

FAX MESSAGE



from: WAR RESISTERS' INTERNATIONAL, London
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June 8, 1990

Dear Mandy

Please can you fax us with answers to the following:

when is Doug now likely to be sentenced and what is magistrate's name? St Joseph's is a home for who/what?

who is still awaiting trial (and public)? and what sentences are they facing? Is it just Brendan Moran and Mike Graaf?

when is David Bruce being resentenced?

was there some progress report either before or after the ECC conference which we could extract from for an article in Peace News? Ali faxed saying the conference was the best he'd ever been to.

How many local ECC groups are there now?

I need to be able to write this up next Wednesday (June 13), so the sooner you can fax the better.

Paul Boule visited us yesterday — lovely to see him again. He also told us about the register. And Mike Evans is also in London so I hope to see him soon.

ECC developments sound very exciting.

Love

Howard

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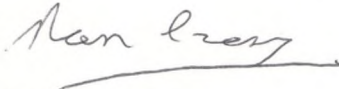
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National Campaign for Amnesty for War Resisters

Message of Support

The End Conscription Campaign of South Africa supports the call for amnesty for War resisters to the Gulf War, and for the halt to objector trials in the United States and elsewhere.

We wish you a swift and successful campaign.



Nan Cross
National Worker.

To Jeff Patterson

Could you please pass this message on to the organisers of the campaign. I do not have a fax number for them. Thanks.



End Conscription Campaign

write a letter of
support & sign the
endorsement

KAT & AW(JP)

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message from the

**NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR AMNESTY
FOR WAR RESISTERS**

Attention: END CONSCRIPTION
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We request your, and your organization's, comments/ideas on the enclosed draft of a call for amnesty for war resisters. This call will be presented to all major unions, anti-militarism, and CO supportive religious organizations (along with selected prominent individuals) for initial endorsements. Although different versions of this idea are currently circulating, we believe that this campaign must be launched now.

The points of unity are those points listed on the call. We urge all organizations that can unite around these points to take up this campaign and become an active part of it.

This call will be in the format of a petition after the initial endorsers are added. The names collected will be available to the participating organizations as a resource for regional resistance support work. The signatures will also be presented to "relatively friendly" members of congress in an attempt to pressure them to enact amnesty legislation.

The "Amnesty Campaign" is organizing a demonstration to support military resisters at the Oakland war parade on Friday, June 15, 1991. A press conference will be held at the parade to announce the official launching of the campaign. A weekly Bay Area vigil/demonstration will be announced at the press conference in support of the resisters. It is our intent to coordinate ongoing national activities. We will not let those who are imprisoned be forgotten!

Any organization may withdraw at any time; however, the time has long passed for us to unite around this cause.

Contact us immediately for your input.

Edward Hasbrouck
National Resistance Committee

Rachel Robinson
Roots Against War

Dean Tuckerman
Bay Area "Anarchist disorganizer"

Kathleen Harvey
Lawyer

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May 30, 1991

Draft for comments and initial endorsers.

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR AMNESTY FOR WAR RESISTERS

We call for unconditional amnesty for all resisters to the Gulf War.

... pending, and dozens of military resisters have already been sentenced to as much as six years in the brig. The government says that we should support the troops. We say we support those who refused to fight. We support the AWOLs, the deserters, the conscientious objectors, the prisoners of military injustice around the world.

We demand the following:

- **DROP ALL CHARGES AGAINST WAR RESISTERS**
- **RELEASE ALL IMPRISONED RESISTERS**
- **DISCHARGE ALL AWOL MILITARY PERSONNEL**
- **GRANT ALL CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR APPLICATIONS**

We encourage supporters of this campaign to:

Call on Congress to enact a general amnesty

Support resister defense committees

Organize actions such as vigils and demonstrations

Demand a congressional inquiry into the military's prosecution and harassment of resisters

**Contact local media to publicize this campaign:
letters to the editor, calls to radio and t.v. talk shows**

Make this an on-going campaign. Talk to your friends, get your group to endorse this campaign, circulate this call as a petition, write letters of support to imprisoned resisters, do whatever it takes to get the word out. Amnesty Now!

AMNESTY NOW FOR WAR RESISTERS!

Name/Organization _____

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14 June 1991

ANC Youth League
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Fax No 403-2009

For attention Rapu Molekane

Message of Support: June 16 Rally

The End Conscription Campaign endorses the call for peace on this day June 16 1991.

