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International Record

Sounds amazing - Lets go for it, just make sure it doesn't break the boycott or tread on any toes. The initiative lies with the international artists, and it will be their project, not ECC's.

Forces Favourites: Die Boek

A book of afrikaans short stories. We (ECC) gave R5000 to the publishers and they promised ECC would be acknowledged. For various reasons they cannot give us the acknowledgement. They have offered us the R5000 back, or 450 books. N.C. felt we should try to go for a bit of both, maybe 150 books and the rest in cash. Cape Town ordered 10 books.

Diary

The diary was seized by the branch from the printers (remember?). Now we have got them back, but they need to still be laminated and guillotined. Its a very wonderful diary, but obviously not all that useful at this late stage of the year. N.C. felt that Joburg should sort it out, if the last stages can be completed very cheaply, then maybe we should go for it.

Commissions of Enquiry

Cape Town exec made a suggestion which Publicity wanted taken to N.C. The suggestion being that ECC conduct commissions of enquiry when the SADF invade other countries or do something really heavy in the townships. ECC should be the first on the scene, collecting affidavits, taking lawyers and other respectable types with us, and finding out what the SADF really did, and bringing it back to the public. N.C. thought that this was an amazing and exciting idea, and asked Cape Town to draw up a motivation and send it round the country.

Schools

There is a PAAG group in Grahamstown, and LINX in Joburg. PMB have a few school-pupils involved in ECC GB. Durban ECC has started a pupils group - members are being harrassed by military intelligence and teachers. PE is interested in schools and would appreciate it if they were sent info from other ECC schools groups. It was suggested Cape Town schools group write up how they relate to PAAG and EDASA etc and how they see their role and send it to other centres.

Survey

Philip Frankl has done a survey with his Political Studies 1 students. Wants financial assistance from ECC. We felt it wasn't very credible, and unless it provided the basis for a proper, big survey wasn't useful to us. There were two questions in the survey that related to conscription, but I can't remember exactly what they are.

Constitution

Joburg wants to amend the constitution to accommodate the membership drive. It was felt the amendment shouldn't be too specific, as regions want to handle the membership drive in different ways. We wound up not being sure which constitution was the real thing, and will have to sort it out.

Organisational Pack

Lots and lots of hints and tips on how to run meetings, security, public speaking, info re ECC, the law, dealing with difficult members, being democratic, silkscreening, laying out media etc etc. Ali has our copy, and subcomms would be well advised to use it.

Philip Wilkinson

His statement and the evidence from the witnesses is dynamite and ECC should use it as much as possible. Joburg will do a pamphlet using Philip's statement, and either Joburg or Durban will do a slick booklet using all the evidence at the trial.

## Banning

Defence and Aid Fund, Christian Institute and Congress of Democrats were spoken to about what happened to them when they were banned.

Accounts are frozen.

With CI all documents were seized and possessions. Possessions come under the control of the liquidator and its very difficult to get access to them after they have been seized. Liquidator handles everything with the bank and with the account, the organisation does nothing. The state has the right to sell the possessions, and the money has to go to charity. It might be useful to have proof that possessions that do not belong to the organisation belong to others.

People might get visited and told about the banning etc before it is publicly known. Bannings always accompanied by banning of individuals and so on.

Banning has to be seen as a decisive action.

## Coalitions and alliances

Durban - observer on anti-election alliance

Joburg - observer on Five Freedoms Forum

part of Free the Childrens alliance

St/bosch - part of the United Stellenbosch Front

Basically this relates to the conceptual discussion and the big questions about ECC, and its role.

## Janet

Janet's parents are having to spend a lot of money going to PE twice a month and it is getting difficult for them. NC felt that ECC should try to raise the money, it would be about R500 -600 per month, and if we could get almost every member to give R5 per month it would cover it. Each region promised to try their very best. Cape Town was asked to coordinate it, and to open a Janet Cherry Travel Fund account, and to speak to Janet's parents.

We should also give Janet profile, she has been in for a long time and mustn't be forgotten.

## Namibia

Input by NO

## Idasa

PE say that Idasa are extremely useful. We should think about our relations with them, and it would be useful to have a national meeting.

## Video

Motivation met with enthusiasm. Shouldn't cost as much as specified on the budget. Shouldn't focus too much on any one region. Regions must try to make sure that their events are being videoed.

## FINANCES

Background: Steve's parents were contacted by the Dept of Population and Development. They were threatened with detention. Steve met with the the lawyers and with these people, and they took the books from July to December 1986. Then a Colonel from the commercial branch wanted all ECC material and took the complete set of 1986 books which had just come back from the auditors. He handed Steve a piece of paper which stated that charges were being investigated under the fundraising act. Charges for either or both: organising to collect money; receiving money.

They have been interested in finding signatories of the 1986 account, have seen 3 of them and served those three with the same piece of paper.

Defiance: It was felt we have nothing to gain through defiance. Pressure could be put on other people to get info. ECC would look really bad if we were running away from having our books looked at. Legally lawyers felt we would be in a bad position if we didn't cooperate. But we need to avoid a whole lot of people being charged.

Regions should avoid regional involvement. Steve is doing the national books , and is only giving that info.

Our accounting needs to be excellent, don't want aspersions cast on ECC or individuals just because of slack accounting.

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