

END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

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Tuesday 10 July, 1990

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Dear friends,

At long last news from the national office ! I hope that you are all well. Enclosed, please find the following documentation:

1. Minutes of the National Conference (excluding a report from the Objector Workshop, which will be sent out later.)
2. An address list of delegates, and a national contact address list.
3. A letter to all regional treasurers, from Kevin McManus, the new ECC treasurer - NB !
4. 3 documents put out by the IBIIR on the CCB, Vlakplaas, etc.
5. A draft policy document on ANS, put out by the Cape Town based ANS group. Please discuss.
6. An advert and letter drawn up by Pretoria ECC.
7. A newspaper article on Louis Bredenkamp, a Pretoria ECC member.

National Committee meeting

The next NC meeting will be held in Johannesburg from the 31 August - 2 September, 1990. One rep from each branch is to attend. That person should plan to arrive in Jhb on the Friday evening between 7 - 9 pm. The meeting will take place the whole of Saturday and Sunday, so reps should only book tickets home from Sunday evening. Please could reps book their plane tickets as soon as possible in order to get the weekend special rate. Tickets will be paid for by the national office. Regions should also start considering items for the agenda.

National Overview

Things have been quite quiet since the national conference, particularly with campuses closing down for the exam and holiday period. What follows is a brief summary of events of the last month and a half.

Transvaal :

Johannesburg - town and campus branches - held a weekend away in the Magaliesberg recently. Attendance was poor, but the weekend was very important in helping the region assess its strengths and weaknesses, and decide on priorities for future work. The decision of the weekend, was that for the next few months, town and campus should join forces and work together, as campus has an enthusiastic but inexperienced membership, whereas town activists are experienced but rather lacking in enthusiasm or energy. All Jhb's resources will be directed towards a 28 July action and an August 1st call up action. A mock call-up will



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encourage people to join ECC on 28 July, in an alternative service project in the centre of Johannesburg. Street posters, a pamphlet and press articles will precede this action. An update is being drawn up for insertion into the "Know your Rights" booklet, and ECC will distribute this at Saturday morning street tables.

The Pretoria branch is small but active. They are planning a public meeting for 31 July, which will predominantly focus on the CCB. They have also sent a letter to senior members of government, about the CCB, and are now asking individuals and organisations in Pretoria to endorse an advert calling for the suspension of CCB activities. (We enclose a copy of the advert and letter. Pretoria ECC want ECC nationally to consider making the advert a national advert. Please get back to the national office on this question.)

Natal :

Pietermaritzburg is largely campus based so have had a quiet period. Their most recent activity was the showing of the video "The Assassins", as part of their monthly meeting for town supporters. They are still involved in monitoring the role of the SADF in the townships around Pietermaritzburg. A workshop is being planned in conjunction with Durban ECC to look at the role of ECC in ongoing monitoring work, and to consider the feasibility of an ECC peace festival for the end of the year.

Durban is planning an alternative service project for the weekend of 28th July. ECC members will be attending a rally in Amaoti on the Saturday of that weekend, and then on the Sunday, will be returning to the same community and will be involved in a clean up action with people from that community. Over the last month, they have been involved in ongoing monitoring work, with some quite exciting results. At Hillcrest, ECC people have been one of the parties that have played a mediation role between the security forces and the community. ECC has spoken to the SAP, the Security Police, the SADF and the CID about irregular and unlawful behaviour on the part of the security forces in Hillcrest.

Eastern Cape :

In Grahamstown and East London things have been quiet because of exams. However, East London ECC is gearing up for a large 4 day focus on conscription issues. Entitled "Disarming Society - A focus on Conflict and Conscription in South Africa", the programme will run from 17 July - 20 July and will involve lunch time and evening meetings. The line up includes a meeting on the CCB at which Anton Steenkamp from the IBIIR, and Ahmed Mothala, Dirk Coetzee's lawyer, will speak; a report back from the recent Idasa military conference in Lusaka; a focus on conscientious objection at which Doug Torr will speak and a meeting entitled "The politics of peace - an alternative approach to security and defence in a post-apartheid SA" with Laurie Nathan as the speaker. We wish East London well in this very exciting and ambitious programme !

Cape :

Cape Town ECC -town and UCT branches - have been mainly concerned with getting the discussions with government under way, and in raising awareness about the CCB. They have planned a number of housemeetings, at which the video "The Assassins" will be shown and an ECC member will speak about the CCB. They are also planning an alternative service project for around the August call-up. The action will involve laying a water pipe for the squatter community of Hout Bay.

Stellenbosch, being campus based, has not had any public activities since conference.

Bloemfontein :

No formal branch exists in Bloemfontein yet, but a small group have held discussions about the possibility of launching a branch in the next few months.

