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At present young men are conscripted into an army that we believe is making a negative contribution to a peaceful future.

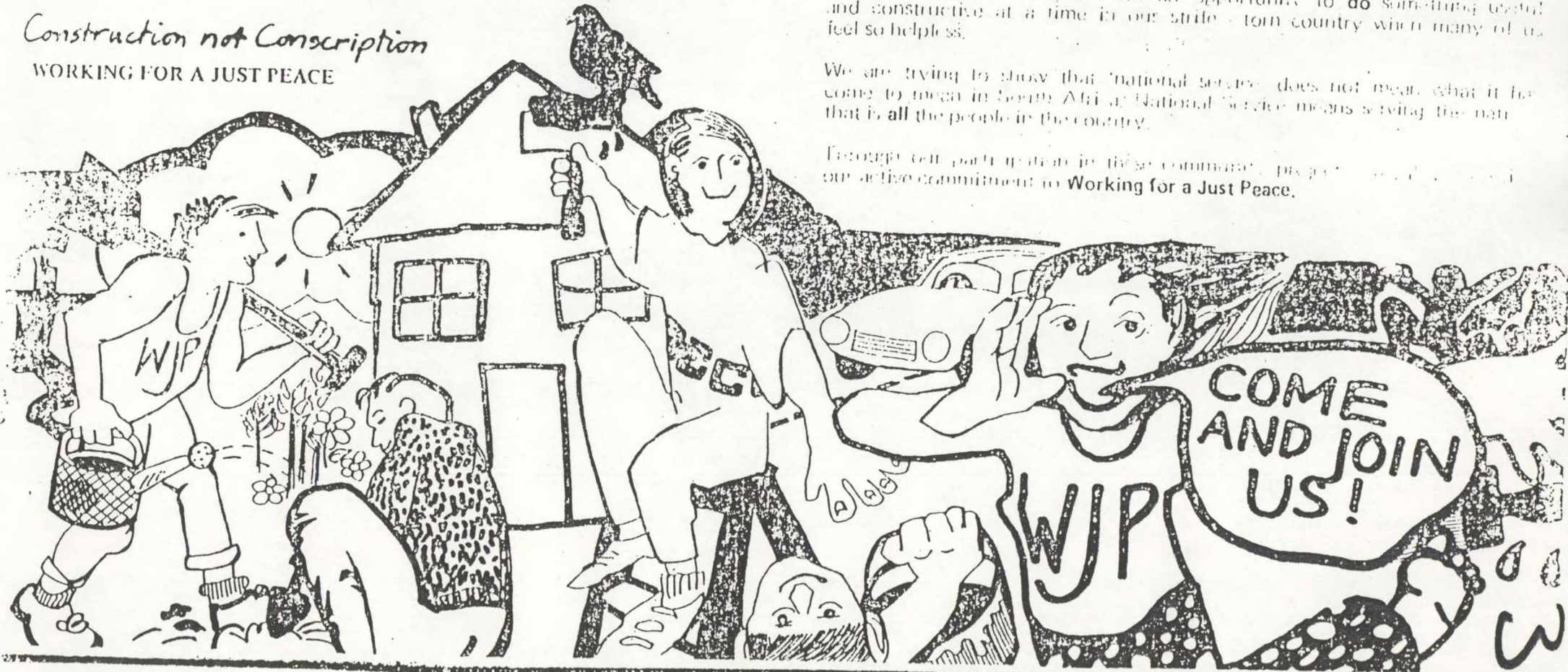
SADF conscripts are seen by township dwellers as soldiers of apartheid. For young white males, compulsory national service very often means facing these fellow South Africans over the barrel of a gun.

The army and police have come to play a more and more central role in defending apartheid in our townships and cities. For the many South Africans who want peace and an end to violence, conscription into the SADF poses a very serious dilemma.

ECC is concerned that young men at least be given the right to choose whether to participate in this army or not. At present six years alternative service in a government department may be granted to universal religious pacifists, those who will not fight in any army in any war. For the rest there is no choice - six years in jail or a life in exile.

Construction not Conscription

WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE



"Working for a Just Peace" depends on your participation. Volunteering throughout the country will get involved in these community projects during April.

