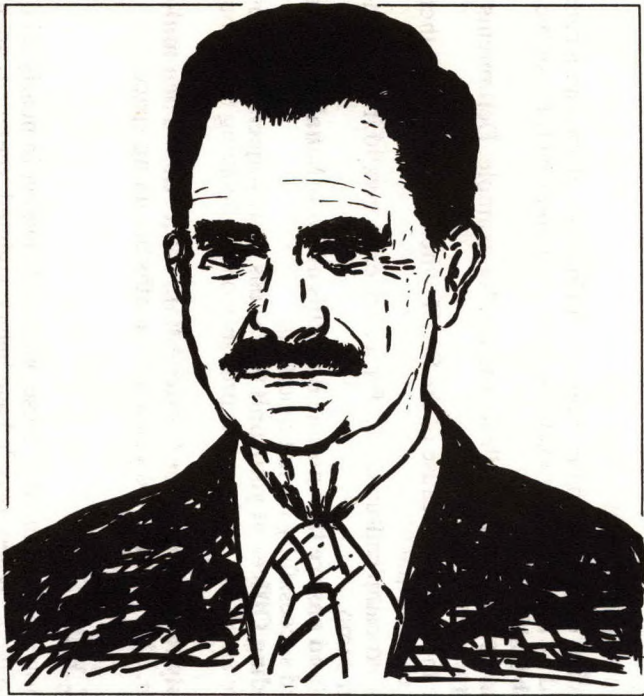


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**Gene Louw
Minister of Defence**

***For failure to provide a single
good reason why anyone should
report for a call-up.***

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CALL-UP OPTIONS

1 "Legal Options"

- 1.1 **Apply for deferment:** Send a letter requesting deferment to the Exemption Board or, if you are a camper, to your unit. Your application can be supplemented by affidavits, for example from your employer. If you've got some spare cash then get an attorney to apply on your behalf.
- 1.2 **Apply for full exemption:** Exemptions can be granted on medical grounds, for example. Deferments are usually easier to get but exemptions are permanent.
- 1.3 **Exile:** Not to be recommended. Why leave the country because of the SADF when you can avoid them with not too much difficulty at home?
- 1.4 **Challenge the validity of your call up:** Your camp call-up could, for instance, be invalid if it does not provide you with "reasonable" advance warning of your camp.
- 1.5 **Don't sign for or collect registered post (and ensure that no-one does this on your behalf):** If you have not received a call-up you cannot be prosecuted successfully for not reporting.
- 1.6 **Request an interview with the Commanding Officer of your unit to discuss your objections:** This is only really feasible for campers and is easier if you are an officer. At best it is probably only a delaying tactic, but some OC's are approachable.
- 1.7 **Inform the SADF that you intend to apply to the Board for Conscientious Objection. Then make an application which will definitely be rejected by them.** This should give you a few months breathing space.

2 "Not So Legal Options"

Please note that there is a risk of prosecution involved in all of these options. However in nearly all of the cases where people break these laws nothing happens to them. Where people have been convicted, sentences are usually substantially less than the maximum sentence provided for. ECC would also like to make it clear that we are not encouraging you to perjure yourself in court or to engage in bribery or blackmail of SADF officials.

- 2.1 **Don't register:** This option is mostly only open to those who are still at school. Your teacher is often the person who registers you at 16. You could indicate that you wish to register yourself and then fail to do so. (Maximum fine R2 000).
- 2.2 **Don't notify the SADF of your change of address:** Ask a friend if you can use their name to open a post-office box or get a telephone. Also ensure that people, at your previous home or work, as well as your parents, do not provide your address or telephone number to anyone. Instead they should take messages for you and offer to pass these on to you "if they see you". (Maximum fine R2 000).
- 2.3 **"Leave the country":** Send the SADF a letter from outside South Africa (even from one of the "independent homelands") saying that you are permanently resident outside the country. The SADF may then defer you and request that you inform them of your new South African address on your return. After you return you may then "forget" to tell the SADF that you are back. If you are not leaving the country yourself, ask a friend who is going overseas to post the letter for you. (Maximum fine R2 000).
- 2.4 **Don't report:** Nothing happens to over 90% of people who don't report for their call-ups. If you are followed up, prosecuted, and found guilty the average sentence is R300 - R500. (Maximum fines: Private - R600, NCO - R1 200, Officer - R5 000).
- 2.5 **Refuse to serve:** Directly inform the SADF that you refuse to do any (or any more) military service. The SADF hardly ever prosecute people for this as it usually results in them getting very bad publicity. In the unlikely event of your being prosecuted and found guilty, you would most likely receive a sentence of community service. (Maximum sentence - imprisonment).
- 2.6 **Get your file "lost":** This is an option for campers or national servicemen who have direct access to SADF personnel records or friends or contacts with such access.