General :

Welkom : Regions have been kept informed about developments in Welkom. At the moment, an action is planned for the 22 July. It has been organised by local Welkom residents, and is being seen as being a fairly low key initial action towards reconciliation.

Objector News: Michael Graaf's case has been postponed again. In the meantime, representations are being made with regard to withdrawing charges against him or at least suspending his trial until after the Van Loggerenberg Committee has delivered its findings. Douglas Torr's case was also postponed as the magistrate was in hospital. Doug's case will now be heard on 24 July. Charles Bester has been moved back to Kroonstad prison and will be there until his Supreme Court appeal is heard on 13 August, 1990. As I'm sure you all know, David Bruce is now completely free from any further liability. He was resentenced to the 20 months that he has already served. David is at the moment in Europe. He went as a COSG representative to the International CO meeting, which was held in Vienna.

Roddy has just left for a tour of the country so most of you will probably be seeing him in the next few weeks and can get a fuller update from him. I will be on leave from 16 July until 11 August, and will then be leaving ECC at the end of August. There will therefore be nobody in the office from 16 July - 1 August. However, the answering machine will be on and Roddy will phone in every other day to retrieve messages from the machine.

Much love and strength

Mandy -

Mandy Taylor

Reid 11/7/90 Judy Memahan
7091 West 100 North
Greenfield, Indiana
46140

U.S.A.

Dear COSG-

Several months ago I received the news that prison time was cut in half to three years. Congratulations! Please let me know what I can do to help.

What is the news on the young men who are refusing SADF duty? I would appreciate all the news & information you can give me. Are any more being called up & facing trial for refusing duty? If there is any information you can send that I can photocopy & distribute in the U.S. Please send it.

I have not received a COSG newsletter in many months. Are you still putting them out? What about the Object? I ordered a subscription last year but have never received one.

Thank you for all the news you can send!

Judy Memahan

Replied
12-07-90



Mr Roddy Payne
ECC
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Kengray
2100

12.07.1990

Dear Roddy,

CONFERENCE: SOUTH AFRICA AT A TURNING POINT - NEGOTIATIONS AND BEYOND

Five Freedoms Forum would like to invite your organisation to a conference which will be held in Johannesburg from the 24th to the 26th of August 1990. The venue will be the World Trade Centre, near Jan Smuts Airport.

The main aim of this conference is to bring together men and women of different political, economic and social backgrounds, influential people and ordinary members of the public, so that they acquire a greater understanding of the policies and views of their political opponents.

The conference will be addressed by leaders of many of the most important political groupings in South Africa on their policies and vision of the future. The main emphasis of the conference is however on interaction between the delegates. Most time will be spent in special interest workshops which will allow for substantial debate and discussion on key issues.

Considering the essential role that is played by ECC in society, you are invited to send 2 delegates to attend the conference. It would help us to know as soon as possible the names and addresses of your delegates so that we can send them all the documents relevant to the conference.

We hope that your organisation will accept our invitation and give its support to this effort of making the process of negotiations more meaningful for all South Africans.

Yours sincerely

mp **MIKE OLIVIER**
President, Five Freedoms Forum

encl. 1 Information Brochure
2 Response Questionnaire

SOUTH AFRICA AT A TURNING POINT - NEGOTIATIONS AND THE FUTURE

DATE: 24 - 26 August 1990

VENUE: World Trade Centre, Johannesburg

Since FW De Klerk's historic speech on 2 February 1990, it has become widely accepted that we have entered a period of transition to a new South Africa, in which negotiations will at some point play an essential part.

This conference will provide the opportunity for a large range of people to address what negotiations mean. The conference will address different views on how negotiations should proceed as well as allowing in depth discussions on a range of policy issues. The conference aims to bring together participants and speakers from all the major political parties in SA.

it is not the Five Freedoms Forum's intention to direct the conference towards any type of pre-determined consensus. The prime objectives of the conference are to encourage a greater sensitivity among all the delegates to the policies and positions of political opponents and a sense of popular participation in the process of negotiations.

DELEGATES

800 Delegates will attend the conference from across the political spectrum.

Delegates will be invited from the major political parties - the NP, CP, DP, ANC, UDF, Inkatha, PAC, AZAPO and homeland parties. Delegates involved in issues such as education, business, labour, security, the economy, women and health are also being invited.

CONSULTATION

The Five Freedoms Forum has consulted a range of political parties about the conference. Among those who have agreed to participate are the National Party and the African National Congress.

R.S.V.P.: 23 JULY (NB: As space is limited, potential delegates are advised to respond as soon as possible.)

AGENDA OF CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 24th AUGUST

12-00 noon Registration at World Trade Centre onwards

6-00 pm Supper and Welcome.