Projects in Cape Town include working in the gardens of Children's Homes in Hanover Park and Bridgetown, as well as clearing their campsite at Strandfontein. We will also be clearing up littered and polluted areas around Cape Town, painting wall murals, sewing a portion of the Peace Ribbon, and assisting in a project to teach township residents to drive.

ECC's "Working for a Just Peace" campaign calls for the provision of genuine alternative service. Service which constructively benefits our communities and is open to all conscripts who - for moral reasons, feel unable to serve in the SADF.

These activities provide us with an opportunity to do something useful and constructive at a time in our strife-torn country when many of us feel so helpless.

We are trying to show that "national service" does not mean what it has come to mean in South Africa. National Service means serving the nation that is all the people in the country.

Through our participation in these community projects we show our active commitment to Working for a Just Peace.

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ECC fair starts peace campaign

Staff Reporter

THE End Conscription Campaign (ECC) is launching its April campaign, "Working for a Just Peace", with a colourful fair on Saturday at the Rondebosch Congregational Church in Belmont Road.

The campaign, launched nationally, will include projects organized by ECC volunteers in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and Maritzburg aimed at benefiting surrounding communities.

Local ECC volunteers have already begun several projects, such as last Sunday's anti-litter drive which they cleared a stretch of the Liesbeek River.

An ECC spokesperson said the projects would make for better living conditions and provide "better service than going into the townships and killing people".

"We believe that involving people in peace projects and doing active work which in some small way contributes towards building a better future is great achievement."

Events for the "Working for a Just Peace" campaign this week are:

- Saturday — a fair starting at 8.30am with street featuring pottery, jewellery, children's games, a puppet show and music. There will also be a set up by the United Democratic Front, Black Sash Women's Movement for Peace, Koeberg Alert and the National Union of South African Students.

- Sunday — Volunteers will meet at the office at 1.30pm for an anti-litter drive. Opening the ECC photographic exhibition at the Bantu Theatre. Opening at 8pm of the ECC Film Festival hosted jointly with the University of Cape Town Film Education Unit.

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on US visit

WASHINGTON. — Increasing numbers of South Africans are refusing compulsory military service in what a member of the End Conscription Campaign said yesterday was a sign of growing white opposition to apartheid.

Mr Gavin Evans, on a six-week visit to the US to meet anti-apartheid groups, said that the "turning point for many draft resisters is having to fight fellow South Africans in the townships". — Sapa-Reuter

ECC FAIR

Rondebosch
Congregational
Church hall
Belmont Road

SAT 5 APRIL

8.30am - 3pm

WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE

Symbolic protest drive by ECC

Staff Reporter

THE End Conscription Campaign (ECC) launches its a month-long national project *Working for A Just Peace* today with a children's programme in Western Township, Johannesburg.

The venture — running in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Maritzburg, Durban and Grahamstown — is a symbolic protest against conscription.

Volunteers and ECC members have several community-based projects such as renovating old-age and children's homes and helping at homes for the mentally handicapped.

The ECC national secretary, Mr David Shandler, said: "Through these projects we wish to show there are viable ways of serving our community other than in the SADF. We also hope to promote non-racialism by bringing black and white together in constructive community service."

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ECC VIDEO PROPOSAL

As you all know - or should - our old ECC video is a serious threat to public safety, and if we show it, a serious threat to ours. Its subversive nature was raised at the last NC at which point there was a proposal that we simply make another. A legal one.

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1. The first and most obvious reason for a video is internal education. ECC has always been known for its dynamism and inventiveness, and we feel that an 'audio visual seminar' would liven up what could otherwise be rather dreary internal education programmes.
2. Its educative value would not simply be internal. The video would also be very useful for our front work. What better way to introduce an organisation to ECC and to inspire those already affiliated, than an exciting video. No more boring regurgitation of "The History of ECC".
3. The video would be a concrete way of showing our overseas sponsors that their money is used creatively and effectively. And that goes for local sponsors as well - they may be playing a more prominent role in the not to distant future.
4. ECC is making history ... and this has to be recorded. Not only on paper. Piles of pamphlets and posters can never capture the creativity and dynamism of our struggle against conscription.
5. A realistic look at our financial situation indicates that we may never have the opportunity to make something as financially ambitious as a video. Let's spend our money while we can still get it on the most useful resources we can think of.

