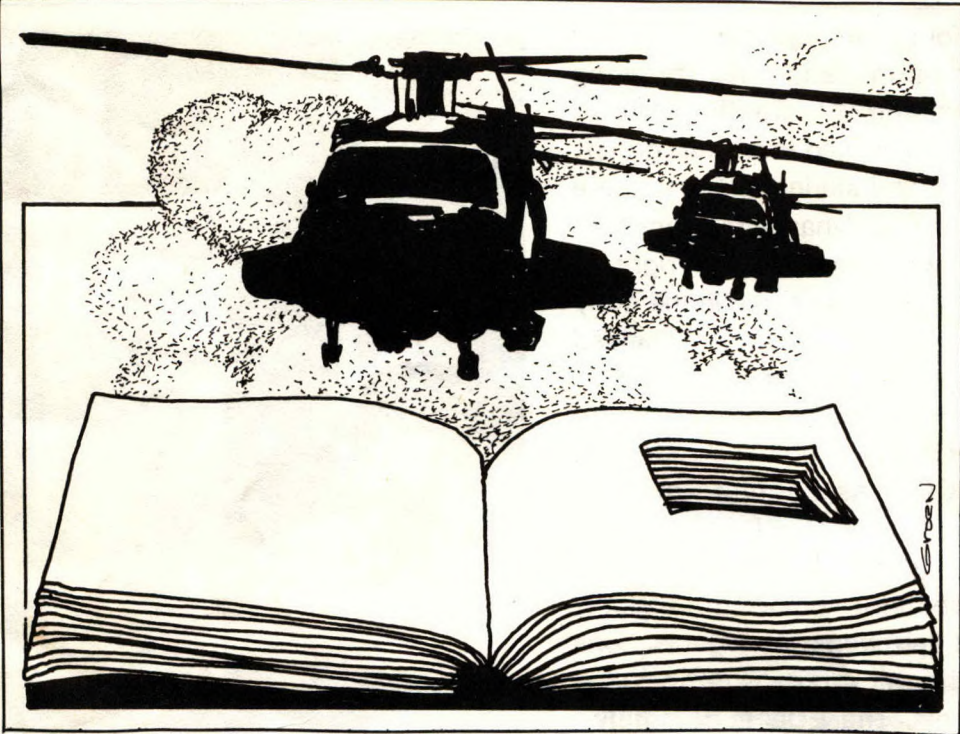
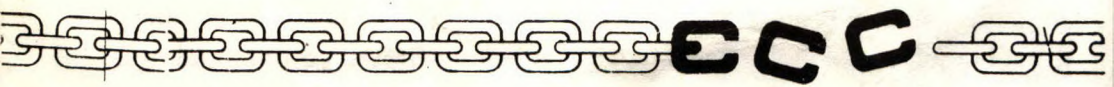


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but we will not
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ECC

