, Holland + Hungary  
keys to be signed  
UCT for peace = concert.

- Jhb.
- Need for people to be a press conference.
  - Nobody to carry around signed forms
  - Have continued meeting since 143 + so now just need to move out.
  - More security this year + get signatures on friendships rather than organizations.
  - Ex ECC people to be contacted
  - Forms are starting to come in
  - They have had a braai + it was positive.
  - Number of people in "objection" movement is stretched, active involvement is small ( $\pm 10$ ).
  - We need to cover churches.

COSG: Has big ideas but they need to get them off the ground

TALKS FROM VISITORS: Dbn 9<sup>th</sup>; C.T. 10<sup>th</sup>; Jhb 11<sup>th</sup>

PRAYER SERVICES ON MAY 14<sup>th</sup> (Regina Mundi)

VISITORS TO DEMAND RELEASE OF IMPRISONED C.O's (15<sup>th</sup>)

WAR RESISTANCE INTERNATIONAL + German C.O's will be coming to see.

It has taken off in a big way internationally

N. TVL. - There is some movement but no meetings yet.

STELLERBOSH - With ECC BANNING things have fallen apart, there are some who will make stand

- There is a need for a co-ordinator
- small grouping is needed

NATAL. - Dbn has had no meetings yet

- Churches to be contacted (Seminaries - Cedara, Fedsam etc)

Suggested by group that a core group be formed who will commit themselves to work on it. Form group round individuals who will be able to argue why its important. People should be nationally known to one another.

### RESPONSIBILITY IN REGIONS

### NUMBER GOALS

PRETORIA	- Andrie' (Potch)	50
Jhb	- Paul	350 (incl Wits)
N. TVL	- Andrie'	10
Free state	- Paul + Andrie'	10
Dbn	- Richard / Rob	100
PMB	- Patrick	50
C.T.	- C.T. Group.	250
Stellenbosh	- Dave	50
P.E.	- Glen	>50
EAST LONDON	- C.T. GROUP	
GRAHAMSTOWN	- C.T. GROUP	50

WHO: ANY PERSON NOT PERMANENTLY EXEMPTED BELOW THE AGE OF 65 - Those who have some level of sacrifice (those illegible for call up).

## PUBLICITY

- ONE to ONE (ensure people who sign are genuine + aware of consequ)
- CORE group to VISIT + DISCUSS with INDIVIDUALS.
- DON'T through it open (banning) but assume the state KNOWS
- GO for INDIVIDUALS WE KNOW
- NO register must leave objector until you are sure.

NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT = 1000 IS OUR GOAL

IMPACT ON PUBLIC IS ESSENTIAL

- EACH PAST OBJECTOR MUST TRY TO GET 5.
- CAMPUS MUST PRODUCE MORE
- COMMUNITY SERVERS MUST GET COVERED
- CHURCHES MUST BE COVERED.

Zimbabwe (Andri), Namibia (W. CAPE) and Exiled have been covered.

EXILED: Statement of support OR as one in temporary exile !!.

< MORE NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED >

- A statement of OBJECTION IS ESSENTIAL
- LAUNCH register of objectors + state, " OF THESE .... EXILE .... RO'S .... due for call up "
- Exiles can have there own Press conference.

STATEMENTS: STATEMENTS TO BE LODGED WITH LAWYERS (IDENTIFIED TO OTHER REGIONS)  
ONE central LIST in Jhb.

## TYPE OF LAUNCH

- SYMBOLIC PLACE (GRAVEYARD) (PRETRIA MONUMENT)  
claim Namibian deaths by honouring them
- NATIONAL LAUNCH WITH REGIONAL STANDS
- SYMBOLIC PEOPLE TO BE THERE
- No date to be given just say "Round the date of the call up"

MAY 15<sup>th</sup>

- COSG thing NOT 143 (MIN. attention on us!) - WE CAN JOIN OTHER GROUPS.
- BURN CALL UP PAPERS
- Picketing - Relay or Mass.
- Project - Alternative service
- Objectors MUST assert themselves on that day.
- Stay AWAY for CO's.
- Defiance March (Saul, David, Charles - WE remember you plachs)

\* SAUL As 143 we must publish an advert for him.

NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR

- \* We need suggestions from regions as to WHO!  
long discussion on MALE - FEMALE CO-ORDINATOR.  
Until then, Link up system used  
WORKNET SYSTEM TO BE USED

POST STAND SUPPORT GROUP

- SMALL GROUPS FORMED
- REVIEWS
- LAWYERS

- \* GET ID PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL 143 to DAVE <sup>SHMIT</sup> (within 2 wks)  
for post card + poster to raise money over seas.  
19 FROM DBN - get from family or them  
- NAME on back + state if in exile.

FINANCE PAUL Bull to take responsibility

NEXT MEETING 19, 20, 21<sup>st</sup> MAY IN DURBAN.

TO MEET AT ALBANY HOTEL IN Smith Street.

- AT THIS MEETING WE WILL RE-EVALUATE NUMBERS

Overall Goal: to contribute to the end of apartheid and the creation of a non-racial democracy by undermining the ability of the SADF to defend apartheid.

In order to achieve this goal it was agreed that the creation of a new broad anti-conscription organisation was necessary.

By the end of the weekend consensus was reached on the following:

- the creation of a new organisation with conscription as the focus, but also flowing into broader anti-militarization issues
- ECC should not be revived, but continue symbolically as a ghost or shell organisation. Regions to decide on appropriate ECC profile + actions, bearing in mind possible impact on new org.
- anti-apartheid stance
- early form as an alliance
- positive focus
- a campaigning organisation

FORM: • a social movement (inclusive of age, class, gender, etc) acting in public arena; open face. <sup>(ie not a conscript union/org)</sup>

- bilingual

TARGET:

- white community (primarily)
- with conscripts as a special focus; as they have been the gap in past work, & most closely related to the SADF, they will form the primary constituency

AIM: LONG-TERM : Set up an anti-conscription organisation, which is NOT EC in disguise

SHORT-TERM : Consult a broad range of individuals, groups + orgs about - nature of new org  
- their participation

RESPONSIBILITY : Regional AMF, with national co-ordination

METHOD :

- open-ended + minded
- inclusive - ie approach ~~with~~ widest possible range - let them exclude themselves if they want
- bottom line - anti-apartheid  
- anti-conscription

PROCESS :

- 1) regional consultation
- 2) national "
- 3) consultative conference (in March 1990)
- 4) Launch (± June 1990)

INTERIM :

- raise issue of conscription with urgency
- place it on orgs' agendas
- regional task

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