



Christian Aid.

Received budget for '86 → considered. by Africa Comm. made  
 rec to Board (Supreme decision) → serious discussion  
 aware of ECC - recog. sig. of  
 ECC esp. in W. community.

Conclude → legal restraints on charities in Britain - v. difficult  
 to partly fund ECC.

NGO → registered as charities. (tax etc)  
 ∴ subjective to Charity Board regulations.

Watchdog body: takes up cases if pp feel that  
 char. not working in ambit

Understand legal rights better (eg: Bl. Sash)  
 Not seek to change laws (eg: ECC)

Options: (Jan 86)

#1. Direct money thru' to SAEC.

#2. Send money directly to ECC's account (in good faith)

#3. Predicament & project - use both situations creatively.  
 Say No to ECC & say publicly why we can't

Sanctions related adv. in 3 Newspapers: (by CA)

⇒ taken up by Charity Board in 36 hrs (mudge from Govt).  
CB → misusing money.

Rev. Mike Taylor (Dir. of Baptist) - imp. to raise profile in CB.

### 3 Pronged attack:

- a) Statement in newspaper as to the fact of the matter.
- b) leaflet for distribution amongst supporters: says about ECC's stand & how Br. can support it.
- c) July issue: more extensive material.

Willing to push ECC's financial aid. \* Steve Lamy.

\* Regular mailing.

\* New law.

Progress - Denmark.

Den Church Aid. \* Funding.

Paul Renshaw - CA.

# End Conscription Campaign

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20 May 1986

Paul Renshaw  
Christian Aid

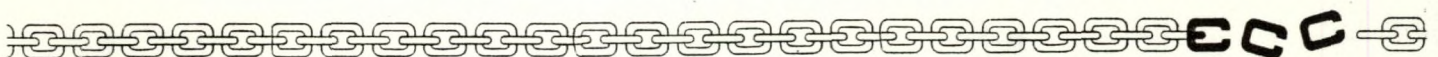
Dear Paul

I am sorry I missed you when you were out here, but Adele Kirsten filled me in on all the details concerning the difficulties you have experienced in supporting our campaign. While I was in the U.K. I was made painfully aware of the difficulties because of your Charity laws. OXFAM have had the same problem.

I am not too sure, however if I understand completely. Quaker Peace and Service have had the same problem as yourselves, and have thus only given us very small amounts. The ROWNTREE CHARITABLE TRUST on the other hand has been able to give us some R 8 000,00, in two allocations. I'm not sure how they have been able to get around the law. I am just mentioning this for your information, more than anything else.

Adele mentioned the various approaches that you could take on the matter. We would support you in making it a public issue over there. The Johannesburg Exec discussed the issue and felt that if you could use a public situation constructively for yourselves and ECC then you must go ahead and do so. It would be nice however if you could still channel funds to us through the SACC, as our campaign is in dire financial need. We have radically increased our local fundraising but have recently launched another 3 regions in Pretoria, East London and at Stellenbosch. We are going to have to employ another national organiser after July, because 1 organiser cannot possibly do the training and maintenance work in all 9 regions. When drawing up the budget for the year we did not percieve this development. Possibly you might be able to help us with this through the SACC.

Concerning making it a public issue over there, we would like to render any assistance we can. In August one of our members from Cape Town is going to further his studies in the U.K. The National Committee has given him a mandate to speak as an ECC representative for the first month that he is there. (After that he would lose touch with ECC and so could not necessarily represent us adequately enough.) We have suggested that he be used as publicly as possible



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to further our international interests. As we have established a good ongoing relationship with CIIR, we will be asking them to organise Justin's itinerary and to oversee the work he does. I am mentioning this, because you might find it possible to use him while he is there. I would suggest working with the CIIR anyway on a project, because we have found them extremely useful in our international support.

I must just add that at this stage we have not made any specific plans with regard to Justin Hardcastle's itinerary, and have as yet not communicated this to the CIIR. I mention it because we would like to offer what assistance we can in making the issue of our funding and the problem of the Charity laws as public as possible.

If you decide to support us through the SACC, please inform us, so that we can chase Oom Beyers up. Funds can sometimes get lost in the administrations of these big institutions.

Anyway, Paul, I must thank you for your support and your willingness to fight for our cause in this way. Things here get worse everyday and we deeply appreciate the support we receive from organisations such as yours. It will only be through joint united support, solidarity and action that we will be able to win over injustice in the world.

I hope this is all clear. If not you can always telex me at the SACC number as our office is one floor below theirs. Please pass on my best regards to Sally and all other friends their.

I remain yours in Peace and Solidarity

Stephen Lowry  
National Treasurer

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Dear Marie/Maggie/Robert

I have enclosed a letter to Paul Renshaw concerning the funding of ECC to you. They want to publicly challenge the Charity laws over the funding of ECC. As we do not have an intimate understanding of the dynamics involved and as we trust you implicitly with the handling of our affairs over there, I am informing you of there intentions. I have not informed Paul that I am sending you a copy of my letter to him, so at this stage it is more for your information than anything else.

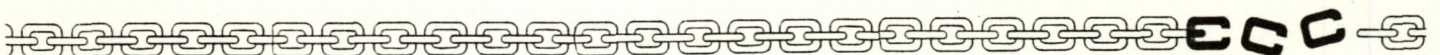
Concerning Justin's itinery or possible role over there, we will let you know the det details nearer the time. We have just launched a new region in Pretoria which is very exciting. It involves some 40 people who are all raring to go. It is also a nightmare because we are now getting into the area of working with people who have had no previous experience or training in progressive politics before. This could have dire consequences for us, as the state heightens it's attacks on us. We have the same problem in our other two new regions; East London and Stellenbosch. We are however looking for a different approach to organising at Stellenbosch as the university administration has just banned us from operating on the campus. Anyway we shall see...

