

'Information war' erupts at schools

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Political Reporter

AN INFORMATION war, directed at schools, has erupted between the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) and the conservative National Student Federation of South Africa (NSF).

The conflict started several weeks ago when the NSF sent various publications, including a copy of the Right-wing Aida Parker Newsletter (APN) to 1300 principals around the country.

Mr Russel Crystal, NSF president, said the NSF believed a lot of ECC workers and material were getting into schools and thought principals should be informed about the ECC.

'It was simply an information package. We were not calling for any action against the ECC,' Mr Crystal said.

Committees

In his covering letter to the principals, Mr Crystal said South Africa's strong security forces were a major obstacle in the way of the revolutionary agenda of radicals inside and outside South Africa.

'Realising this, radicals, in the form of the ECC, have made the security forces the prime target in their attack on this country and her people,' he said.

Miss Fiona Dove, Durban ECC Press officer, said there were ECC committees

with pupils and teachers in some Cape and Transvaal schools.

She said the ECC newspaper At Ease had been distributed at various Durban schools and at one school ECC members had been invited to conduct a lesson.

Miss Dove said the NSF package was presumably intended to persuade principals to block information the ECC offered pupils.

The NSF is trying to get principals to do their dirty work for them by blackening the name of ECC in the schools.

Letter

'These attempts to put us in a sinister light are outrageous. The ECC is an open, legal organisation posing constructive ways to peace in our land,' she said.

This week an apparently fraudulent letter was sent purportedly from the ECC to Durban principals, attacking the NSF package.

Commenting on the letter, Mr Crystal said it reflected badly on all those who opposed the ECC.

'This kind of thing interferes with the propagation of ideas. We condemn any tactics like that,' he said.

Miss Dove said the alleged forgery did not represent the views of the ECC.

'A massive disinformation campaign against the ECC seems to be going into full swing,' she said.

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ECC vra alternatief vir militêre diens

BY 'n SAAK-vergadering verlede Woensdag het mnr. Nic Myburgh, die voorsitter van die Populêre Studente Alliansie, en Laurie Nathan, voorsitter van die End Conscription Campaign, onderskeidelik die voordele en nadele van verpligte diensplig uitgespel.

Mnr. Nathan het gesê dat (blanke) Suid-Afrikers nie weet hoe om te praat met en te luister na swartmense nie. "Die NP sê die beleid van Verwoerd is dood, maar ons leef nog in sy skaduwee," het hy gesê.

Mnr. Nathan het sekere verskille tussen ECC en NP-beleid uitgelig. Die Regering hou volgens hom vol dat die troepe in die townships nodig is om wet en orde te handhaaf, en dat die onrus en oproer die gevolg van die ANC se bedrywighede is. Wanneer die Weermag die townships binnegaan "styg die dodetal - dit daal nie", het hy gesê en bygevoeg dat "swartes nie agitators nodig het om hulle bewus te maak van hul lyding nie".

Mnr. Nathan het ook sekere doelstellings en beleidsrigtings van die ECC uiteengesit. "Die ECC is

nie pasifiste nie - diensplig is nie per se verkeerd nie," het hy gesê.

Jong soldate behoort volgens hom 'n keuse te hê of hulle townships wil binnegaan of nie. "Ons wil nie jong mans oorreed om die wet te oortree nie, maar om dit te verander. Ons is nie gekant teen nasionale diensplig nie, maar teen militêre diensplig," het hy gesê. Hy het



Nic Myburgh

verduidelik dat hy met "nasionale diensplig" sekere "welsynstake" bedoel, soos om Tafelberg te ontrommel.

"Die ECC het geen verhouding met die ANC nie. Ons vra wel dat die verbod op die ANC opge-

hef word," het hy gesê. Hy het ontken dat die ECC by die UDF geaffilieer is, maar gesê "dat die ECC wel met die UDF saamwerk, want dialoog is die beste manier om polarisasie af te breek."

Mnr. Nathan het kritiek gelewer op die trekarbeidersbeleid en gesê dat swartes "soos vullis" be-



Laurie Nathan

handel word oor hul velkleur. "Hierdie mense het geen manier om hul geriewe te lug anders as deur geweld nie - vreedsame protes is verbied," het hy gesê.