We are particularly concerned about the part played by the security forces, including white conscripts, in township deaths and violence since the death of Hector Peterson in 1976.

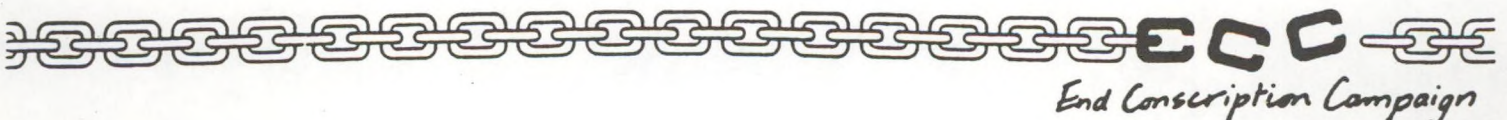
We call on all sides for restraint in the use of arms;

We call for an end to the war psychosis which sees violence as the only solution to political and social problems;

What is needed is a properly-trained, neutral and accountable peace-keeping force which cannot be obtained by the current racist system of military conscription.



 Chris de Villiers
Chairperson Johannesburg ECC





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 FROM: ATTENTION OF: Roddy
 FROM: RAPU MOLEKANE DATE: 11/06/91
 COMPANY: ANC YL
 DATE: FAX NO: 403 2009 **Post-It** Notes from 3M

Dear Comrades

re: JUNE 16 RALLY

The Tripartite Alliance (ANC, SACP and COSATU), jointly with Contralesa, the PAC, AZAPO, some homeland leaders and the churches will be having a joint rally at the FNB Stadium on Sunday, June 16 1991.

The theme of the rally will be "A People United Against Violence", and we hereby request your organisation to join forces on this day. More specifically, we hereby request you kindly to (i) send a message of support to the rally and (ii) appeal to all your members in the Transvaal to make efforts to attend this rally. Transport is being organised from every part of the Transvaal to the stadium and we suggest that your local structures contact the nearest ANC Youth League region to enquire about these.

The activities of the day will be as follows:

10H00 to 12H00: Cultural Activities
 12H00 to 16H00: Political Speeches:
 Tripartite Alliance: Nelson Mandela
 PAC: Clarence Makwethu
 Homeland Leaders: Ramodike
 Traditional Leaders: Prince Mcwayizeni Zulu
 Churches: Lekhanyane/Beyers Naude

This clearly is part of the initiative to form a Patriotic Front, as well as a major effort to have a show of strength of the democratic forces in our country.

We hope that our request will meet your favourable attention.

AMANDLA! MAATLA!

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*We endorse the call
For peace*

RAPU MOLEKANE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

Fight Produce Learn!

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR SUPPORT GROUP

PRESS STATEMENT

WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES AGAINST CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

The withdrawal of charges of charges against two Conscientious Objectors in the Johannesburg Magistrates Court today highlights the State's inability to deal with the situation of Conscientious Objectors in the present state of political uncertainty.

The Reverend Alan Storey, probationer Methodist minister, refused on Christian pacifist grounds to obey his military call-up in January this year. Mr Wally Rontsch (40) objected for moral reasons to his call-up into "Dad's Army", the Citizen Reserve Force which is being used to patrol the white suburbs to "protect hearth and home".

President F.W. de Klerk has promised to repeal all racist legislation before the end of this current Parliamentary session next week. But the conscription of only white males continues, even though this implies the use of the Population Registration Act, one of the Apartheid laws which is being repealed. In July the usual twice-yearly intake of new white conscripts will be taking place all around the country.

The Conscientious Objector Support Group is also concerned about those C.O's who were classified as Religious Objectors by the Board for Religious Objection and are currently performing up to three years so-called community service, mainly fairly unskilled jobs in government offices, at Army pay rates. Alan Storey, as a religious universal pacifist, could have himself applied for Religious Objector status, but refused to do so because he saw the Board as a discriminatory system: "I do not believe that religious persons have a monopoly on integrity and conscience... therefore I cannot accept the privilege given only to religious pacifists by the Board for Religious Objectors". It is therefore ironic that he is now apparently in a better position than the Religious Objectors.

Both Alan and Wally can of course be called-up again, and would have to go through the long legal process of Refusal to serve again. But it seems unlikely that the SADF will want to repeat the process.