8-00 pm Opening of conference.
Speakers:
Representatives of the ANC and National Party (to be confirmed)

SATURDAY 25th AUGUST

9-00 am PLENARY SESSION
"Negotiating South Africa's Future"
Chairperson: Prof. Nina Overton, Head: Dept. Kommunikasie - RAU.
A panel discussion involving representatives from the NP, ANC, DP, SACP, PAC, Inkatha, Labour Party and Conservative Party. Each speaker to give their parties views on negotiations and key aspects of policy for the future.

10.30 am TEA

11-00 am Panel discussion: Questions and answers.

12-30 LUNCH

2.00 pm COMMISSIONS
The Commissions are planned as sessions where experts in particular fields, as well as those with a particular interest in the area, can debate policy issues for the future. Commissions are structured in such a way as to include talks by experts in the field, often from very different political perspectives, and discussion amongst the delegates.

- 1. Utilisation and ownership of Land.**
Will examine issues regarding access to, and utilisation of land, methods of agricultural production, pricing and alternative forms of tenure.
- 2. Public administration in a new South Africa.**
Will examine the role of the civil service in creating national unity, facilitating infrastructural development and human resource development.
- 3. How do we stop the violence?**
Facilitating the process of reconciliation.
- 4. How do we protect the political rights of different groups?**
Different political systems, group rights vs individual rights.
- 5. Democratisation.**
The problems of transition to a democracy, obstacles to participation in decision making, the exercise of local power by different interest groups.
- 6. Growth vs Equity? - Implications for a future economic policy.**
The present economic structure, future policy options : ie state; the funding of growth; the distribution of wealth; and opportunity and access.
- 7. Tertiary education - what are the priorities?**
Curriculae; standards, research vs teaching, technical vs academic training; the needs of the economy; and the changing role of Universities and Technicons.
- 8. The world in the 1990's.**
Implications for South Africa.
- 9. The Next Step.**
This commission will deal with the process of negotiations. It is anticipated that the different political groupings will sketch out their scenarios for the future in this session.
NB: THIS SESSION WILL BE REPEATED ON SUNDAY.

SUNDAY 26th AUGUST

Inter-Faith Service

9-00-12-00 COMMISSIONS

10. **Development and the Environment.**
Environmental policy which addresses the right to a quality environment in the context of resource management and economic development.
11. **Who should pay for school education? Implications of state responsibility, privatisation or other options.**
Financing of schools and control of resources; centralisation of education vs community control & autonomy.
12. **The future of local government.**
Problems of representation, fiscal and administrative policy, as well as debates over present proposals and future strategies.
13. **The future of South Africa's security forces.**
Obstacles to a single, united and representative Police Force and Army.
14. **Sport in South Africa, unity and international acceptance.**
Unity between different sports bodies and the requirements for acceptance back into the international sporting community.
15. **Business and Labour in the 1990's.**
The relationship between trade unions and business in the future will be examined as well as the interests of white workers and implications.
16. **How do we meet the housing needs of a rapidly urbanising population?**
The housing shortage, land delivery and the escalating cost of building materials.
17. **Culture.**
Unifying national symbols and the role of the state in the promotion of culture. Is culture used or misused by politicians? Funding and control of cultural activities.

18. **A new health care system - financing and staffing.**
Funding, control and administration of health care.
19. **The Next Step.**
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NB THIS SESSION WILL RUN ON SATURDAY AND BE REPEATED ON SUNDAY

12-00 noon LUNCH

2-00 pm CLOSING SESSION
* Summary report from commissions:
* Closing Address:
Dr F. Van Zyl Slabbert

NB Potential delegates should indicate on the application form the two Commissions they wish to attend. Because of the limited space, delegates' Commission preferences will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

FIVE FREEDOMS FORUM

Sable Centre, 41 De Korte Street, Braamfontein, 2001
Tel: 339-2003, 339-2019



NEGOTIATIONS AND THE FUTURE

**August 24th
to
August 26th
at the
World Trade Centre
Johannesburg**



**An organisation striving for a non-racial
democracy.**

Cheque from ECC for R 75.00
to follow in post. A.S.A.P



NEGOTIATIONS AND THE FUTURE

APPLICATION FORM

SOUTH AFRICA AT A TURNING POINT: NEGOTIATIONS AND THE FUTURE

Conference: August 24 - 26 1990.

Please complete and return by **July 23 1990** to: Five Freedoms Conference, Sable Centre, 41 De Korte St, Braamfontein 2001. Fax. (011) 339-2920. Tel. (011) 339-2019.

Name: RODDY PAYNE

Address: 304 GLORAY COURT, DELARAY ST.
BELLVIEW EAST Code: 2198.