Mnr. Myburgh, voorsitter van die Populêre Stu-

dente - alliansie (PSA), het die "baie gevaarlike" beleid van die ECC, wat volgens hom besig is om die Suid-Afrikaanse gemeenskap te polariseer aangeval.

Hy het drie groepe politici in SA onderskei: die "hervormers"; die "wat hulle met geweld vereenselwig"; en die "wat nie pro-geweld is nie maar diegene teenstaan wat revolusie teenstaan". Volgens hom val die ECC in laasgenoemde kategorie.

Mnr. Myburgh het verder sekere vrae aan mnr. Nathan gestel, waaronder: "Hoekom ignoreer die ECC die teenwoordigheid van tussen 50 000 en 60 000 Kubane in Suidelike Afrika?", en "Wat is u reaksie op ANC-dokumente wat gevind is wat aandui dat die ECC deur die ANC geïnfiltreer is?"

Hy het beklemtoon dat in enige land daar sekere wederkerige pligte, waarvan verpligte diensplig een is, tussen die Staat en sy onderdaan bestaan.

"Ons moenie die posisie onderskat waarin ons ons bevind nie," het hy gesê en bygevoeg, "ons het eerder 'n veldtog ten gunste van nasionale diensplig nodig as die ECC."

Christmas fuel bonus on the cards

BRIAN STUART

CAPE TOWN

There may be a Christmas bonus for motorists in the form of lower petrol and diesel prices at the end of the year but no promises are being made. At present, no reduction in the petrol price is being considered, although there is a credit balance in the Stabilisation Fund — which cushions motorists against fluctuations in the cost of petrol. Dr Louw Alberts, Director-General of Mineral and Energy Affairs, explained that the last reduction in the price of petrol had been based on a rand-dollar value of 47c, as compared with the present 45c.

This 2c "loss" was compensated by the reduced price of crude oil, so that the Stabilisation Fund was in the black. The price of crude oil was at present creeping up, with efforts by Arab States to stabilise it at a higher level. "One can reasonably assume that the rand value will remain stable, but it's difficult to predict the level at which the price of crude oil will level off."

Asked about a Christmas bonus for motorists, Dr Alberts said, "I'm sorry, I cannot promise a Christmas bonus. It would be irresponsible. I would like to make an announcement by the end of the year, but I cannot promise anything."

He gave motorists the assurance that all "profits" made on the sale of petrol at present prices were paid into the Stabilisation Fund and were not used for any other purpose. This fund was of direct benefit to motorists in that it found its way back into the pockets of motorists, it made up the difference if crude oil cost more, or helped reduce the pump price of petrol if oil prices and the rand-dollar exchange rate became more favourable.

me by relatives was told by a government official, that he was not going to let in because, I am a South African," said Mr Pienaar.

He said what angered him most was that it was not for south Africans, it was just one individual imposing his will, on him. "I was advised that I could spend the night at an airport hotel and in the morning make another application for a visa. But instead, I decided to return home," said Mr Pienaar.

He said that he flew from Johannesburg to Frankfurt to attend a business meeting and once that was completed decided to visit relatives in Holland.

Mrs Annie Jansen, of the Dutch Consulate in Durban, said she could not comment on the claim that visas could be obtained in Holland. It was customary for a South African visitor to get a visa to visit Holland before leaving South Africa. She said many applications were made from South Africa, and there was normally no problem



Mrs MARGARET THATCHER, wearing a hard hat and protective glasses, officially opened Phase One of Nissan UK's new plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear. In her speech she forecast that: "This factory will overtake the quality standards of Nissan, Japan." The new factory will eventually employ 2 700 people from the area.

Dutch barred SA man from Holland — claim

DURBAN. — A 37-year-old Umhlanga businessman, Mr Neville Pienaar, claims he was barred from entering Holland last week because he is a South African citizen.

Mr Pienaar said that he only wanted to visit Holland three days and that it was customary to obtain a 72-hour visa at the airport in Amsterdam.

"I have got visas twice before in this manner. But this time, I was refused a visa and a lawyer who was called in to help

Aida Parker to face probe by Media Council

CAPE TOWN. — The South African Media Council is investigating a complaint by the End Censorship Campaign against the Aida Parker Newsletter.

The public hearing is scheduled for October 6, starting at 9am, in the Media Council's committee room at Darling Street, Cape Town.