CONTENT

in this social documentary we hope to cover the following:

1. Introduction to Militarisation in S.A.
 - the social and political context
 - State Security Council, JMC's etc.
 - Civil war, troops in the townships
 - Destabilisation, Namibia and the Frontline States
 - The cost of the war - economy, the individual conscript etc.
2. The History of Resistance to Conscription
 - Conscientious Objection
 - Looking at the International Peace Movement?
3. The Formation of ECC
 - Call by the Black Sash - launch in 1983
 - The political basis of ECC
 - The Front
 - The national structure

the History of ECC

- Campaigns/new branches/political developments in S.A.
 - Stop the call-up
 - Troops in Sebokeng
 - "Troops-Out"
 - Geldinhuis Commission
 - W.J.P.
- The development of sub-committees
 - Culture!
 - Media etc.

5. The State of Emergency

- new laws- what they mean for ECC
- Harrassment, detentions, restrictions - Why?
- Anti-ECC propaganda eg. APN - Why?

6. ECC Under the Emergency

- Campaigns - Let ECC Speak
 - Yellow Ribbon
 - War Toys
 - War is No Solution
 - Phyllip Wilkenson's Trial

7. ECC today - War is Not Compulsory - let's choose a Just Peace

- ECC is alive and well
- Join us in our work for a Just Peace/the way forward etc.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET PROPOSAL

1. Video Tapes - 40 x 20 min. tapes @ R50	R2 000
10 x 1 hr. tapes @ R80	800
2. Video camera and editing facilities to hire (incl. insurance)	3 000
3. Travel and Accomodation	1 500
4. Petty and floating cash	<u>1 000</u>
	<u>R8 300</u>

* May De/increase depending on accessibility of equipment.

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You are invited to a new members forum. This forum is for members who want to learn more about ECC and who want to become actively involved. You'll be able to find out about our history, principles and policies and our subcommittees. It will also give you the opportunity to join one of our five subcommittees:- culture, education, church, media/At Ease, public contact.

TIME: 2pm - 5pm

DATE: 7 June 1987, SUNDAY.

VENUE: Students Union - University of Natal, Durban
outside main entrance

If you have any problems please phone us. If no one is there please leave a message on our answering machine.



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understanding on the part of the Applicant of the
evidence given at the enquiry.

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ECC is running a campus Referendum
around the issue:
"Do you support the right of South
Africans to question the laws regarding
conscription?"

We want you, students, to cast your votes
around this important issue.

ECC has received the following
endorsements and support from these
campus clubs and societies:

Anglican Society
Black Students' Committee (Med School)
Black Students' Society
Catholic Society
Economic Research Committee
Law Students' Council
Medical Students' Council
Methodist Society
Muslim Students' Association
NUSAS Health Directive
Projects Committee
Postgraduate Association
Progressive Society
SALT
South African Union of Jewish Students
South African Voluntary Services
Students' Tutoring Education Programme
Voice of Wits
Wits Womens' Movement
Young Christian Students

ECC has also received the following
endorsements and messages of support from
these off-campus organisations and
individuals:

Black Sash
Detainees' Parents' Support Committee
Health Workers' Association
IDASA (Tvl)
Jews for Social Justice
Johannesburg Youth Congress
National Medical and Dental Association
OASSA

Johnny Clegg : Musician
Shenna Duncan : SA Council of Churches
Harvey Tyson : Editor of The Star

Endorsements have been received from Wits
Academics:

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Prof M Shear, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs)
Prof P Tyson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration)
 Acting Dean of Architecture
 Prof N Garson, Dean of Arts
 Prof C Creswell
 Prof J Gear, Dept of Community Health
 Prof T Jenkins, Dept of Human Genetics
Prof J Kriel, Center for Continuing Medical Education
 Prof B Mendelow, Dept of Haematology
 Prof B Bozzoli, Dept of Sociology
 Prof C Rogerson, Dept of Geography
Edwin Cameron, Centre for Applied Legal Studies
Fink Haysom, Centre for Applied Legal Studies
 Dr D Hindson, Dept of Industrial Sociology
 Dr D Webster, Dept of Social Anthropology
 Mark Swilling, Dept of Politics
 Ms D Nails, Dept of Philosophy

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Voting from Wednesday 16 to Tuesday 22 September 1987

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CIRCULARS

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May 1987

Dear Friends and Supporters

The political climate in which we are living has become increasingly severe. Calls for even basic civil liberties have been outlawed and many avenues for protest have been closed. Extra-parliamentary organisations face unprecedented state attacks. We have witnessed an escalation of police and military action in the events at COSATU House, Southern African raids and action taken against students.

