

ECC (STELLENBOSCH) REPORT  
(March - May 1987)

Since March of this year we at Stellenbosch have noticeably stepped up our activities, and have already started seeing the fruits of this increased mobilisation.

In terms of membership we can still count on about 120 supporters, but the real growth I believe has been in the active participation of our working group. We have since early March recruited at least five more people, expanding our working group from 8 people plus the committee to about 16 and at times as many as twenty. This can be ascribed mostly to the increased "visibility" of ECC, and the fact that we have managed to keep everyone occupied with the actual tasks that need to be carried out, and not just in the often boring "shlep"-work and long discussions.

As far as the morale of our working group is concerned, I believe it has never been this good. The active members are very motivated and, although the last couple of weeks have been test-weeks at varsity, very keen to work. There also seems to be a new kind of enthusiasm brought in by the new members, that has become quite catching.

The one area that has unfortunately been rather neglected, is that of internal education. It has always been difficult to establish a regular int.ed. program, but with our new working group it just seems to have been forgotten. Therefore we have, over the last weeks, started with a small-scale program of 'each one, teach one'. We ask every member to take a turn at preparing a short talk on an important subject, which is then given and discussed. This seems to be working.

Another worrying area is that of security. A full report on security was prepared, based on the ECC security paper, and handed out to the group. This seems to have had little effect. Telephone security is still sadly neglected, as is the discipline of cut-off times etc. We would welcome any suggestions in this regard.

The activities we have engaged in over the last month or two are:

- a. Pamphlet on ECC generally - Question/answer - based on G'town pamphlet
- b. Pamphlet on Day of Concern and invitation to church service
- c. War/peace choice pamphlet  
(responses on these pamphlets have ranged from very bad to quite positive)
- d. Church service on Day of Concern - with Cathsoc and Ansoc (about 40 people turned up)

- e. Regional campaign T-shirt - printing
- f. Own T-shirt printing - Dove in fence, Picasso's dove  
(sales going very well)
- g. Most amazing banner ever made  
and on regional basis;
- h. Three reg. campaign workshops
- i. Regional workshop on "fuzzy areas of our one-issue  
campaign" -(a la Paula)
- j. Planning of Memorial going ahead  
(a lot of excitement about this)
- k. Joining in "Peace call-up" community service

The regional co-operation has been especially satisfying, in that it gave us a very strong feeling of belonging to a much bigger thing, and in breaking Stellenbosch's isolation from the national campaign. Reports from members on these activities have all been very good. Members also found the workshops very educative.

Another satisfying development has been the increased contact and co-operation with other org's, especially Cathsoc and Ansoc, that has flowed out of our involvement in the USE. We have established a really good working relationship with these org's.

Contact with other branches of ECC has been better but still far from adequate. This really needs to be improved. Contact with "national" is okay.

We are in desperate need of more funds. At this stage our account is virtually empty, and we need quite a lot to complete our campaign work of the next months. Our only means of raising funds is the t-shirt sales, which have a very small profit-margin.

Agenda points we would like to have discussed are:

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