While conscription remains, COSG would like to see a system of true alternative service being made available to all those who in all conscience cannot serve in the South African Defence Force.

Issued by Johannesburg COSG

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18 June 1991

To The President,
Republic of Bophutatswana

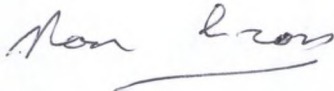
Fax No 0140 84-2626

Dear Sir,

As individuals opposed to the ultimate violence of the death penalty, we ask you to intervene in the cases of Death Row prisoners Lukas Malekwa and Adam Machele. We understand that the execution of these two young men has been set down for tomorrow Wednesday June 19.

We request that you use your Presidential powers to halt these executions.

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Sgd Nan Cross, for the above

13 June 1997

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18th June 1991

The Secretary,
Committee of Investigation into Conscientious Objection,
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Dear Sir,

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

1. Thank you for your letter of 29th May 1991 sent on to me by the South African Council of Churches. I am now working under the auspices of the Western Province Council of Churches, P O Box 441, Salt River 7925. My responsibilities include keeping a watching brief on issues of Conscientious Objection for the SA Council of Churches.
2. My original submission to the Geldenhuys Committee was made on 13th August 1985 on behalf of six churches related to the SACC. There is no time to consult these churches on what I say in this letter, but I am sending a copy of it to each of them so that they may repudiate anything which they are not able to support. I am asking them to do so direct to you, if they wish to comment.
3. I wish to draw attention to some sections of my original submission and to comment on them in the light of what we have learned since 1985. There is one new proposal I wish to put forward.
4. Paragraph 1 (c) noted that "the abolition or phasing out of conscription... is preferable to any other suggested amendments in this memorandum". I hope that a recommendation on this subject is within the terms of reference of your Committee. Conscientious objection exists only where there is conscription.
5. With regard to Sections 2 and 3 of my submission, I think we are long past the time for making amendments to the Defence Act to include moral and selective objection. That should have been done by the Naude Committee and, failing them, by the Geldenhuys Committee. We ought to be ashamed of the way we have treated these objectors in the meantime, and thankful that a few young men of great quality have had the courage to expose our short-sightedness by the suffering they accepted. Pending an end to conscription all conscripts should have a free option of community service outside the SADF or non-combatancy within it without having to prove anything before a Board. This is advocated in Section 1 of my original submission.
6. In respect of the length of community service and where it can be rendered a farcical situation has arisen. Due to Supreme and Appeal Court decisions and the amendment of the Criminal Procedure Act a refusal to render the full period of military service has received in effect a sentence of 800 hours of community service. The current effect of being classified by the Board for Religious Objection into Category 3 is roughly three years of community service. Admittedly the former sentence is unpaid, without monetary allowances and it carries the supposed stigma of a criminal offence, but it represents 100 days work which may be done without interfering with one's career compared with more than 1000 days required of the "religious objector" which cannot be done concurrently with his career. Section 4 of the submission relates to this matter.

7. Furthermore, the type of community service required of the Rev Douglas Torr and Mr Michael Graaf indicates the validity of our contentions in Section 5 paragraphs (b) and (c) that such service is possible beyond Government structures and also that it does not have to be done in one continuous period.
8. I am now out of touch with the Board for Religious Objection and have no comment to make on Section 6.
9. It will be next year before Parliament can amend the Defence Act, and by then a new Constitution may be in sight carrying with it an end to the residual effect of race classification that makes only "white" males subject to conscription. In the interim an administrative decision, such as that which recently halved the period of national service, needs to be taken by the Minister of Defence in terms of Section 72E (2) & (3) of the Defence Act to further shorten the period of community service making it equal (and not one and a half times) the length of military obligation. I think that representations made to the Department of Manpower by community servers have shown that the hardships and disadvantages of community service are comparable, though not similar, to those of military service. And this community service, if objectors are allowed into areas where their skills are used, is of at least as great value to the country as is defence.
10. Some objectors, in their trials or when appearing before the Board for Religious Objection, have referred to the option of civilian (or socially-based) defence when ask how a country could be defended if everyone took their attitude to military service. I hope that it is within the terms of reference of your Committee to recommend that the SADF should take up an examination of this concept. It is particularly relevant as a restructuring of the Defence Force approaches subsequent to the adoption of a new Constitution. I and others can supply information on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

R J D Robertson

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21 June 1991

To CIIR
Fax No 0944 71 359-0017
For attention Maggie Patterson and Marie King

Dear Maggie and Marie,

Visit to the UK and Europe, July 1991

1. Arrivals and Departures.

I shall arrive in London on Saturday morning July 13th and will stay with a friend Doreen Tucker in Cricklewood. Her phone number is 81 450-5306. When do you want me to "report for duty?"