At such a time the question of National Service assumes an even greater importance. For some South Africans service within the SADF is morally unacceptable, and is not seen as contributing towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

The ECC believes that there are other more positive ways of serving our country. National service need not be military service.

We call for:

- * Alternative service to be made available to all conscripts
- * Alternative service to be available in community and welfare organisations
- * Troops to have the right to refuse to go into the townships

The ECC is engaging in a community service project as a demonstration of the alternative forms of national service that could exist. We invite you to join us as we go into a township, not armed and not in uniform, but as friends. We offer our service to the people of our country in the form of helping to build a playground in a creche, believing this to be a constructive and positive service.

If you wish to participate in our alternative service action then please meet us at 9am on Sunday 17th May, at Kolbe House, Stanley Rd, Rondebosch. Bring transport if you can, a paintbrush and other implements that might be of use in gardening or building a playground. Please also bring lunch for yourself and one other person.

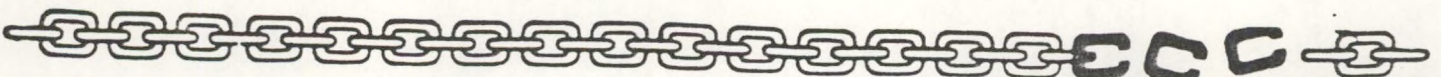
We hope you will join us

Yours in peace and justice
ECC.

Please fill in this slip and return to the ECC Office (above address).

Name: _____
Address: _____

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| I will participate in the project | Yes/No |
| I will have my own transport | Yes/No |
| I would like to be on the ECC mailing list | Yes/No |



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Dear Friend

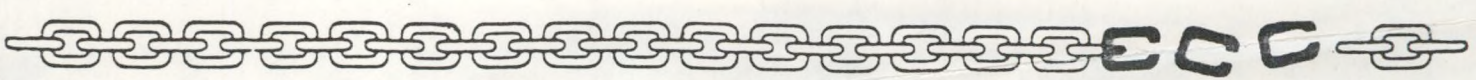
Recently, a succession of assassinations, massacres and military raids has highlighted the vicious role played by the South African government throughout Southern Africa. To focus on this, the End Conscription Campaign has organised a sequence of four lectures dealing with South African destabilization in the subcontinent. The lectures will appear in this order:

- 9th September-- Dr Patrick Harries will speak on "Mozambique Under Fire".
- 16th September-- Keith Gottschalk will speak on "Namibia: Under the Iron Heel".
- 23rd September-- Mathew Blatchford will speak on "Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland-- South Africa's Little Wars".
- 30th September-- Prof. Peter Vale will speak on "South Africa and Southern Africa-- The Compulsion To Incorporate".

All lectures will be held at 8pm at Robert Leslie 3A lecture theatre in University Avenue at U.C.T. We hope to see you at these informative and provocative lectures.

Yours sincerely

Cape Town End Conscription Campaign.



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December 7

Dear friend

Once again the government has chosen to attempt to silence the End Conscription Campaign by detaining our leaders, rather than listening to our call for freedom of choice as to whether or not to serve in the South African Defence Force.

On December 2 the security police raided an ECC general meeting at a church in Yeoville and detained 18 of our members under the Emergency Regulations. Fourteen were released after being held briefly at John Vorster Square but Clare Verbeek (Johannesburg ECC chairperson), Steve Lowry (ECC National Treasurer), Annemarie Rademeyer (ECC Johannesburg Contact Secretary) and Sue Jobson (ECC Johannesburg Education Group member) are still being held under section 3 of the Emergency Regulations. Clare, Steve and Sue were also served with restriction orders while Annemarie had been served with a similar order a month previously. ECC members Paul Goller, Robbie Patenza, Nan Cross, Parat Jacobsen, Wendy Landau, Sandy Smit, Peta Krost, Therence Thompson, Johan Rademan, Daryn Petty, Ethene Lowry, Dawn Ingle and Joy Harnden have also been served with restriction orders.