Telephone: (W) 836-8423 (H) 648-7993.

Organisation (if any) END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Profession MASTERS STUDENT.

NB. In order for your registration to be accepted, R75-00 must accompany this form

PERSONAL PROFILE, ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS _____

NATIONAL ORGANISER OF ECC

Cheque from ECC for R 75.00
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- 18. A new health care system - financing and staffing.
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Please note: Numbers for commissions are strictly limited and you may be assigned your second or third choice.

ACCOMMODATION

Please indicate your situation by ticking the correct statements

- I will arrange my own accommodation in Johannesburg
Telephone No. in Johannesburg _____
- I require FFF to arrange accommodation for me.
 - I am a smoker
 - I am a non-smoker

MEALS

- Indicate if you require supper on Friday
Indicate Dietary Preference
- Vegetarian
- Kosher
- Halaal
- Other

NB: Your menu choice is final.

CLOTHING

We recommend that you bring warm, comfortable clothes, and at least one jacket or coat for cold weather.

PAYMENT

Cost per delegate is R205-00.
Minimum payment is R75-00.

- Please accept an amount of R 75.00.

*TRAVEL

Travel is your responsibility. F.F.F. takes no responsibility for bookings or payment. Consult your travel agent and SAA about special prices for bus and air travel.

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Name: CHRIS DE VILLIERS.

Address: P.O. BOX 537.

KENGRAY 2100 Code: 2100

Telephone: (W) 880 1705 (H) 726 6845

Organisation (if any) END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN.

Profession PATENT ATTORNEY.

NB. In order for your registration to be accepted, R75-00 must accompany this form

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CHAIRPERSON OF JOHANNESBURG BRANCH
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SOUTHERN AFRICA

19 July 1990

National Campaign on SA
Conscientious Objectors to
Military Service (The Secretary)
Box 591
2100 Kengray

Dear Sir or Madam

INFORMATION ON YOUR ORGANISATION

We are in the process of compiling a comprehensive directory of South African societies, organisations, institutions and groups offering resources and services to all South Africans. The categories include legal aid, labour, consumerism, health and welfare, campaigns and pressure groups, child care and welfare, civil and human rights, death and dying, education, family life, mental and physical handicap, pregnancy, substance abuse, sexuality, welfare organisations and charities, among others.

The entries in the directory, which are completely FREE, will look this.

SOUTH AFRICAN AARDVARK SOCIETY (SAAS)

Address Termite Hill, Antstadt, OFS 2500 OR P O Box 112, Bloemfontein 2500

Telephone (061) 21-9876 Fax (061) 21-9875

Branches Johannesburg (011) 765-9320, Durban (031) 67-9032, Cape Town (021) 45-7266, Pofadder (048) 98503

Description Study of all aspects of the aardvark, and research into its living patterns in particular, with a view to saving it from extinction. Specialist sub-groups: Environmental Watchdog Group, Field Study Group, fundraising committee. Affiliated to Wild Life Society and World Wild Life Fund. Formed in 1951: current membership of 630; corporate membership of 12, open to all adults. Activities are an annual conference for members, monthly regional meetings, research, study groups, compilation of statistics, library in Johannesburg. Produces newsletter for members called "Aardvark News" twice yearly (price R5 for non-members). Free annual report. Membership subscription fee of R25,00 with special rates for students and pensioners.

We'd be grateful if you would complete the enclosed questionnaire on the society, organisation or group which you represent, and return the questionnaire to us in the enclosed pre-paid envelope by 3 August 1990.

Please provide as much as possible of the information required, but don't let the absence of some facts, such as the date of formation of the society, hold up the return of the questionnaire. Any additional information can be enclosed on a clearly labelled separate sheet. Please note that we reserve the right to edit the entry to conform to the style of the directory. Thank you for your help.

Yours faithfully
Pat Barton and Hilary Bassett
COMPILERS



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PO Box 1141, Cape Town, 8000
OR Fifth floor, Harrington House,
37 Barrack Street, Cape Town, 8001

JAMES CLARKE, GENERAL MANAGER

Telephone: (021) 45-7266
Facsimile: (021) 45-7265
Telex: 550022+

ACTIVITIES (Please tick the activities which form part of the regular activities of your organisation, with relevant details.)

- Conferences: annual alternate years other _____
- Research ON ALTERNATIVES TO CONSCRIPTION, ROLE OF SADF.
- Regular public meetings _____
- Education / training _____
- Examinations / qualifications _____
- Exhibitions _____
- Study groups _____
- Competitions _____
- Compilation of statistics _____
- Library _____
- Information services for serious enquirers _____
- Information service for members only _____
- Visits and/or excursions _____
- Other activities _____

PUBLICATIONS (IF ANY) (Please give details of all regular publications, including magazine, newsletter, published list of members, annual report, etc.; frequency of publication and price if available to non-members.)