3. "Non Options"

- 3.1 **Registering as a Conscientious Objector:** If you are officially recognised by the Board for Conscientious Objection as a CO you will be ordered to do full time "community service" in a government department for one-and-half times your total outstanding military service commitment. If you do not complete all your community service you can be imprisoned in DB.
- 3.2 **Applying for deferment after reporting for your call-up;** the SADF may suggest to you that you should report for your call-up, and that the unit will then consider your application for deferment. They may then take advantage of this situation and refuse the application thereby forcing you to do your full camp.

In the PWV area, more than 35 advocates have put their names on a roster indicating that they are willing to defend people, for free, on all call-up charge. If you are outside the PWV area, ECC may also be able to help you in getting legal assistance. Contact us for more details.

Don't co-operate with the call-up!

In February 1990 the government made a commitment to doing away with racial discrimination. In June 1992 they passed a law to entrench the whites-only call-up. What exactly are they up to?

At a time when thousands of SADF personnel are being retrenched, and thousands of volunteers are being turned away by the SADF, we cannot think of one good reason why you should have to report for compulsory military service. We cannot think of one good reason for maintaining the present racist call-up system.

But it seems that the SADF and the government do not respond to reason. In circumstances such as these, we believe that your best option is to make up your OWN MIND about what to do about your call-up. We believe that you have a right to choose whether or not to serve in the SADF.

In this pamphlet we outline what some of your options are if you do not wish to report for your call-up. If you have been called up and you do not have positive reasons of your own for actually wanting to do military service, we urge you not to report for your call-up.

Help us to end the call-up!

Join our register.

Many people are already, in one way or another, not co-operating with the call-up system. However, if we stand together, we can be more effective in expressing our rejection of the call-up. If:....

- you are liable for military service
- you are not prepared to do any (or any further) military service at least under the present call-up system
- you are not prepared to apply to the Board for Conscientious Objection and you are prepared to commit yourself to not applying for deferment, and
- you wish to take your non-cooperation with the call-up system one step further, then

.... sign the ECC Register of Non-cooperation with the call-up system.

To find out about the ECC Register or our petition, or for general information about the call-up, contact ECC at (011) 836-8423.

For free and independent advice about the call-up phone the Conscription Advice Service: Durban - 305-6001 (Sue), Pietermaritzburg - 94-4079 (Mark), East London - 43-0047, Grahamstown - 2-6043 (Dusty), Queenstown - 3965 (Rudi), Port Elizabeth - 51-2304, Cape Town - 689-1194, Pretoria - 320-2230 (Linda), Johannesburg - 648-5887 (Neil).

ECC CAMPAIGN OF NON-COOPERATION

National register

1. Personal Details

Surname:.....
Full first names:.....
Date of birth:.....
Qualifications:.....
Profession:.....
Current occupation:.....

2. Address (own or contact)

Address:.....
.....
Code:.....
Phone numbers
Home:.....
Work:.....
Name of contact person (if applicable):.....

3. Military service details

Amount of National Service completed:
Number of camps completed:.....
Presently liable for:.....
Details of service completed (including place(s) and nature of service:
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.....
Rank:.....

4. Declaration

In good conscience, and of my own accord, I have decided not to serve in the SADF. My signing of this register also indicates that I will no longer apply for deferment or apply to be officially recognised as a conscientious objector by the Board for Conscientious Objection.

Signed:..... Date.....

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