Later that night nine Cape Town ECC members were detained at their homes. Those held were Paula Hathorn (ECC Cape Town chairperson), Alistair Teeling-Smith (ECC Cape Town general secretary), Michael Evans (former ECC Cape Town chairperson), Andrew Orpen, Chippy Olver, Josie Grindrod, Mathew Blatchford, Felicity Wood and Michael Rautenbach (all ECC executive or former executive members). Two days later an ECC Peace Walk from Rondebosch to Guguletu was declared illegal by the Divisional Commissioner of Police.

The latest crackdown comes at a time when ECC was reaching thousands of conscripts through its actions. In Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth ECC had run a highly successful "Tie a Yellow Ribbon for a Just Peace" campaign, in Cape Town ECC had just launch its "War is No Solution" campaign, and nationally ECC recently celebrated its third birthday. Despite the restrictions and detentions all eight ECC regions were continuing to grow and were winning strong support from their communities.

Two week's detentions and restrictions show clearly that the government is determined to prevent us from expressing our freedom of speech by calling for the end to compulsory military service, and to prevent us from questioning the army's role in the townships and in Namibia and Angola. With our Media Council victory over the Aida Parker Newsletter attempts to smear us have failed and now the government has again resorted to detention without trial and "gagging orders" in its attempts to silence us.

However, we are equally determined to show the government that the voices of peace are not easily quietened. We are therefore resolved to campaign even more vigorously for a just peace in our land. We believe that as South Africa moves closer and closer to a civil war situation the dilemma of the conscript becomes increasingly acute and the necessity for young men to be given the choice of whether or not to serve in the SADF becomes even more pressing. Our belief that the war in the townships and on the border is no solution to the problems our country faces strengthens our commitment to work for peace and justice in South Africa.

Therefore despite the detentions Cape Town ECC went ahead with its "War is No Solution" public rally which was attended by over 1 000 people and addressed by Sir Richard Luyt, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, Ebrahim Rasool and Mary Burton. ECC will also continue with its involvement in the Cape Town Cultural Festival from December 12 to 22.

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MESSAGE TO CONSCRIPTS

WE, CHRISTIANS, CHURCH GROUPS, AND CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GREATER DURBAN AND PIETERMARITZBURG AREA,

wish to express our pastoral concern and prayers for all conscripts, and in particular for those who will commence their initial training during the course of the coming week.

We recognise that, for many of you, your call-up has presented you with serious moral dilemmas.

We understand the conflict in your own hearts and minds as you are conscripted, with little choice.

We pray for you.

We commit ourselves to working for a just peace where conscription itself will not be necessary.

We affirm your right to the freedom of choice

- * not to do duty in the townships
- * not to serve in Namibia and other Southern African states
- * to perform non-military forms of National Service

and respectfully call on the Government to allow conscripts the choice.

Please tear off and return, with donation, to ECC Churches Group
 20 Ecumenical Centre
 20 St Andrews Street
 Durban
 4001

Name: -----

Address: -----

Church Affiliation: -----

Donation of R5.00 / R10.00 or more enclosed (please circle correct one)

I would like my name / group or organization to appear as a signatory to the above Message to Conscripts

signature

RETURN DATE: 24th of July latest

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RIGHT TO SPEAK CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends

The ECC is a single issue campaign aimed at the legal reform of compulsory military conscription.

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Since its inception in 1983 following a resolution by the Black Sash calling for an end to compulsory military conscription into the SADF, the ECC has grown rapidly. The ECC is not aligned with any political grouping, but is an umbrella body comprising a number of different organisations and individuals. Nationally 42 organisations are represented on the nine End Conscription committees.

