

End Conscription Campaign

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Ms Jenny Rossiter
War on Want

Dear Jenny

Just a short note to explain that the ECC is alive and well and continuing to organise opposition to the militarisation taking place in our country. My other letter explains in a bit more detail the extent to which we are curtailed, and in what ways we are continuing to organise.

I wanted to write to you to explain that we would still appreciate the funds we applied for, for the book of short stories and the militarisation Dossier. Both projects, after much legal debate are to go ahead and so we will still require the support we applied for.

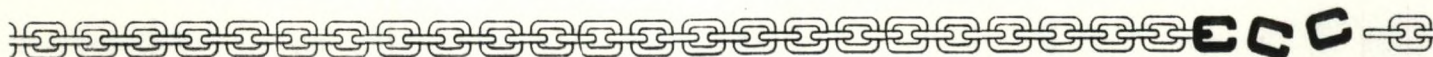
The same arrangements would apply in transferring the funds, ie they can be transferred to the SACBC, and from there will find their way to an ECC account. The other letter explains this in more detail.

I think that is about all. I hope you and others at War on Want are well. Please send my regards to Ruth from all my family here. I hope your work continues to flourish.

Thank-you for all the moral and material support.

Yours in Solidarity and Peace

Stephen Lowry
National Treasurer



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6 June 1986

Ms. Jenny Rossiter

War on Want

Dear Jenny

Please find enclosed an application for funding for our campaign. I have enclosed an application for funding for two projects that are in the process of production. Both projects will serve the information aspect of the campaign.

As I am unsure as to the exposure you have had about ECC, I have enclosed, for your information:

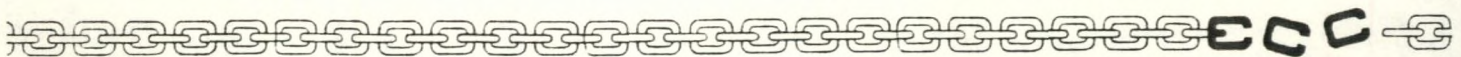
1. The minutes of our January national conference.
2. Reports I sent to our other donors concerning our financial situation last year.
3. A copy of the evidence to the Geldenhuys committee, which explains in detail what our campaign is about.
4. A copy of our Declaration booklet which explains the contents of our declaration.

I hope this material will be helpful to you, and to those involved in processing our application.

Thanking-you for your interest and support.

Yours in Solidarity and Peace

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APPLICATION FOR FUNDING: A BOOK OF SHORT STORIES AND A DOSSIER ON MILITARISATION

General

Within ECC we have developed three broad objectives in campaigning for an end to compulsory military conscription.

Firstly we see ourselves as developing a broad anti-war consciousness amongst our constituency which would include the English-speaking liberal community. Recently this has extended to include significant sections of the Afrikaans community. The government in its commitment to maintaining control at all costs is dragging all of us in our society into a civil war. We understand that we have a significant role to play in undermining this war psychosis. To this end, film festivals, art and photographic exhibitions, books, drama, are often organised on broader anti-war themes. This enables us to extend the possibilities for moving into these areas with a specific 'end conscription' message.

Secondly we aim to mobilise public opinion through public meetings and other public events, against conscription. In this the specific demands of the ECC are the basis for this work.

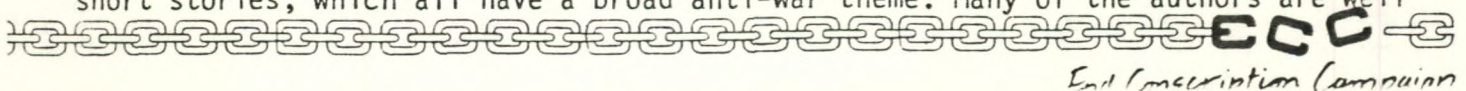
Thirdly, we aim to organise and recruit people into the ranks of the ECC so that through this extension we can continually broaden the scope and public impact of ECC's opposition to conscription.