REGIONAL NEWS LETTERS PRODUCED.

SUBSCRIPTION FEES R20.00

AFFILIATIONS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS (ESP. INTERNATIONAL) (Please give the names in full.) _____

INFORMATION COMPLETED BY RODDY PAYNE

POSITION NATIONAL ORGANISER TELEPHONE NO. 6836-8432 DATE 3/8/90

NAME OF SECRETARY OR OTHER OFFICIAL TO WHOM CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED (STATE TITLE OF PERSON AND NAME)

RODDY PAYNE, NATIONAL ORGANISER.

Would you be interested in buying a copy of the published directory when it's available (in November 1990, at ± R39,95)?

Yes No

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

SOUTH AFRICAN DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES

Please complete this questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope to Riette Hart, Oxford University Press, P O Box 1141, Cape Town 8000, or fax it to (021) 45-7265.

NAME OF ORGANISATION END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN.

ABBREVIATION (IF ANY) BY WHICH ORGANISATION IS GENERALLY KNOWN E.C.C.

STREET ADDRESS OF HEAD OFFICE Room 434 Khotso House,
62 MARSHALL STREET, MARSHALLTOWN, JOHANNESBURG.

POSTAL ADDRESS OF HEAD OFFICE P.O. Box 537, KENGRAY 2100
JOHANNESBURG.

TELEPHONE NUMBER 836-8423 FAX NUMBER 834-3189.

BRANCHES AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS (List towns up to a total of six, with telephone numbers OR If there are more, give the number of branches only, and list the towns they're in.)

CAPE TOWN, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, STELLENBOSCH, EAST
LONDON, GRAHAMSTOWN, BLOETfontein, DURBAN, PIETERMARITZBURG,
JOHANNESBURG, UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERBRAND, PRETORIA.

YEAR OF FORMATION 1984 MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTIONS NONE

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL @ 2,000 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP _____

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANISATION (Please state concisely the purpose of your organisation, its field of interest or objectives)

E.C.C. HAS AS ITS AIM THE ENDING OF MILITARY CONSCRIPTION
IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT AIMS TO HIGHLIGHT THE POLITICAL
ROLE THE SADF PLAYS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN
AFRICA AND THE WAY WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN MEN ARE
FORCED TO DEFEND APARTHEID. E.C.C ALSO AIMS TO
MONITOR MORE GENERALLY THE ACTIONS OF THE SADF.

SPECIALIST GROUPS, SECTIONS AND SUB-COMMITTEES (Please list fully)

ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SERVICE STUDY GROUP.
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR SECTION.



NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS / NATIONALE UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKAANSE STUDENTE

9 DJ Du Plessis Centre, West Campus, PO Wits 2050, Johannesburg, South Africa Tel: (011) 716-5340 Fax: (011) 339-7902

Roddy Payne
ECC

20 July 1990

Dear Roddy

On behalf of Nusas I would like to thank you for presenting a workshop at our July Festival. We appreciate your taking the time to prepare a very thorough and informative input and for passing on your understanding of the question of the military in a future South Africa.

The workshops provided our activists with a deeper understanding of the complexity of the some of the questions facing South Africa now and in the future. As such, they were the most important component of the Festival programme.

Overall, we felt that July Festival was an enormous success as it raised key debates and was very educative. In the context of a very fluid and sometimes confusing political climate, the Festival was able to create some stability for our activists in that it clearly identified the issues at stake and some of the tasks that face us.

We will be publishing a booklet of all the papers presented at Festival. For the first time we will be transcribing the inputs given in the workshops and will send you a draft copy of your paper for your sanction.

We look forward to the time when July Festival will become an annual event of one non-racial student organisation, and we are sure that we will be requesting your participation and support in the future.

Yours in Struggle

Erica Elk
Nusas President

"The Doors of Learning and Culture Shall Be Opened" / "Die Deure van Opvoeding en Kultuur Sal Oopgaan"

Representing affiliated Student Representative Councils at the Universities of Cape Town, Rhodes, Witwatersrand and Natal (Pietermaritzburg and Durban) and the NUSAS Local Committee at the University of Stellenbosch.



NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS / NATIONALE UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKAANSE STUDENTE

9 DJ Du Plessis Centre, West Campus, PO Wits 2050, Johannesburg, South Africa Tel: (011) 716-5340 Fax: (011) 339-7902

NUSAS JULY FESTIVAL - 1990: DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR CONSULTATION

Broad objectives

1. Education of activists at two levels:
 - clarifying our starting points
 - generating debate on some of the more complex questions
2. To inspire activists in their long term commitment to struggle
3. To give direction on primarily the short and medium term questions facing the liberation movement, but also dealing with long term objectives.
4. To understand present strategies of NDR.

