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The SADF claims to be defending all South Africans. The End Conscription Campaign and a growing number of young people who object to service in the SADF refute this claim — and so do millions of South Africans living in the townships.

The fact is, the SADF is being used more and more to suppress opposition to apartheid. Not only on the borders of the country, but in the townships and homes of ordinary South Africans. In anyone's language, **THIS IS CIVIL WAR.** And young South African men are being forced into the frontline of this civil war, **whether they like it or not.**

Many patriotic young men are deciding that they cannot be part of this war. They are refusing to

be conscripted to fight against unarmed citizens, their fellow South Africans. The numbers refusing to fight apartheid's war grow annually — so much so that the Minister of Defence, Magnus Malan, has this year refused to release the figures of those who have failed to report for duty.



ECC calls for an end to conscription because we feel that these young men should have the right to choose not to fight in a civil war on the side of apartheid. We defend their right whether they are facing the dilemma of conscription for the first time or whether they are already serving in the SADF because they felt there was no alternative.

It is the right of all people to refuse to take up arms when their conscience dictates otherwise. The overwhelming majority of South Africans support us in our defence of this right.



Working for a Just Peace



During April, ECC is organising a national "Working for a Just Peace" campaign where people will be able to show their opposition to conscription through positive and symbolic actions. The idea behind the campaign is to challenge apartheid's definition of National Service. Many people see conscription as destructive in that it is imposed on conscripts and communities and leads to untold suffering. We believe that service to this country must necessarily be in consultation with communities and according to their needs. There are many patriotic young people willing to serve their country in this way. They are not prepared to become involved in the civil war created by apartheid.

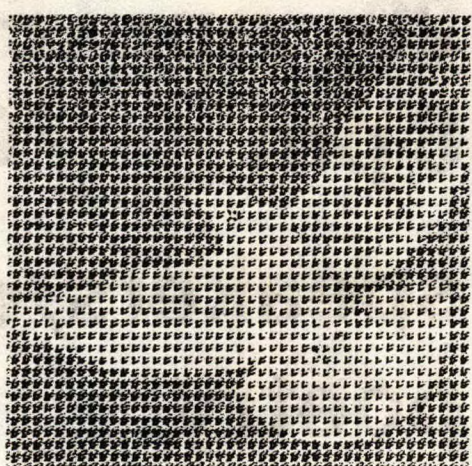
The projects will all be focusing on constructive ways of benefiting our society and will involve large numbers of people in an active demonstration of their commitment to a just and

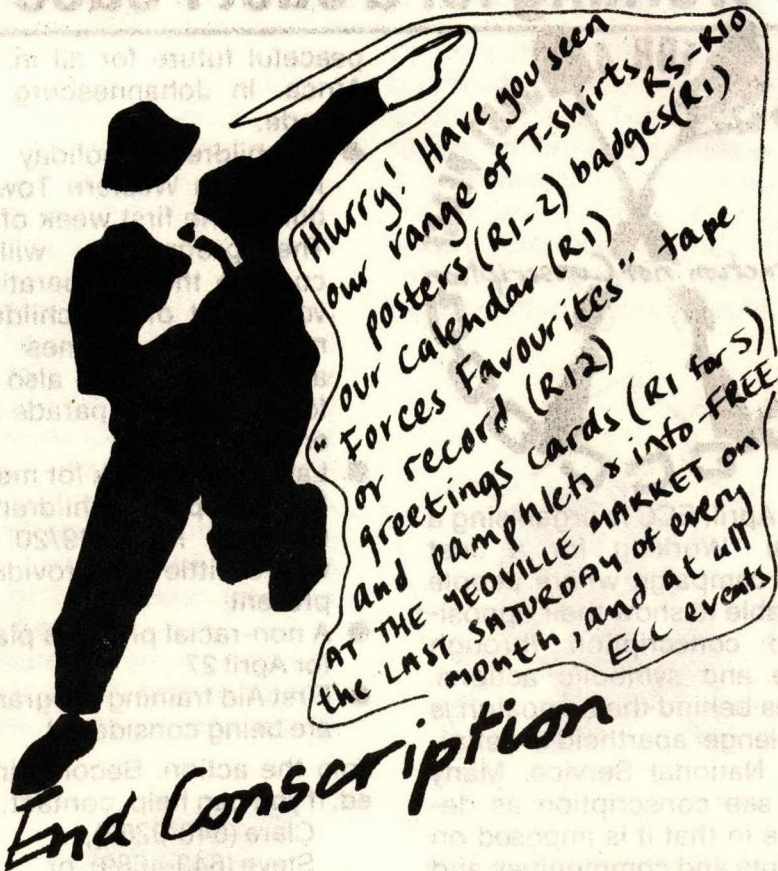
peaceful future for all in South Africa. In Johannesburg these include:

