

THE REAL THING!



Soon you will be getting a two year call-up. But this is only the beginning of a life sentence. You will have to do camps every year until you're 55. And there's nothing to say that call-up will not be extended again.

1967: Random call-up for white men between the ages of 17 and 65.

1972: Call-up increased from 9 to 12 months plus 95 days of camps.

1977: Call-up doubled to 2 years and 240 days of camps.

1982: Camps trebled to 720 days.

1984: The call-up was extended to immigrant men.

WHAT FOR ?

You are being called up to fight a war that you did not create. The war began the day the majority of South Africans were denied their rights as people. Young men have been forced to go to the army since 1967, and R26 billion has been spent on 'defence' since then. If the solution to South Africa's problems lay in military force, then surely the war would have been over long ago!

It is obvious that the answer lies in a democratic society, where conscription would not be necessary.

YOUR OPTIONS

Your only alternative to fighting this war is to apply to the Board for Religious Objection. And this is only if you are a practising member of a recognised religious denomination.

* If you don't want to carry a gun, apply under Category 1. If granted, you would do the normal period of service.

* If you don't want to carry a gun or wear an SADF uniform, apply under Category 2. If granted, you would do 6 years military service.

* If you don't want to carry a gun, wear an SADF uniform or serve in any army, apply under Category 3. If granted, you would do 6 years' community service.

* But if you're not religious, you fall under Category 4 and face up to 6 years in jail. As you can see, you have very few options!

The ECC believes that the only answer is to call for an end to conscription, and to start building peace through means other than violence.

4 years for manslaughter, and you ?



What did you get ?



6 years for refusing to fight in the SADF

Despite massive security measures by government forces, the unrest continues unabated. Why is this?

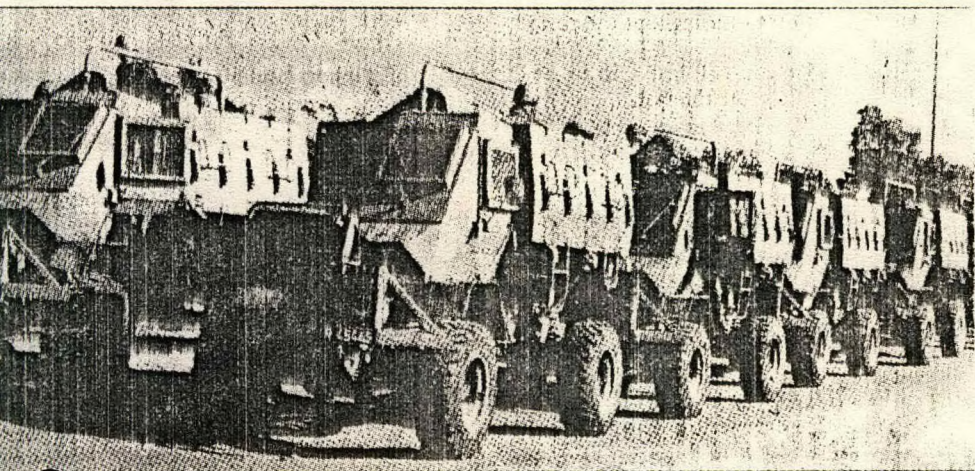
- * Unemployment in the townships is unacceptably high.
- * Township residents cannot afford further rent and food price rises.
- * They are dissatisfied with the system of community councils.
- * Black school children are dissatisfied with what they term "gutter education".
- * Across South Africa people are rejecting the institutions of apartheid that govern their lives. They are demanding a democratic and unitary country with citizenship for all.

THE USE OF FORCE TO SUPPRESS POPULAR DEMANDS WILL NOT SOLVE THE CRISIS

The presence of the SAP and SADF in the townships will further increase conflict, as will the detention of political leaders and the imposition of the state of emergency. Conflict in South Africa can only be averted through addressing the root social and political grievances.

ECC CALLS FOR THE TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

- * Their presence further polarises our already divided society.
- * It is an effective declaration of war against the township residents.
- * It further distances us from any peaceful solutions to the unrest.
- * It has involved conscripts directly in an intensifying civil war.
- * It is part of a broader militarisation of our society.



- * ECC has adopted a range of long and short-term demands:
 - we call for a just peace in South Africa
 - we call for the troops to be withdrawn from the townships
 - we call for an end to conscription
 - we ask that conscripts be given the right to choose not to enter townships.

End Conscription Campaign

WHO IS ECC?

There are many people who are opposed to violence and/or to what the SADF does in

- * the townships
- * in SWA/Namibia
- * in neighbouring countries.

As the conflict in South Africa gets worse, opposition to the call-up has grown:

- * In 1985, 7 589 men did not report for military service.
- * Between October and May, 912 immigrants refused South African citizenship because of the call-up.
- * Between January and May over 300 objectors have appeared before the Board for Religious Objection.

With all the opposition to conscription, ECC's have sprung up in Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and Pietermaritzburg. ECC believes that people have a right to make their **own** moral or religious decisions about participating in the SADF. ECC's aim is to bring together all people who are anti the call-up, and to pressure the government into stopping conscription. ECC arranges talks, concerts, art exhibitions, plays and many other events to raise public awareness about what the army does, and how to build peace in South Africa.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- * Wear ECC t-shirts, badges and stickers.
- * Talk to your friends and family about the army and call-up.
- * Bring your friends to ECC events
- * Get actively involved in ECC.



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