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31 July 1986

Mr. Christopher Mann
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Dear Mr. Mann

Employment with The Valley Trust as Religious Objectors.

This letter is from three engineers in Cape Town who are interested in Rural Development Work, such as the work that the Trust is involved in, and hope to become involved in this area. Rolfe is a chemical engineer and has been working for the Cape Town City Council as a Religious Objector for over a year. Chris is doing an MSc in electrical engineering, and Richard is doing a Masters in "Alternative Energy for Developing Areas in Southern Africa". Both Chris and Richard will complete their degrees by the end of the year and intend to apply for recognition as Religious Objectors. Rolfe has always been interested in Development Work and is frustrated with the type of work he is doing at the City Council. Consequently, all of us are looking for a place of employment where we feel that we would be used in the service of the underprivileged in South Africa.

A recent visit to The Valley Trust by Chris has indicated that employment opportunities exist for engineers wishing to be involved in rural development work. The aim of this letter is to enquire as to the possibility of such employment as Religious Objectors, setting out grounds for our desire to work for an organisation of this nature and some of the legal difficulties that would first need to be overcome.

Desire to be involved in Rural Development Work.

We have, for some time, felt a need to get involved in work that has a direct effect in helping the poorer people in society in a meaningful way. This stems from the call of Christ :

"... to preach the Good News to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Luke 4: 18,19

As engineers, we have sought to discover the best way in which we can use our technical backgrounds to this end. We have done this through reading, discussion, a course on "Alternative Careers" and the like. We have become dissatisfied with conventional engineering and feel that it's overall impact on society is of dubious value. This led us to examine more closely the field of Appropriate Technology and Development Work and resulted in the recent visits by Chris to The Valley Trust and a number of other rural

development organisations, seeking employment opportunities on our behalf. Richard and Rolfe have also made visits to the Transkei Appropriate Technology Unit (TATU), based just outside Umtata, during the course of this year for the same reason.

The masters course, which Richard is doing, and is being offered by the Energy Research Institute at the University of Cape Town for the first time this year, has stimulated Richard and Rolfe into desiring to learn more and have confirmed their commitment to work in this area (Rolfe has managed to attend two and a half of the four courses on a part time basis). These four courses, which are entitled "Technology and Development", "New and Renewable Energy Technologies", "Energy for Underdeveloped Areas", and "Introduction to Energy Engineering", have served to give a good basic introduction to the socio-economic, political and technical aspects involved in the design, construction and dissemination of appropriate technologies.

Legality of employment with The Valley Trust as R.O.'s.

Religious Objectors are people who refuse to do military service on religious grounds. R.O.'s, who have applied to and been recognised by the Board for Religious Objection, become liable to perform Community Service in a Government, Provincial or Municipal post for a period of six years. The conditions of such service are controlled by the Defence Amendment Act (1983) and are set out in the Government Gazette (20 March 1984). (Copies of these documents are included for your study). The Department of Manpower is responsible for administering the regulations, and therefore has ultimate control over the R.O.'s. The salaries of R.O.'s come out of the Defence Budget.

A cursory study of these regulations would seem to indicate that it would not be possible for R.O.'s to perform their Community Service while working for an organisation such as The Valley Trust. We, however, believe that such a scheme is feasible, and indeed legal. This optimism is based on a number of factors which are set out below:

- 1) The South African Government has recently made it clear that a policy of rural development must receive urgent attention. Statements by President Botha and other high ranking officials indicate that such development has a high priority,
- 2) Kwazulu has been targeted as a "development area",
- 3) Government Departments are actively involved in the financing and implementation of these policies in Kwazulu,
- 4) National Servicemen, currently doing their National Service, are involved in non-military rural development work, which is done in conjunction with the South African and Kwazulu governments, and,
- 5) The Valley Trust is, we believe, receiving substantial funding from the Department of Manpower for employment creation projects.

Our proposal.

We hope that the Valley Trust will be open to employing us as engineers, and we are very willing to fit in with and contribute

to the overall direction which the Trust is working towards. We foresee a number of advantages for the Trust:

- 1) R.O.'s are principled people who have taken a stand against the injustices of war, the strife and conflict brought about by the laws of apartheid and the economic inequalities that are prevalent in our land; and have made a commitment, by choosing to do Community Service, to work for the good of all the people of this country. These characteristics would seem to fit in well with the aims of the Trust and we believe that such people would be an asset to the organisation.
- 2) Most R.O.'s are university graduates and have acquired skills in a variety of areas: doctors, engineers, agriculturalists, sociologists, accountants etc. These skills could be usefully channelled into development work.
- 3) The length of Community Service (six years) will ensure that continuity in the Trusts focus would be sustained.
- 4) R.O.'s salaries are paid by the Department of Manpower and hence the Trust would be required to provide only accomodation or an accomodation allowance.
- 5) Many people are choosing to object to military service and to choose Community Service in preference. (Last year about 400 young men were classified as R.O.'s in the Community Service category). Thus if the Trust established itself as a place of employment for them it would open up the possibility of its employing as many well qualified, well motivated people as it needed.

However, the Trust does not strictly fall into the categories to which the Minister of Manpower may second R.O.'s. It will therefore be necessary to carefully motivate the case to them, and well-directed lobbying may be necessary. We suggest that the Trust writes to someone high enough in the Department of Manpower on behalf of Rolfe (who is already doing his Community Service). The Trust could motivate strongly the need for this scheme and request that Rolfe be employed directly by the Department of Manpower. The Department could then use Rolfe in its employment creation efforts and allow him to work under the guidance of the Trust (effectively being employed by the Trust). We have included a suggested letter to the Department of Manpower to indicate what we have in mind.