The presiding officer is

Mr M A Diemont, former Appeal Judge.

The members of the investigating quorum are: the Rev Lafras Moolman, Professor S A Strauss, Mr Peter McLean and Mr Michael Green.

Further information may be had from the Registrar of the SA Media Council, Mr Bob Steyn. — Sapa.

Aids chances in US are small: research

NEW ORLEANS. — In the United States, the chances are small that a single heterosexual encounter will result in an Aids infection, new research suggests. Unlike in Africa and Haiti, where sex has

major route of transmission".

A study by Dr Brian Saltzman of Montefiore Medical Centre in New York studied sexual partners of aids-infected intravenous drug abusers

lege of American Pathologists in Orlando, Florida, will give doctors an immediate diagnosis of Aids patients, Dr Jack Love, who devised the test, said.

Poetess wins top award

IBABANE. — Africa's only medal winner in the newly Golden Award international poetry competition has arrived home in Swaziland after receiving the award in Washington the US.

Miss Bongive Dlamini received the Gold Award for her poem, "I Come from the Ruins," which describes the plight of refugees.

She was followed by silver medal winners in the competition.

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Media Council's APN hearing to go ahead

Citizen Reporter

CAPE TOWN. — A Media Council hearing against Aida Parker Newsletter (Pty) Ltd, scheduled for Monday, is to proceed.

This was confirmed to The Citizen yesterday by the registrar of the Media Council, Mr Bob Steyn, in spite of APN's claim that because APN is not a member of the Newspaper Press Union, the Council has no jurisdiction over it.

The hearing, before retired Appeal Court judge, Mr M Diemont, will be a sequel to a complaint lodged by the End-Conscription Campaign (ECC).

In a statement yesterday, APN questioned the proposed hearing on four grounds.

One was that the Media Council had neither inherent nor statutory jurisdiction, and could thus not enforce its rulings

against any person or organisation that did not voluntarily submit to its jurisdiction.

Another was that Aida Parker was not a member of the NPU, was therefore not subject to its jurisdiction and had not consented to it.

A third ground was that the Council did not apply normal court-of-law procedures, and denied disputing parties the right to legal representation at hearings.

Finally, the statement said, the Media Council's constitution did not guarantee the presence of the ECC at the hearing, thereby avoiding cross-examination.

Mr Steyn told The Citizen the APN had misinterpreted the constitution, and had ignored several provisions in it.

He added: "The Coun-

cil chairman is not available, and I cannot comment further beyond saying that Aida Parker Newsletter was in fact offered the opportunity to make representations and appear, but declined.

"The chairman will probably reform to these matters when the hearing opens on Monday."

Mr Steyn said the Council did in fact have jurisdiction to hear complaints against non-NPU members, but could not impose sanctions in such cases.

The APN statement added: "Ms Parker notes with interest that the ECC has waived its right to seek redress in a court of law, and has chosen instead to pursue its complaint before the Council, which cannot enforce its findings."

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• State Dept duplicity

Bedlam on SA, silence on Liberia, US African stepchild

NO matter how hard it tries, nothing SA does can please the US State Department. EXAMPLE: 18.4.86 saw State President P W Botha announce the lifting of influx control. State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb's immediate response: "Not enough." The SA Government, said Kalb, should "end all apartheid ... completely ... now." Well, what of the US itself? If we are going to read out of the Book of Morality, let's look at how these bullying moralists cope with their own African problems: in particular, that US foster child, Liberia.

Is this tiny West African republic (pop 2.3 m) such a haven of human rights, peace, enlightened democracy and prosperity that it shapes up as a shining example which SA could usefully employ as its role model? Or is it a US taxpayer-supported comic strip, with Chester Crocker its most determined and vocal apologist? With more and more South Africans thoroughly cheesed off with incessant State Department griping and nagging, it is worthwhile examining just what Washington itself can achieve in Africa — when it really tries.

Colonial

While never a *de jure* American colony, factually Liberia comes very close to colonial status. It was created by the American Colonisation Society, a private organisation (its first president was a nephew of George Washington) formed in 1816 to transport freed American slaves to Africa. Between 1822 and 1892 some 16 400 free slaves settled in what was known as the "Pepper" or "Grain" Coast, together with some 5 700 Africans freed from slave ships by the British and American navies. It was declared an independent Republic in 1847, making it the oldest African Republic and was known as the first "Negro Republic."