For all of these levels of organisation, information is absolutely necessary. We are continually needing to challenge the government's representation of what is happening. Political organisation in the white community is one of persuasion, of presenting facts about the situation which serve to inform people of what really is happening and in this to challenge government propaganda which people are exposed to the whole time through the media.

In this, the two projects mentioned above are essential in our work.

Book of short stories

In developing a broad anti-war consciousness we have embarked on a collection of short stories, which all have a broad anti-war theme. Many of the authors are well



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known South African authors. The book developed from an idea within the Johannesburg ECC Afrikaans group. The book will thus include stories from Afrikaans authors and will specifically aimed at the Afrikaans community.

We have reached agreement with an Afrikaans publishing group, TAURUS, who will see to the publishing of the material, and will publish under their name. The book will, however contain ECC content in the form of a foreword written by ECC and the declaration will appear in both languages. The initial print order will be for 2 000 although it is hoped we will be able to produce and distribute some 5 000 of the book.

In order for the book to be distributed as widely as possible ECC has decided to subsidise the costs of production by making funds available for the production.

The book is extremely significant because it is the first attempt of ECC to work within the literary establishment in any significant kind of way.

Militarisation Dossier.

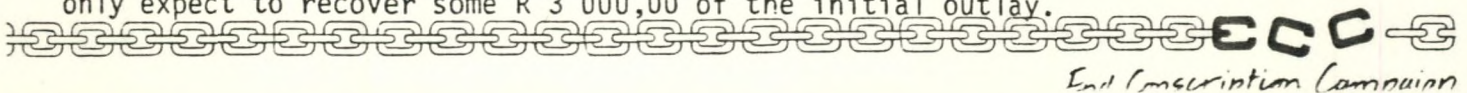
This Dossier is being published by the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference, The South African Council of Churches, and the Human Awareness Programme. It is a collection of factsheets on all aspects of militarisation in our society. It was worked on by ECC people, arising out of a need expressed within ECC for easily accessible facts on all aspects on militarisation.

It was decided to try and get these other organisations involved in the production, because ECC did not have the resources, both in financial and time terms to work on the document. 3 000 of these are being produced of which ECC will distribute 1 000.

The Dossier is almost ready and will be distributed throughout the ECC regions.

Budget

The cost of the two projects will be R 10 000,00. Both will be R 5 000,00. ECC is looking for funding to cover this amount as we will be subsidising the projects and only expect to recover some R 3 000,00 of the initial outlay.



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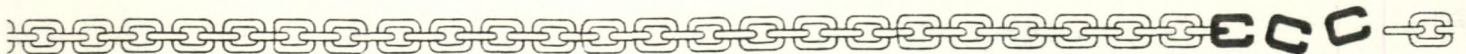
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We would thus appreciate it if War on Want would help us with the deficit of R 7 000,00.

Conclusion.

The work of ECC in countering both the war psychosis and disinformation campaign of the government is absolutely essential. Both these projects, briefly outlined above are essential elements in this process.



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13 September 1986

Dear Jenny

I have found a courier, so just a short note to thank you for the 'birthday present' that arrived. I recieved it yesterday and am in the process of getting it into our account.

I am very pleased it arrived as we are in the process of launching our nation-wide 'Right to Speak' campaign. I have sent material on this to CIIR, and have asked them to pass on material to our financial supporters.

At the moment things are going fairly well. A number of us in Johannesburg and the Eastern Cape are still in hiding to avoid detention, although the repression in the Western Cape and Natal, has lifted to a large extent.

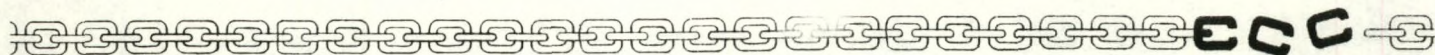
I am sorry I don't have more time to write but I am sure that you will get an idea of things from the material CIIR will give you.

Again thank-you for the R 7000,00. It will be extremely useful, particularly as the Dossier and the Book are both going ahead as projects. The money is needed right now.

Go well and thank you for your support and solidarity.

Much love

Steve Lowry
National Treasurer



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ATTN: STEVE LOWRY

DEAR STEVE

I HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU.

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