

# End Conscription Campaign

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c) Balance of forces:

- loggerheads → DM not crushed  
State

→ settled into long hard <sup>slow</sup> struggle.

Yet to assess damage this has done  
to ability to organise - must assume some  
damage has been done - seen as part  
of rev. onslaught.

Where does white com stand on issue of cause  
How receptive <sup>sections</sup> to issue.

Gary

P.  
Mark.  
Barbara.  
Gravin.

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(A) Context: DM ascendant - org all over country - Nat org.  
DM → organs of PP, cradock eg. ANC visits.  
Port Alfred ♂ strike.

(B) 1st Period:

Defensive period R2S - drawing in VIPS,  
testing + contesting legal space

Yellow Ribbon campaign (trying to link R2S to TIT)

- inability to make a nat camp although  
taken up in most regions

War is No Solution (thought web made it) - Pamphlet  
story.

→ Repression - Detentions Thb + CT - subversion charges.

org → out there possibilities for message +  
how receptive.

(C) Objective conditions now.

a) Military

↑ evidence of dissent around military

- Rhodes Survey - exiles / Advice bureaux - COSG.  
starting to see

- Internal evaders - cf Vietnam + Canada

- 23 - symbol of all this - tip of the iceberg.

- Angola → spontaneous responses from parents  
→ <sup>step in right direction</sup> deaths - what cost the war?

b) White Community.

Nat Party wins elections on tough security  
mandate - morally ascendant, ↑ support

But ↑ evidence of fractionisation - at party political  
level

↑ ~~support~~ ~~for~~ pp disillusioned w Nats.

Apartheid has thrown up contradictions - need to  
make a choice its support for nats + its military

But mustn't underestimate effect of state propoganda  
- of smears of SATV.

Venues for  
policy section

Deeper sense  
of isolation  
- pariah  
- internat.

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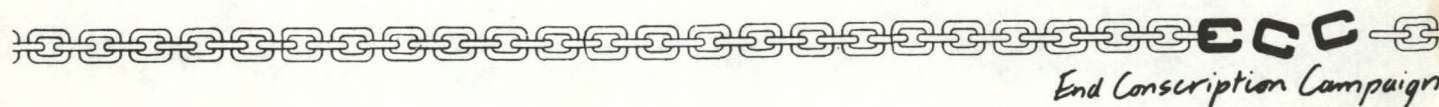
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