Although there have been ups and downs, the American influence re-

mains strong. One Liberian county is named Maryland, there is a town called Philadelphia and the original Constitution was drawn up by a Dean of the Harvard Law School. Through a much-criticised loan agreement in 1927, the heavily-invested Firestone Rubber Co put the country under US financial supervision in 1927. The US dollar became the national currency in 1943 and remains so to this day. Washington has useful strategic interests in Liberia.

Stationed

Some 3 500 Americans are stationed there. The US has "indefinite rights of access" to the American-built airbases at Fisherman's Creek and Roberts Field. Liberia contains an important transmitter for *Voice of America*, as well as a matrix of intelligence installations used to keep a watchful eye on the eastern half of the Atlantic Ocean and on much of Africa. Liberia is the communications centre for all US diplomatic traffic in Africa, and Americans operate an *Omega* navigational system used by ships and aircraft. The Firestone Co has a million-acre plantation: an interest so big that Liberia was for years known as "the Firestone State." Against that background, it is easy to understand that Washington likes to maintain a steady relation with Liberia.

Although there are 16 indigenous tribes (with 27 vernacular languages) an American/Liberian Black aristocracy of about 10 000 built themselves into a wealthy and powerful elite which ruled Liberia until April 12, 1980, when, together with a group of young non-commissioned officers, Master Sergeant Samuel Doe entered the presidential mansion and assassinated William R. Tolbert, Jr.

Executed

Harrison Pennue, a close Doe associate, himself shot on Doe's orders one year later, liked to boast he personally disembowelled President Tolbert. Many Government leaders were brutally — and publicly — executed soon afterwards. Thirteen ministers and top bureaucrats were tied to posts along the Atlantic seashore and gunned down. The sickening manner of the executions was such that Doe's credentials were rejected by other African leaders at the July 1981 OAU Freetown summit. What manner of man is Doe?

Barely literate, his idol is Idi Amin: not surprising, his own record showing him as addicted to sadism and, according to a variety of reputable African journals, one who has indulged in open cannibalism. Doe is a Krahn, a small, backward tribe making up 5% of the total Liberian population. Since his coup, Doe has moved swiftly up the ranks. In July 1981 he promoted himself from master sergeant to general and CinC of the country's 5 000-man army. He now wears the insignia of a five-star general. In one of the poorest countries in the world, he has an obvious fondness for the perks of office, driving flashy cars, living in an air conditioned mansion: and ruling by fear.

Doe and his group of inexperienced and barely-educated young soldiers took to power with delight. Spectacularly short of ideas, he turned first to the radical left, then (I quote the magazine,

THE extremely active (and extremely dangerous) End Conscription Campaign, aimed at torpedoing the SADF and security forces generally, is now planning a direct assault on SA headmasters and teachers, this particularly targetting the Cadet Corps training scheme. Plan is to involve teachers in ECC activities in a "more structured and coherent manner." The ECC is also pushing ahead with its "guerrilla theatre" campaign to capture student support for its cause through film, drama, poetry and talks. More about the ECC in "Asides" on Page 4.

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Asides... and affronts

THE same American contacts who supplied me with David Horowitz's dramatic account (facing page) of his change of heart on support for Soviet-aligned revolutionary movements have also supplied me with details about the activities of one, Gavin Evans, variously described as a "journalist" or "SA draft resister," and currently on safari in the US drumming up publicity for SA's foreign-financed End Conscription Campaign. And very interesting details they are. Evans clearly is not picky about his associates: anyone shapes, it appears, as long as he is a dedicated enemy of SA and seeks our downfall. And that includes a good many known friends and agents of the USSR in the US.

First, we have TransAfrica, which calls itself "The Black American Lobby for Africa and the Caribbean." TransAfrica's real work, for which it draws funding from Gaddafi and Cuba, and almost certainly from the KGB, is promoting the interests of the ANC and Soviet-aligned regimes in Angola, Ethiopia, Nicaragua and the Caribbean. TransAfrica is headed by the articulate, pro Marxist, anti White Randall Robinson, who, together with Desmond Tutu, initiated the Free South Africa Movement (FSAM).