I think that is about all for now. If you have any ideas about funding I would appreciate them. We badly budgetted for this year and so I think will be in financial trouble before too long. Any ideas?

Please send my regards to all there. Things get worse here everyday, and so all your support is recieved with deep gratitude. Hope to see you soon.

Much love in Peace and Solidarity

Stephen Lowry



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10th June, 1985

The Rev. Dr. C. F. B. Naude,  
General Secretary,  
South African Council of Churches,  
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SOUTH AFRICA.

Dear Dr. Naude,

## The End Conscription Campaign

I am writing on behalf of Paul Renshaw, who is currently overseas, in connection with the End Conscription Campaign (ECC). Christian Aid has recently received a request for support in funding ECC's Peace Festival budget. We recognise the significance of the ECC exercise, which is underlined by the stature of endorsing organisations and individuals.

From initial discussions here, however, we believe it is likely to be very difficult for Christian Aid to give direct support to ECC. We note that SACC is listed as a donor to the campaign (?presumably through Asingeni) and wonder, therefore, whether in the first instance SACC would be interested in helping to complete the funding? We would be grateful for a brief telexed reply, indicating whether or not SACC is in a position to cover any deficit which may be left on the budget. If SACC is not able to consider further funding, could you let us know before 19th June, the date of our next Africa Regional Committee?

With thanks in advance, and our thoughts and good wishes, particularly for 16th June,

Yours sincerely,

*Sally Meachim*

Sally Meachim,  
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6 July 1985

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Dear Ms Meachim

re- The End Conscription Campaign

I herewith wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 10 June 1985 regarding the request for financial support to fund the Ecc's Peace Festival and your urgent request that we should please notify you before 19th June what the position is with regard to possible funding by the SACC. Unfortunately I was overseas up till the 21 June and only received your letter early the next week so that I was unable to respond before 19th June. I have already had a discussion with the Executive Committee of the ECC regarding their financial needs and I wish to notify you that we shall be contacting you within the next few days, but in the meantime I wish to emphasise that owing to the ever increasing demands made on the Asingeni Fund by the crisis situation in our country, I do not believe it would be possible for the SACC to make any further contribution, although we would gladly wish to do so if we had the funds available.

A full reply in this regard will be sent to your office within the next few days.

Yours sincerely

C F B Naude  
General Secretary

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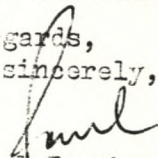
Dear Beyers,

End Conscription Campaign

Thank you very much for your letter of 6th July to my colleague Sally Meachim. Her letter of 10th June reflected the difficulty we were in when it came to considering a direct contribution to the ECC, even though we see the significance of the movement and appreciate the power of the individuals and organisations which endorse its activities, like the Peace Festival!

Our own position re funding this kind of work should become clearer by the end of September, after a major policy discussion in Committee, but in the meantime we would not be unhappy at the thought of SACC making a further contribution, up to say £5,000, to enable the Peace Festival deficit to be cleared (should it still be needed), from the funds we are currently transferring for Asingeni. This would, however, have to be an SACC decision and this letter should not be construed as exercising pressure from our side.

Kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

  
Paul Renshaw  
Project Officer



8 August 1985

Revd. Paul Renshaw,  
Project Officer,  
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Dear Paul,

End Coscription Campaign

Thank you so much for your letter of the 29th of July in which you have conveyed to me the feelings of Christian Aid regarding support for the End Conscription Campaign. You may have picked up press reports in Britain that one of the organisations which has become a focus of major opposition and action by the police in order to disrupt its activities and make it as difficult as possible to operate on a regular basis, is the End Conscription Campaign. Despite the harassment and intimidation the leaders are doing everything in their power to promote the goals as set out by the ECC.

With regard to your request or suggestion that the SACC should please consider making a further contribution, up to say £5,000 to enable the Peace Festival deficit to be cleared I shall make the necessary enquiries from the Executive and would gladly make a contribution in this regard. I shall inform you in due course of the outcome of this discussion.

Yours sincerely,

C.F.B. NAUDE  
GENERAL SECRETARY

/qv-ns

To: Claire Verbeek

Paul left this message for you - sorry it wasn't possible for you to meet before he left on Thursday.

"The main thing I wanted to ask about was the financial position of ECC. A proposal has gone through the Christian Aid Africa Committee and will now have to come to the Board - it may not be until January.

If I could have a clearer picture of how the 1986 programme is hoped to develop, with the financial outlook as well, that would be a help.

I am hopeful that we will be able to come in with around £5,000 if it is needed, despite the problems we have with British charity law.

Best wishes

Paul Renshaw  
CHRISTIAN AID"

current exchange rate is around 3.7/3.8 rand to the £, though it's changing all the time!

I think you should probably reply direct to Paul at Christian Aid, PO Box 1, London SW9 8BH Britain, unless that poses problems and you'd rather I included a letter from you when I next write, for passing on to Paul (I don't write direct to Christian Aid at the moment!).

It would be good to meet with you some time before I go back - at the moment I'm due to return in January but may be able to stay another few weeks immigration authorities permitting.

*All the best,  
Sally (MEACHIM)*

18.11.85

*P.S. I'm staying at 19 St Georges St Xaville & share an office with Avril here at SAAC.*

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