- A children's holiday programme in Western Township during the first week of April. The programme will encourage the co-operative involvement of the children in non-violent games and actions. There are also plans for a festival or parade at the end of the week.
- Laying out a park for mentally handicapped children in Eldorado Park (19/20 April) where little is provided at present.
- A non-racial picnic is planned for April 27.
- First Aid training programmes are being considered.

Join the action. Become involved. If you can help, contact:

Clare (648-9282),
Steve (643-4689), or
Ann Marie (643-6405).





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29 April ECC RALLY

8 pm

CITY HALL

speakers, choir

poetry

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WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE.

DO YOU THINK

- * that men should have the choice to serve South Africa not in the army, but in some other way ?
- * that soldiers should have the choice of not going into the townships to fight other South Africans ?
- * that choice is better than conscription into the army ?

YES ?

Join thousands of volunteers across the country who also want the right to choose.

Show your commitment to work for a just and peaceful society for all in this land.

Add your voice and your muscle to the End Conscription Campaign's "WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE CAMPAIGN".

WHAT IS THE WORKING FOR JUST PEACE CAMPAIGN ?

- * It is a sign that very many South Africans believe they should have the right to choose whether or not to serve in the SADF.
- * It is a sign that we are committed to work for a just and peaceful future for all South Africans.
- * It is a symbol of what we understand as truly national service - service for the benefit of all South Africans.
- * It is a sign of hope for all of us who sincerely look forward to an end to the conflict which is dividing our land.
- * It is a chance for you to become active in a project of the End Conscription Campaign.



Working for a Just Peace



The End Conscription Campaign in Johannesburg has planned a number of projects to demonstrate our commitment to a just and peaceful future for all in South Africa.

JOIN THE ACTION !
BECOME INVOLVED !

- * A Children's holiday programme will be run in Western Township during the first week in April. This is at the request of the community itself. The programme will encourage the co-operative involvement of the children in non-violent games and actions. There are plans for a festival or parade at the end of the week.
- * Laying out a park for mentally handicapped children in Eldorado Park (19/20 April) where little is provided at present.
- * A non-racial picnic is planned for April 27. This will bring together both youth and their parents in a day of fun, learning and sharing.
- * A first aid training programme is being considered.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US IN WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE, PLEASE FILL IN THIS SLIP AND RETURN IT TO ECC AT ECC, 42 DE VILLIERS STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

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Telephone.....

Address.....

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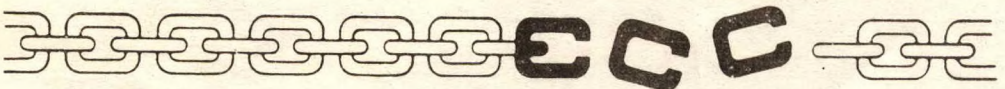
I would like to participate in Working for a Just Peace in:

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME
(1-4 April)

PLANTING PARK
(19/20 April)

PICNIC
(27 April)

I would like to know more about ECC.



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