TransAfrica's Board of Directors includes such radicals as Courtland Cox and Carlton Goodlett. Mr Cox once served as an advisor and confidant to 1960s militant Stokely Carmichael, as well as being a speaker for the anti-CIA Counterspy magazine. Mr Goodlett is a member of the Praesidium for the Soviet-controlled World Peace Council, and a veteran member of the Communist Party, USA. On 5.4.86 Evans, along with a member of TransAfrica, had breakfast with members of the Washington Students Coalition on Apartheid and Racism. On 16.4.86 Evans addressed student radicals at the University of California (San Diego), this meeting having been set up by the Free South Africa Coalition. Later the same day he addressed a meeting of activists from TransAfrica, the San Diego Draft Resisters Defence Fund, the Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft, and the Draft Campaign Against Apartheid. A video of the event was made by the TransAfrica Resource Centre. Next day, he was again interviewed for public record by TransAfrica.

He has made other distinguished friends. On 2.4.86 he met with Charles Bloomstein, Bayard Rustin and Walter Nash of the New York Friends Project South Africa. This is part of the American Friends Service Committee, which excuses its support of a wide range of revolutionary and terrorist groups on the grounds that "State injustice" justifies "the armed violence of the freedom fighters." These "freedom fighters" are invariably Soviet-backed thugs. On 3.4.86, Evans again met with the AFSC and the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors.

On 4.4.86 Evans met with representatives of the Washington Office on Africa. WOA is the lobbying arm founded by the America committee on Africa, which consistently supports US legislation favourable to Afro-Marxist revolutionary and terrorist groups associated with Soviet goals. WOA has long been a leading ANC supporter.

Evans has also made contact with a wide range of America's so-called "peace community." In San Francisco he spent some time at the War Resisters League office. He had dinner with the local War Resisters League on Long Island. On 15.4.86 he had dinner with members of the San Diego County Draft Resisters Defence Fund and the Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft. On 7.4.86 he spent some time with some of SA's most intransigent enemies on Capitol Hill: Senate and Congressional aides of the Democratic Caucus.

Photographs, I am told by those Americans monitoring his activities — which they despise — are available of him standing before anti-SA divestment posters at several meetings. On at least one occasion he went on record as stating that "the majority of Blacks ... do support disinvestment." He has also been photographed in discussion with self-declared ANC representatives. His name, together with that of an ANC representative, appeared on a flyer publicising a meeting at Columbia University, though my informant was unclear whether they spoke together, or separately. By their friends, shall ye know them.

HERE'S a scorching message to all those befuddled students and professional holy men who — supremely indifferent to the sickening atrocities committed by their comrades in the ANC and UDF — are now so busy trying to cripple SA's security forces via the foreign financed End Conscription Campaign. It comes from a man who really knows what he is talking about: David Horowitz, former editor of the leftist magazine, *Ramparts*, and, 25 years ago, one of the main strategists in America's disastrous anti-Vietnam War campaign, working closely with Jane Fonda and other Vietcong "National Liberation Front" collaborationists.

On April 4, 1986, David shattered New Left students and academics by returning to the University of California, Berkeley, scene of his old radicalism. But this time it was to warn those tempted to follow his earlier commands. He was pleading for support of the anti-Marxist Nicaraguan Contras, but his words hold enormous importance for those South Africans now so eagerly seeking an ANC/SA Communist Party victory:

"It was what I thought was the humanity of the Marxist idea that made me what I was then. It is the inhumanity of what I have seen to be the Marxist reality that has made me what I am now. If my former comrades who support the Sandinista cause were to pause for a moment and then plunge their busy political minds into the human legacies of their activist pasts, they would drown in an ocean of blood. The issue before us and before all people who cherish freedom is how to oppose a Soviet imperialism so vicious and so vast as to dwarf any previously known.

Empire

"An 'ocean of blood' is no metaphor. As we speak here, this empire — whose axis runs through Havana and now Managua — is killing hundreds of thousands of Ethiopians to consolidate a dictatorship whose policies against its own Black citizens make the South African government look benign and civilised. The first protest of my radical life was against the Truman Doctrine in a May Day march in 1948. I was with the Left, defending revolutions in Russia and China, in Eastern Europe and Cuba, in Cambodia and Vietnam: just

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