Broad Content and themes

'Liberation for Transformation'

1. The apartheid state and the present balance of forces.
2. National Democratic Struggle and present strategies for achieving national liberation.
3. Negotiations as a strategy.
4. Understanding what is meant by a People's democracy, people's power and looking at socialism - politically, socially and economically
5. The ANC - history, policy and programme
6. Dealing with questions of transformation in all sites in society.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

A. Plenary Sessions:

1. What is the apartheid state - SA in the 90's:

Within the framework of CST and the historical development of South African society, dealing with South Africa in the 90's, reviewing the political, social and economic infrastructures and the effects and long-term implications of apartheid policies.

2. Principles, Strategies and Tactics and National Democratic Struggle:

The objectives of the National Liberation Movement within the current political climate. Analysing the current balance of forces, state strategy, and the strengths and weaknesses of the Liberation Movement. Understanding current strategies to achieve liberation and how in this process the foundations are laid for transformation.

3. The Violence of Apartheid (Panel)

- a) The History of and current State strategies with regard to repression - informal and formal. The psychological effects of violence.
- b) Natal violence
- c) The social and psychological effects of violence.

4. Negotiations, liberation and transformation:

Dealing with Negotiations as a strategy and the unfolding of the Harare Declaration, questions of the transfer of power and how this relates to struggles on the ground. Looking at the role of Mass organisations in this phase of struggle.

5. Democratising South Africa: present and future (Panel)

- a) Building People's Power in this current phase of struggle, dealing with concept of dual power.
- b) Looking at a future democratic South Africa and dealing with questions of a Multi-party democracy, a future constitution and the relationship between participatory and parliamentary democracy.

6. Redistributing the Wealth - Economic Strategies

Analysing the state of the South African economy. Building an understanding of economic transformation/ restructuring. Dealing with the debates around mixed and planned economy.

7. Building the ANC:

The history of the ANC, strategies, programme and policy. Building the legal ANC.

8. What is Socialism

What is socialism, contextualising with regard to trends in Eastern Europe and dealing with the implications for South Africa. The role of the SACP.

9. Transforming Tertiary Education (Panel)

The state of the tertiary institutions, strategies of the administrations and the state in this regard. The transformation of the universities, present priorities and strategies.

10. The Role of the Non-racial Student Movement

What are the objectives of the student movement, in the present and in a future democratic state. Strategies and tactics. The question of one non-racial student organisation.

11. The Education Crisis and People's Education (Panel)

- a) The state of the education system and the nature and extent of the present education crisis.
- b) What is people's education, and the potential of and strategies for achieving this.

12. Questions facing the Youth in South Africa (Panel)

- a) What is the youth, what is its programme and role of the youth in the future.
- b) History of the ANC Youth League, the role of the Youth Section and the way forward.

13. Building a Future for Women in South Africa (Panel)

- a) The state and role of women's organisation.
- b) What is women's liberation in the South African context, what is necessary to ensure the emancipation of women in a future South Africa.

14. Social Transformation: Building a Non-racial, Non-sexist and Democratic State

The social effects of apartheid, implications for a future non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa and reconciliation. What is and how to build a non-racial and democratic state.

B. Workshops:

Workshops 1: What is Apartheid

1. Bantustans

Proposed Speaker:

Current developments in the bantustans, and the effect on the population.

2. The Rightwing and the making of the Boerestaat

Proposed speaker: Max du Preez

The effects of an apartheid heritage and how this has created the right-wing. The character of the right-wing currently. The recent upsurge of right-wing reaction to the political changes in South Africa today. The threat of this force in the future and ways of dealing with this

3. From segregated cities to open cities

Proposed Speaker: Planact

The history of local government and the role it has played. What the current state of local government is and the strategies for these, including urban development and the RSC's

4. Harms and Hiemstra Commissions

Proposed speaker: Fink Haysom/Clive Plaskett

An in-depth look at the use of informal repression - the Death Squads, CCB and the findings of the Harms and Hiemstra Commissions. Change in State strategy with regard to repression.

5. The Health Crisis

Proposed Speaker: Cedric De Beer/Max Price

The history and effects of segregated health system. Current State initiatives to the growing crisis. Progressive perspectives to this crisis and for a new health system

6. State and Capital Initiatives with regard to the economy

Proposed Speaker: Fuad Cassim

State and capital initiatives with regard to state owned industries and state; ie health, education and housing.

7. State Strategy and Reform

Proposed Speaker: Mark Phillips

Current state initiatives with regard to apartheid institutions eg: Education, Segregated Cities etc.

