

ECC MEETING - 25.4.1985

1. ECC PROFILE

- a. Public meeting - what gains were made?
- b. - Why did so few attend?
- c. Meeting formular - are we being too standard?
- d. Areas of possible improvement.

2. SUB COMMITTEES

- a. Advances in the past couple of months
- b. Why has the level of participation + activity lessened over the past month
- c. Why were so few sub-committee members actively involved in the organisation of the public meeting

3. * A number of people have expressed the absence in ECC of a forum to
 - i. air frustrations, unhappinesses with direction, etc
 - ii. conduct rigorous forward-planning + work out responses to immediate issues.

Discuss possible solutions, considering

- a. the function of Thursday night meetings
- b. the role of the exec meetings
- c. Other solutions

4. * What issues should ECC be organising around or responding to over the next 3 months?
 - Merely raise the issues - we will discuss them in depth at the workshop on Sat. 4 May.

ECC WORKSHOP ~ 4.5.1985

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ON CIVIL WAR

A. POINTS TO TAKE NOTE OF WHEN PRESENTING 'CIVIL WAR' TO THE PUBLIC

1. We need to clarify our own understanding of civil war and then spread an understanding more generally, countering established myths. We mustn't assume that the general public naturally supports our understanding of civil war.
2. Media — we need to use more factually-based research. We tend to rely too heavily on rhetoric. Things can often be said more effectively by asking questions.
3. We have tended to be too reactive in the way we take up civil war — we need to relate more concertedly other issues and focusses to the theme of civil war.
4. The notion of civil war has negative connotations — we need to present it alongside our positive demands — freedom of choice, just peace, etc.

B SUGGESTED TASKS

1. Research on SADF in townships
2. ASK questions in parliament
3. Co-ordinate tele-letters + letter writing
4. Dads Army factsheet
5. Regular Info pamphlets
6. Stellenbosch constituency
7. Link festival advertising to Civil War
8. Internal Education on Civil War
9. Stunt, Direct Action

CARRIED OUT BY ...

- One or two people + Resource Centre
- One volunteer
- Contact Group
- Contact Group
- Media, Contact + Research people
- Ad hoc group
- Media
- Contact
- ?

1. ASSESSMENT OF T.O.C

A. Overall Gains

B + - → (Positive, Negative, Pointers for future work)

- i. Overall co-ordination + Distribution of work
- ii. Public events
- iii. Cathedral programme + organisation
- iv. Media + Publicity
- v. Press

2. NATIONAL REPORT

3. ECC DIRECTION / PROGRAMME OF ACTION

- A. In what sectors of the white constituency have we been / can we be most effective? What does this suggest for types of action for the next 3 months
- B. What should be the parameters of our work in the black constituency?
- C. Discuss ideas for action around the call-up, + other ECC activities for the next 3 months.

4. ECC STRUCTURES

Question: Not for the workshop, but for sub-comm discussion

"The problem with ECC is NOT that we're putting too much energy into building the organisation, but that we're putting too little energy into building the front."

Discuss in relation to

- (a) Our work as a front
- (b) Our Thursday night meetings

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