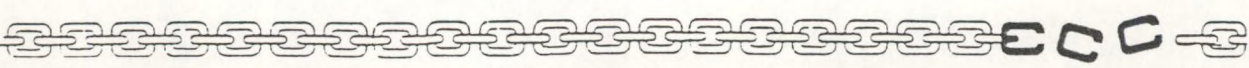
Since the State of Emergency was declared we have seen our Human Rights slowly eroded. Freedom of Association is severely limited; Press Freedom is curtailed; members of "the force" are now virtually allowed to act beyond the scrutiny of our courts; the list goes on and on. We need to resist all efforts that erode our right as individuals TO KNOW, TO THINK, TO DISAGREE AND TO ACT. The State of Emergency affects you as well as us, and regulations have been conveniently used to discredit legitimate organisations like the ECC, which are working towards constructive change and peace in South Africa.

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For the ECC this has meant that 48 members have been detained. A member of our Pretoria branch, Anneke van Gylswyk, has been forced to leave the country. Homes and offices countrywide have been raided by the security police in a concerted effort to intimidate our members.

It is quite clear that the Emergency Regulations, which prohibit the expression of opposition to conscription, bar the ECC from voicing one of its central concerns.

We call on the government to recognise the right of all South Africans



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Dear Natal University

At last - the ECC video Proposal!
But first, a covering letter to explain recent developments in the area.

Things are coming along very nicely. We have found an extremely proficient video maker, who have set up a reference group, workshopped the content (regionally), and are in the process of writing up a very convincing proposal. The proposal will be sent off soon and must be discussed in regions before NC.

But we have one small problem: a mandate to go ahead with the video can only come out of NC by which time most of the current national campaign will be over. This means we would lose the opportunity to get footage of campaign events that would be meaningful contributions to the video eg. the WJP Projects. We therefore propose that regions try to get their activities filmed. If the video is vetoed, we haven't lost anything. If not we have some really amazing footage to contribute. This will of course mean that any expenses incurred would not be covered by ECC

The next question is: who do we get to film events happening in our own regions? Here are some contacts for JHB, CT, and DBN. We suggest the smaller regions use the same contacts

Ben Parker or Keyan Tomaselli.
- at. Cultural Studies Dept
- Col Natal University

- they should be able to put you onto someone else, if they can't film.

We suggest that you establish good, ongoing relations with these people as they could be very useful if the video goes ahead. If you are unable to get anyone to film a really important event, contact Rhodes through National and we will see what we can do. If needs be, we can set up a more efficient contact system at NC.

As you can see the proposal for the video has been received with much enthusiasm in Grahamstown. Having a huge journalism department in a small town leaves us with many aspirant but frustrated film-makers roaming the streets in search of outlets for their creative brilliance.

Yours in focus
The Reference Group

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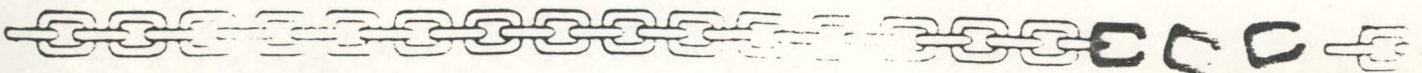
Dear Friend

re : ECC membership drive

Since the ECC's inception, the campaign has grown considerably with ten regional and fifty campus branches currently active. Support for the issues we have raised has come from a range of interest groups, including church, liberal, parliamentary and community organisations. Following our National Conference in February we feel that the time is right to consolidate our support base through a membership drive. In this way we hope to formalise the process whereby our supporters can be kept in touch with the Campaign. We would also like to provide avenues for those not actively involved in our campaign work to show support in other ways.

We therefore wish to invite you to become a member of ECC, and fill out the membership form. As an ECC member you will be entitled to:

1. Confidentiality : ECC membership lists are only available for ECC mailing purposes.
2. Regular mailings of the ECC information sheet / newsletter.
3. Notification of public ECC activities, and briefing on ECC campaigns.
4. Invitations to our monthly education forums, which cover a range of military related topics.
5. ECC members may become actively involved in our campaign structures, having discussed this with an executive committee member.



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We are asking our members to pay an annual membership fee of R25 (R10 for students, pupils, unemployed and pensioners). This is necessary to cover costs of our extensive mailing and our media, and because of the limitations on fundraising posed by current legislation.

We have enclosed an outline of ECC's Campaign for Alternative National Service, which will be the major focus of our work for this year. This campaign is potentially our most significant so far, taking our work into the sphere of realistic and achievable objectives. We ask you to support us in this endeavour and become an ECC member.

Yours in peace

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