End Conscription Campaign

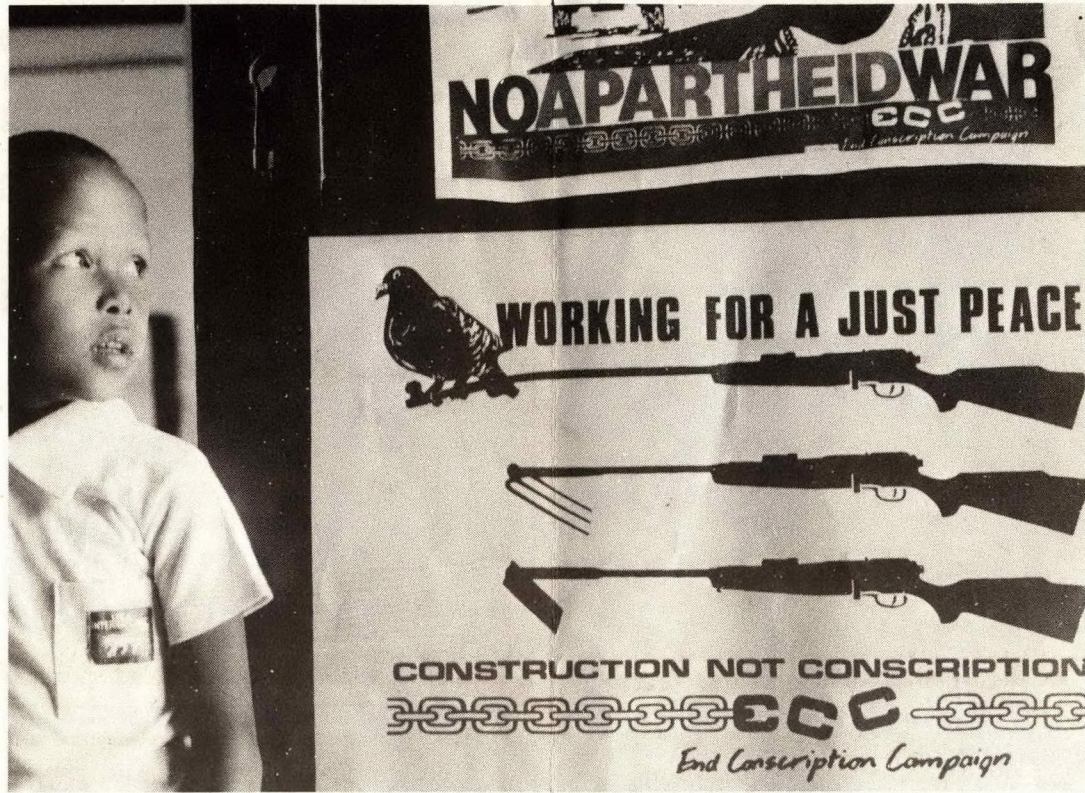
Just four years ago, concern about conscription and the growing militarisation of South African society was limited to a small group of priests and students. Today there is a large and dynamic movement of people who demand the right to choose whether to serve in the army and are troubled by how militarised our society has become.

The End Conscription Campaign is at the forefront of these concerns. The ECC was formed in 1983 following a call by the Black Sash. It is a national front which is comprised of a number of religious, student and woman's organisations as well as many concerned individuals. The ECC is committed to peace and justice in South Africa.

What has ecc done?

Since 1983 ECC has run a number of successful campaigns both nationally and regionally. These have captured the imagination and support of many South Africans.

In 1985 ECC organised a week long national peace festival which was held in Johannesburg. That same year a national campaign calling for the removal of troops from the townships was held over a period of three weeks. During this time a conscript from three ECC regions fasted in protest against the presence of troops in the townships.



Construction not Conscription childrens concert in Johannesburg.

despite the clampdown.. ECC FORGES ON

In 1986 our Working for a Just Peace Campaign focused on alternatives to military service. ECC nationally participated in such projects as building creches and laying parks in townships. These projects highlighted what ECC views as genuine community service. They also demonstrated, in

practice, peaceful alternatives to military intervention.

What about the emergency?

The latest emergency regulations have made it illegal for ECC to discredit or undermine the system of conscription into the SADF. In this sense the ECC has been hard hit by

the emergency, and in addition a number of ECC members have been detained.

However ECC remains a legal organisation and over 700 members are still working actively in the organisation. There is still a lot of work to be done.

What now concerns the ecc?

§ The ECC is concerned about the increased military expenditure at this time of economic crisis.

§ We are worried by the number of young men faced with conscription.

§ ECC is particularly concerned about the welfare of the conscript. Figures released by the SADF indicate that suicide and attempted suicide is on the increase among national servicemen and men serving on military camps. We see the censorship which is imposed on ECC as curtailing the voice of these conscripts.



ECC Yellow Ribbon campaign in Eloff Street.



ECC pavement art on the Cape Town parade.

ecc concerns

§ ECC is also concerned about the limited opportunities of conscientious objection.

§ Objector status is only granted on religious grounds of universal pacifism.

§ Conscientious objectors serve six years of community service instead of four years of military service.

§ Community service is very narrowly defined and usually involves work in Government departments.

§ Most importantly, ECC is concerned about growing militarisation and violence in South

African society.

ECC believes that a military alternative is no solution to South Africa's problems. We oppose the militarisation of our society and call for justice and peace in our land.

ECC's issues and concerns confront each and every one of us. They are your concerns too.

Join us by:

§ adding your address to our mailing list.

§ writing to the press

§ speaking to friends

§ sending letters of support to Room 227, Khotso House, De Villiers St. Johannesburg.

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