8. Role of International Forces

Proposed Speaker: Aziz Pahad

The role of imperialist forces have played in South Africa historically, with particular reference to the 70's and 80's. Current role and response to developments in South Africa in the 90's.

Workshops 2: Building People's Power

1. Future Constitution

Proposed Speaker: ANC Legal Department

What the nature of this constitution would be, looking at different Constitutional options.

2. Literacy

Proposed Speaker: ELP - Carola Steinberg

Current levels of illiteracy in South Africa and the effects of this in disempowering people. How to begin addressing this problem. The question of language diversity and the use of English

3. Worker's Charter and the LRAA

Proposed Speaker: Cosatu

An explanation of the Workers Charter, how it is being drawn up, its role and relationship to a future constitution. The role of the trade union movement in a future South Africa

4. Land Reform

Proposed Speaker: National Land Commission

The effects of apartheid on land development and current agricultural policy. Ways of addressing the crisis in agricultural development and how this will be influenced by the current division of land

6. Development Work

Proposed Speaker: Mark Swilling

An overview of current development work and questions of funding.

7. Housing

Proposed Speaker: Planact

The housing crisis, state and capital initiatives with regard to this, progressive movements response to this.

8. Co-operatives

Proposed Speaker:

An overview of the development and potential of co-operatives in South Africa.

9. Militarisation

Proposed Speaker: ECC - Roddy Payne

Role of the military in a future democratic SA.

Workshops 3: The Tertiary Institutions

1. Course Content and Community Service

Proposed Speakers: Eddie Webster/Cedric de Beer

Looking at current course content and ways of redirecting it. The areas where community service has been included into course curricula and assessment of the effects of this.

The role these have played in utilising the resources of the university, in influencing the nature of the universities and in addressing the problems of apartheid.

2. Admissions and Exclusions Policies - bridging programmes and ASPs

Proposed Speaker: ASP - Judith Hawarden

How the education crisis in SA has effected the universities and what their response has been to this
How university initiatives such as bridging courses, evaluations of admissions criteria and ASP have begun to address the problems of the disparities in secondary education

3. Power and Control - democratising the universities

Proposed Speaker: Nusas

What the decision - making process of the university are
What power students, workers and staff and the community have in this process

What the current strategies of the university are in response to the question of accountability

What democratising the university means

Ways of taking this forward

4. Universities in transition

Proposed Speaker: Sansco NEC

To look at UWC and the developments in Fort Hare and Turfloop.

The challenges faced by these institutions and how they have responded to these

5. Research

Proposed Speaker:

What research is being done

What influence the university administration has on what research is done, who finances this research and where it is directed towards

How to challenge the current direction of research and where to redirect it

6. Colleges and Technikons

Proposed Speaker: Sansco NEC

What the nature of these institutions are and their history

The history of resistance on these campuses

Progressive initiatives with regard to transforming these institutions

7. Administration initiatives and strategies

Proposed: inputs from all campuses

Looking at an overview of the initiatives by the liberal universities

in response to external pressures and the changing nature of education

Workshops 4: Building the Student Movement

1. Representation:

Building student representation within the universities

2. Faculty Councils:

How to build FC's, involve all students in this process and create these as powerful structures within the university's general running

3. Progressive professional organisations:

How these can be built, how students can be incorporated and the role they can play in directing skills and resources

4. Residences:

The potential for transforming representative structures into

ones that incorporate all res students and build a progress culture

5. Sport:

The situation with regard to progress sporting bodies

The effect of these on the campuses

The way forward with regard to building these into the legitimate sporting bodies of the universities

6. Culture:

Current cultural organisations on the campuses

The role these organisations can play with regard to challenging the dominate culture on the campuses

The way forward to building these

7. Student Power:

How this can be built with regard to student participation

Means of uniting the student body and organising it

How this relates to building representative structures and organisational forms

Workshops 5: The International Arena

1. The developments in Eastern Europe - nationalism, effect on the realign-

ment of international forces - proposed: Avril Joffe

2. The EEC and one economic system - proposed:

3. Nicaragua - the fall of the Sandinistas - proposed:

5. The Aids epidemic - proposed: HPU

6. The environment - proposed: Earthlife Africa

7. Life on Mars - Carl Sagan (ET).

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DRAFT PROGRAMME AND PROPOSAL FOR SPEAKERS

TUESDAY 3RD JULY

8.00: * Opening Address: Proposed: Beyers Naude/Ahmed Kathrada
Wits SRC President
Nusas President

WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY: Principles, Strategies and Tactics

9.00: What is apartheid: South Africa in the 90's
Proposed speaker: Jeremy Cronin

