

**AD24**

January 6th, 1984

Minutes, END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN meeting, Durban, Dec 8th, 1984

Rev "AD24"

1. Gathering and introductions.
2. Agenda review.
3. Report-back from groups. Not many groups had had a chance to meet since the ECC workshop on October 27th, but generally the feedback from groups and individuals is supportive and enthusiastic.
4. Structure of ECC, LOCAL.
  - a. Rather than just meeting as a forum, the group felt it would be better for groups to formally affiliate with ECC. This would involve a greater level of commitment.
  - b. Work will be done mainly by the organisations rather than the ECC meeting itself.
  - c. The procedure for affiliation has not yet been decided on.
  - d. A simple constitution is being drafted for presentation to the national meeting in January. This could be used as a basis for affiliation.
  - e. Groups not wanting to formally affiliate, and individuals, are still very welcome to be part of ECC.
  - f. A coordinating group is to be selected from the meeting to help maintain coherence and continuity in the Campaign. They can also be resource people for the organisations of ECC and anyone else. This group will be selected from the working group who are preparing for the national ECC meeting in January.

NATIONAL:

  - a. The group agreed that a national organiser/field worker be appointed for 1985. The appointment will take place at the national meeting. This worker will live in each region for a while, and work according to a timetable and agenda set by the regions. This person's salary will come from the national budget.
  - b. The three areas with active ECCs are Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg. The Eastern Cape is becoming more involved, and Namibia is actively mobilising against conscription. Links are being established with these two regions.
  - c. At the national meeting in January, national campaign themes will be decided on. Each region will still be able to run their own campaign campaigns as well if they so wish.
5. Looking forward to 1985
  - a. The national meeting, January 25 - 27, at Koinonia (just outside Durban). This will be a working meeting, with 8 - 10 representatives from each of the three main regions. The main aims of the meeting are to decide on (i) structures (e.g. fieldworker, national administration etc.); (ii) budget; (iii) national campaign theme/s. We agreed that the Durban reps to the meeting should be from the following organisations: NUSAS (Fiona?), Black Sash (Ann?), COSG (Richard), NOW (?), Youth Forum (Alvin?), Diakonia (Sue), AZASO (?), NEUSA (Jeremy), IFOR (Anita), Methodist CEYD (Paul), Klaarwater (Mike), (Nozipho), (Lindani). These people will function as a planning group for the national meeting.
  - b. The twice-yearly call-up for conscripts is between Jan 9-15. We decided we would like to go there to feel what happens there, and to register some sort of symbolic protest. We thought we would wear T-shirts with peace slogans on. We planned to meet on Jan 2 to silkscreen T-shirts and plan the action, but the meeting did not go ahead because of the low turnout.

- c. Time line: those present were given a year planner calendar, with the ECC logo, and were asked to fill in important dates relating to their own organisations. These can be amalgamated at the next meeting so we have an idea of how ECC can fit in with upcoming activities.

d. Campaign themes:

- conscription of taxes for military purposes
- "economic conscription" - economic pressures on blacks to volunteer for the army
- conscription in the homelands by homeland governments
- civil defense e.g. employees being called on to help with the security of factories
- conscription of older white men
- the extension of conscription to women, Coloureds and Indians
- links between the military and industry and the economy
- highlight the civil war
- SADF in the rural areas e.g. as teachers, doctors
- SADF in the urban areas, enforcing apartheid laws
- shops, businesses and universities which support the military
- SADF indoctrination through the media - exposing it and countering it
- opposing war toys for children
- build up community groups as the building blocks of resistance against SADF influences
- alternative peace weekend camps for youth, and programs for children in the holidays
- schools - teachers, parents, pupils, school committees
- SADF recruitment activities in schools, especially black schools
- publications for youth
- demonstrations against the January and July military call-ups
- links with the international peace movement
- the arms trade - SA exporting and importing arms
- opposition to military parades e.g. the Durban Tattoo.

These themes will be shared at the national meeting where a theme or themes will be chosen. Local groups can still work on any of the others if they so wish.

3. Budget

The group agreed to the proposal that money be raised nationally rather than regionally. Each region will draw up a budget and draw money from a central fund. The working group will draw up a proposed budget to be taken to the national meeting in January.

The central fund is not yet a reality - donors are still being approached. The national budget being motivated for looks like this:

1. Field Worker:	salary	R6000	
	travel and additional expenses	4000	R10 000
2. National Coordination:	travel	4500	
	phone	1000	
	postage	500	6 000
3. National Conference, approx 100 delegates, 4 days:	travel	3000	
	accommodation & food	6000	
	speakers	1000	
	preparation and resources	1000	
		<u>11000</u>	
	less conference fees	3000	8 000
4. National Administration:	bookkeeping, auditing, bank	1500	
	legal fees	1000	
	international contact	500	3 000

## Regional

5. Activities and campaigns (4 regions i.e. Jhb, Dbn, C.T. and E Cape and Namibia counting as a half each):
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| media (including a nat. newsletter) | 20000 |               |
| video project                       | 3000  |               |
| hiring halls & equipment            | 2000  |               |
| speakers                            | 5000  |               |
| administration in the regions       | 4000  |               |
| miscellaneous                       | 4000  | <u>38 000</u> |

TOTAL R65 0007. Next meeting:

working group: Friday January 18, at 5.30 pm, Diakonia, Ecumenical Centre  
 whole of ECC: Saturday January 19, 10.30am, Ecumenical Centre.

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