

FUNDERS

Embassy's

Australian Embassy - Luke Williams Thursday 10:30
220 Vermuelen Street
Pretoria. Between Andries + Paul Kruger
4th Floor Mutual & Federal Centre

Japanese Consulate - Mr Naito Political Affairs (Back in June)
Development projects Mr Yoshida/ Mr Ueda.
Not a very good chance to get funding from the Japanese they are
concentrating on development work.

Austrian Embassy - Dr Caroline Gedenus - Don't have money to
finance our festival.

Belgian Embassy - Are not in a position to fund.

Danish Embassy - Will get back to me

French -

Canadian Embassy - Mr Burton Will get back to me

Dutch Embassy - (Yoka Brandt development co-ordinator will be
back on Monday 17th May)

Swedish Embassy - Can not fund us

British Embassy - Dominique Fortesque Will tell me tomorrow if
our festival falls within their "guidelines", and if we should
persue it further.

International Anti-Apartheid organisations

South African **BIG** Business

Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry - [Ken Mason] Not
withinn their scope to fund anything

Shell - [Mr Greenshields] Not possible to fund us

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The swansong bugle call for SA?

THIS year's military call-up — which must surely be the last of its kind — has had something of a sporting flavour. The Defence Force was ranged in a battle of numbers against the frenzied End Conscription Campaign and the petulant rightwing. The latter pair wanted a low turnout of conscripts to illustrate their particular, and diametrically opposed, viewpoints. So determined was the SADF to show that its swansong bugle call had been heeded by the country's young white men that it went to the point of overkill and said that some men had reported uninvited and begged to be taken in in order to escape unemployment queues.

If this were a country at war it would be a serious matter. But we are a country unthreatened by outside forces; we have no need for a conscript army. The fact that the national servicemen have been reporting, seemingly in satisfactory numbers, is by no means an endorsement of the conscription system. But it illustrates that white South Africans are by and large a law-abiding group of people — even when it comes to obeying laws that have dubious standing.

Earlier this week the SADF warned conscripts to report or face the legal conse-

quences. It was a hollow warning. The SADF is legally paralysed: afraid to test the standing of its conscription laws in the courts because these relate to whites only after the scrapping of apartheid legislation has made such discrimination legally impossible. The ECC has its lawyers lined up and waiting to test this very point.

There can be no validity in having another peacetime call-up of this week's size. The military establishment has no logical option now but to build a volunteer army — something for which we have argued long and hard. The jobless "extras" who pitched up unbidden at the reporting points this week surely illustrate that there are people ready and able voluntarily to bear arms for their country. Perhaps it is time to survey the extent of this potential army of free will.

Meanwhile the authorities should act without delay to scrap another most contentious aspect of national service: annual camps. Most of the men who disrupt their lives and the economy to attend these ordeals have done two years military service already, more than the SADF demands of the present intake. The SADF should say "enough already" and let them off.

ECC Peace Festival '93

Guidelines for Chairs

Due to the shortness of each workshop and the complexity of the issues being discussed we would like to encourage the chairs to play an active role in the workshops. The following are suggested guidelines indicating the kind of role which, subject to their own discretion, we would like the chairs to play:

(1) At the beginning of the workshop the chair should ask two people to take notes to present to the Festival Organising Group after the workshop.

(2) The chair should introduce and 'host' the panel.

(3) The chair should encourage those attending the workshop to participate in it. After the panel has made its contribution, and particularly if the group is very large, the chair could get the workshop to break up into pairs or buzz groups for 10-20 minutes to look at specific issues.

(4) At the same time as encouraging those attending the workshop to express their different viewpoints, the chair should attempt to ensure that the discussion remains fairly focussed. In so far as it is possible the chair should attempt to ensure that it is the key issues which are discussed and that time is not wasted on irrelevant or entirely secondary issues.

(5) In the workshops where there is a panel the people attending the workshop may be inclined to focus virtually all of their questions on just one of the speakers. If this is the case the chair could attempt to get the entire panel to deal with the questions and not just the one speaker.