My airticket will be Johannesburg-Amsterdam-London-Amsterdam-Johannesburg. The travel agent says she needs to book the London-Amsterdam leg before issuing the ticket. If you wish me to use this for the start of my European travels can you give me a date for her? I was planning not to return to London after the WRI triennial in Belgium, but if you want a report-back I can come back to you either before or after the Triennial, and then use up this bit of the ticket on my final journey home. (Sorry if this sounds a bit confused)

2. Some of the questions I had for Maggie have been answered by Jacqui and by the records at the SACBC which I have been going through. However what I still need to know are the names, addresses and contact persons of the agencies I shall be visiting. We are trying to put together a funding pack to send them before I arrive. It would also be helpful to know when they were last seen by someone from here (I forgot to ask Jacqui this)

3. A word about myself. I heard a gasp from Marie on the phone when she asked my age, and I suppose I have the doubtful distinction of being the oldest person still active in the Anti-Militarisation movement. (Date of birth 3 January 1928, if that helps with getting any pensioner rebates). I joined COSG in about 1980, and was one of the founder members of Johannesburg ECC in 1983, retaining my COSG membership as well. Most of my work in ECC was done in the Churches group: I am a Baptist and my early interest in COs was the Baptist Objectors, Peter Moll, Richard Steele and Mike Vivieros.

I retired from my full-time job with the Jo'burg City Council in February 1990, and worked part-time for about a year for Five Freedoms Forum (with Alastair, which was a big bonus). I took over the ECC job on a part-time basis when Roddy left earlier this year, and in practice am doing a combined ECC-COSG-CAS job from the ECC office. Jo'burg COSG has been supporting CO's either on trial or awaiting trial non-stop since the David Bruce campaign of 1988. For the first time now, with the commutation of Doug Torr's jail sentence into part-time community service, and the withdrawal of charges against Alan Storey, we seem to have a bit of a breathing space. But with the call-up looming again in July, CAS is getting lots of anguished calls for help from unwilling conscripts, and ECC is planning actions against



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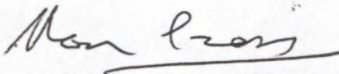
Dear Brother Jude,

Raptim discount: Flight to Europe

I do apologise for having worried you with that terrible form from the travel agent, and for giving you the headache of trying to think of an alternative.

The good news is that I was given the discount on the strength of a letter from COSG to say that I am representing COSG at the War Resisters International Triennial Conference in Belgium in July - which is the main purpose of the trip. It was all much easier than I had expected.

Yours sincerely



Nan Cross
(working for both ECC and COSG)



SOUTHERN AFRICAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

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91-06-14

Ms N Cross
ECC

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Dear Ms Cross

Further to our conversation on Wednesday afternoon I regret that I am unable to be of assistance. I have tried to formulate a letter that would in some way address the conditions specified in the form you sent on but am unable to do so. I am sorry.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Bro. Jude Pieterse
SECRETARY GENERAL.

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27 June 1991

The Rt Reverend Trevor Huddleston
Carlton hotel
Johannesburg

BY HAND

Dear Father Huddleston,

The End Conscription Campaign and Conscientious Objector Support Group welcome you home and want to thank you for all you have done in support of South African Conscientious Objectors, both here and in exile. It is largely thanks to external pressure especially over the imprisonment of Conscientious Objectors, that the Defence Act is now in a state of disarray; we are fairly sure that the imprisonment of C.O's is a thing of the past.

We have been wondering about the possibility of a few of us meeting you informally. I gather you have already come across Douglas Torr at St Joseph's Home in Sophiatown. We have been trying to arrange a space in your busy programme through the ANC co-ordinators, but at this stage they are impossible to contact. Perhaps if you could ask someone to phone either myself at the ECC office, or Mandy Taylor at 331-6919 (w) or 648-7428 (h) or Alastair Teeling Smith at 648-2056, we can find a few minutes to see you and introduce David Bruce and Charles Bester.

But we also understand that you probably have a very full schedule and would not like to tire you out!

Yours sincerely


Nan Cross
National worker.


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