11.00: Principles, Strategies and Tactics and National Democratic Struggle
Raymond Suttner - ANC Education Officer

2.00: The Violence of Apartheid
Proposed panel:
State Violence: Clive Plaskett/Fink Haysom
Natal Violence: Sbu Ndebele
The effects of violence: Lloyd Vogelmann

4.00: Workshops 1: What is Apartheid

8.00: * Negotiations, Liberation and Transformation
Proposed Speaker: Steve Tshwete

THURSDAY 5TH JULY: "The People Shall Govern"

9.00: Democratising South Africa: present and future
Proposed Speakers: Building People's Power: Joel Netsitenge
Future Democratic State: Cosatu - Khetsi Lehoko

11.00: Redistributing the Wealth: Economic Strategies
Proposed Speaker: Alec Erwin

2.00: Workshops 2: Building People's Power

4.00: Building the ANC
Proposed Speaker: Rev. Stofile

8.00: * What is Socialism

Joe Slovo - General-Secretary (SACP)

FRIDAY 6TH JULY: "The Doors of Learning and Culture Shall be Opened"

9.00: Transforming Tertiary Education
Panel Discussion:
Overview of Tertiary Education: Nusas Head Office
Liberal Campuses: Nusas Head Office
Afrikaans Campuses: Daniel Malan (STB - Nusas)
Universities in Transition: Sansco NEC
Colleges and Technikons: Sansco NEC

11.00: Workshops 3: The Universities

2.00: The Role of the Non-racial Student Movement
Proposed Speaker: Nusas Head Office/Sansco NEC

3.00: Workshops 4: Building the Student Movement

8.00: The Education Crisis and People's Education
Proposed Speakers: The Education Crisis: NECC
What is People's Education: George Mashamba

SATURDAY 7TH JULY:

9.00: Workshops 5: World Politics in the 90's

11.00: Questions facing the Youth in South Africa
Proposed Speakers: Sayco/Youth Section

2.00: Building a Future for Women in South Africa
Proposed Speakers: National Interim Committee/Ray Alexander

4.00: Social Transformation: Building a Non-racial, Non-sexist and Democratic State
Proposed Speaker: Albie Sachs

6.00: Closure: Nusas President
Sansco President

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July 27, 1990

Ms Mandy Taylor National Secretary
End Conscription Campaign
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Dear Ms Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 1990 and project proposal. We have now completed our consideration of your request for financial support.

While we very much admire the useful work that your organization is doing, you will appreciate that the volume of requests that we receive by far exceeds the resources that we have available. We have thus come to the difficult decision that we will be unable to support this particular initiative.

We appreciate your having contacted the Canadian Embassy and wish you every success in securing alternative funding sources for this worthwhile project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.R.B." with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allen R. Brown
Administrator
Dialogue Fund

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30 July 1990

Ms. Leanne Miltun
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Dear Leanne/Ms. Miltun

PREVIEW : "SOMEWHERE ON THE BORDER"

Thank you for the offer to purchase the preview of "Somewhere on the Border" on 8th September.

After careful consideration it is our decision not to accept your offer.

As the process whereby we have arrived at this decision has been both interesting and difficult/complex, we/I would like to share some (of our/my) thoughts on the matter with you, in the hope that this will clarify the position of the E.C.C. in this regard, and facilitate future discussion/collaboration.

1. Conditions of sale : Our main objective in hosting/making use of such an occasion would be to raise public awareness about issues which we regard as important, and not merely as a fundraising venture. In this aim we would be restricted by NAPAC's ruling that no printed media/literature about the E.C.C. would be allowed to be displayed, and that no talks/discussions on these "political" issues would be allowed. This is our principle reason for deciding not to accept your offer.

2. Current Cultural Boycott : Because of the continuing boycott of para-statal organisations like NAPAC by the N.C.C./our allied organisations, we regard it as proper courtesy for us to consult these organisations with whom we have allied ourselves, before making a final decision one way or the other. Although we ourselves are interested and the feedback we have received thusfar from these talks has been positive, the

conditions of sale as set out by NAPAC reduce the value to us or

buying/hosting such a function.

I take this opportunity to express our solidarity with the statement issued by the NCC and NAPAC on 23rd July 1990, indicating that the outcome of future negotiations between the NCC and NAPAC will determine the future involvement of progressive groups with NAPAC. We believe that this can be achieved amicably and with very positive results, to the benefit of all parties.

We/I apologise for the inconvenience this decision may cause you, but we do hope you will appreciate our position, and be prepared to discuss with us the possibility of future functions/opportunities such as this.

Yours sincerely

Rob Goldman.	/ Richard Steele	/ other ?
<u>E.C.C. Chairperson</u>	<u>/ E.C.C. Spokesman</u>	/

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