(5) The chair could attempt to focus, or stimulate discussion by presenting his/her own questions to the panel. The chair could possibly draw out major items of controversy for the panel to focus on.

(6) Towards the end of the session the chair should attempt to identify points of agreement and clear points of disagreement in relation to the subject matter being discussed. These points should be noted.

(7) Finally - the chair should attempt to get the workshop to identify key issues and to look at ways in which issues can be taken forward.

WORKSHOP AND PLENARY SESSIONS

16 July: Friday Evening Opening Adress

Keynote speakers

Nelson Mandela - Faxed an invitation to the President's office inviting Mandela to deliver the keynote address. He will be in the UK until the 10th May. His schedule is very tight.

Sheena Duncan - sent her an invitation to deliver opening address - she will be away until the 27th May.

Maggie O'Kane - Guardian journalist. According to John Paterson (who works with her) Maggie is a very fluent and good speaker but is contraversial and one-sided. Left many messages for her. Sent a fax to her giving background of the ECC.

ecc Chair

Saturday 17 July

9:00 ECC focus (45 minutes)

9:45 Brief overview: Concept of peace (10 minutes)

Bishop Peter Storey will call me as soon as he can.
Father La Font

Plenary: International models of peace keeping (35 minutes)

Angela King - Sent her letter inviting her to speak at the festival and a festival programme. Will be setting up a meeting with her in the near future.

11:00 Workshops: Peace Keeping in South Africa (90 minutes)

* Violence Monitoring - Met with Venitia Govender and Sally Sealey (26th April) from the Independent Board, they are interested in giving a workshop on violence monitoring. Focus on the reasons for the violence the contribution of violence monitors. State's response to independent monitors. Personal experiences. What contribution violence monitoring is making in curbing the levels of violence. Venitia has agreed to join our first session working group. Meeting with Venitia on the 4th May.

* Defending communities against violence - Gerald Williamson from Eldorado Park Centre for Peace Action expressed an interest in running this workshop. David and I met with him on Friday 30 April, Gerald gave a background on the centre and how it functions in the Eldorado Park community. He outlined the services it provides to the community and he explained the impact of the Centre on both inter-personal and organisational violence. The centre has also researched the idea of community policing. The centre delivered a paper to the National Peace Accord which was very well received.

* National Peace Accord (Possibly Panel discussion)

I met with Peter Harris on 28th April, he gave ideas on who should present workshops on some of our suggestions. He thought a panel discussion was a possibility. His idea of a panel discussion would include signatories of the Peace Accord. He suggested Sydney Mafamadi of the ANC and Pirashow Camey of the NPA. It might be an idea to have a panel discussion on the successes and failures of the Accord. The panel will not only include signatories of the Peace Accord but also groups who are not accountable to the Peace Accord. Laura Polecutt from LHR was suggested as the NGO speaker.

* Peace Keeping Force
Brian Currin

2:00 Plenary: Control of the armed forces in transition
(70 minutes)

Overview Rocky Williams (20 minutes)
Laurie Nathan

Workshops (90 minutes)

Laurie Nathan
Rockey Williams
Calvern Kahn
Janine Rauch - Meeting with Janine on 4th May
Abba Omar

Sunday 18th July

9:00 Inter-faith prayers for peace (90 minutes)

10:30 Overview Jackie Cock (15 minutes)

Workshops (75 minutes)

These speakers are suggestions from Jackie Cock

Richard Steele has agreed to be the co-ordinator of this section. He will set up a group in Durban to conceptualise this theme.

Abba Omma (Arms industry)
Adelle Kirsten (Peace education)
David Figg (SA's Nuclear Capability)
Jackie Cock (A voluntary civilian service)
Di Sandler (A public works programme)
Tenjiwe Mthintso (Women and Militarisation)
Peter Richer (Demilitarisation)
Laurie Nathan (A regional security agreement in
Southern Africa)
Anita Kromberg & Richard Steele (Acting non-violently
in a violent society)

12:00 Plenary: Developing a culture of peace (90 minutes)

Ben is
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his office!

Tons (something)

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