Richard, who is involved in monitoring a photovoltaic powered water pump at the Sondela vegetable garden in the Valley of a Thousand Hills (near Table Mountain), will travel up to the project in the near future. While he is there, he hopes to visit the Trust to discuss the issues raised in this letter and the practicalities involved, particularly deciding ^{who} the letter should be sent to. We have also attached a number of addendums (listed below) should you be interested to read further on the legal aspects involved, and on our backgrounds and motivations.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Yours faithfully

Our friends often ask us if there is any way in which they could aid the work of the ECC. If you feel you could undertake any of the following, please fill in the slip and return it to us.

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Address: P.O. Box 1701, Cape Town, 8000

Telephone No.: (h) 494656

No:1 Rhodesview
435 Main Road
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28 August 1986

Dear Mrs. Rubidge

Thank you very much for your subscription to our newsletter. We have now put you on our mailing list and hope that you enjoy our publication.

The last newsletter was printed a day or so before the state of emergency was declared and could not be distributed. Normally they would come out more regularly but our work has been hampered of late. We hope that you appreciate this.

Thank you very much for your support

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn
ECC Office Worker

LOURENSFORD EST
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END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN
BOX 208
WOODSTOCK.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am interested in
supporting your organization. Please
send me details, membership subscription
and any other information. Thank you.

(MRS) S. M. BIRCH.

No:1 Rhodesview
435 Main Road
Observatory
28 August 1986

Dear Mrs. Birch

Thank you for your letter expressing your support for E.C.C..

Enclosed is a copy of our latest newsletter. It outlines the campaign which is being undertaken by E.C.C. at the moment. I have added your name to our mailing list, so you will be kept regularly informed of ECC activities.

If you are interested in joining ECC then it would be better for you to come in and see me. I work at the ECC office from 10 to 2 daily, and you could phone to check that I am there at 479170.

My apologies for taking so long to reply to your letter, but the Emergency lead to some upheaval that is only now being sorted out.

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn
ECC Office Worker

L. M. VANQA
P.O. Box 116
LADY FRERE
TRANSKEI 5410

SIR/MADAM

I am adult black male from Transkei but I was in Cape Town for about 2 years and I used to attend one of your meetings and I ^{was} so impressed that I would like to get involved. Through unforeseen circumstances I came back to Transkei before making any move. My nearest Railway Station is Queenstown. Also I would like to join UDF and any of your projects.

Who & can I contact
or write to. If possible
where can I buy USF
T SHIRTS and any of
your pamphlets.

Hoping to hear from
you I remain

Yours

LUNCIKE MICHAEL VATHQA.

LmVanga.

No:1 Rhodesview
435 Main Road
Observatory
28 August 1986

Dear Mr. Vanqa

Thank you for your letter expressing your support for ECC. It is always important and encouraging for us to know that people enjoy our meetings and our media.

I think that it would be best for you to get in touch with UDF and ECC people in Grahamstown if you want to get involved in projects and want to buy t-shirts. I do not have the addresses but I am sure that if you approached the Rhodes University SRC they could put you in contact. I dont have a phone number but you could write to the SRC at Rhodes University, Grahamstown.

Thank you for your support and my apologies for taking so long to reply to your letter, but our office was forced to close for some time because of the state of emergency.

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn
ECC Office Worker

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SNOUTY

16 WATERBURY Rd.

PLUMSTEAD

7800

Hi ECC - I was wondering if you could put me on your mailing list so as to keep me informed about ECC and the sick apartheid problem. I'd be very grateful if you could. My friend Ted who lives down the road wrote to you recently and has been distributing your pamphlets around town etc. Please could you send me pamphlets to distribute as well. Both me + Ted are in a punk band called CHAOS SA and we stand against → WAR; CLASS, ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS; OPPRESSION; POLITICS, EXPLOITATION ETC. I don't support any ~~other~~ political side but I do sympathise with the people against apartheid and

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the afrikaans bastard government +
police. Of course what really gets
me down is conscription, what has
happened to freedom of thought? Being
forced to fight for something you
dont believe in and wasting 2 years
of your life is totally wrong. Anyway
thats all I've got to say for now

keep up the good work
+ stay well

Bye

Your friend

SN@TTY

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No:1 Rhodesview
435 Main Rd.
Observatory
28 August 1986

Dear Snotty

Thank you very much for your letter. It is always very encouraging for us to know that people support us and enjoy our meetings and our media.

You have asked to be added to our mailing list and I have done that. Enclosed is a copy of our latest newsletter, and you will be sent future copies.

You also asked if we would send you pamphlets. Enclosed are some pamphlets that we have just produced and we would appreciate it if you give some to your friends. However it might be difficult to send you a bundle of pamphlets every time we produce them and possibly you should phone the ECC office every now and then to check whether we have anything for you. Our phone number is 479170, and the office is usually open between 10 and 2 each day.

I must apologize for having taken so long to reply to your letter, but the office had to close for a couple of months because of the state of emergency. We are now more clear of our position legally and have started to operate as normal.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn
ECC Office Worker

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No:1 Rhodesview
435 Main Road
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28 August 1986

Dear Tessa

Thank you very much for your subscription to our newsletter. We have put you on our mailing list and hope that you enjoy our publication.

The last newsletter was printed just before the Emergency was declared and unfortunately it could not be distributed. There has been some delay in the production of this newsletter but we hope that you appreciate that the infrequency is due to conditions that we have no control over.

Many thanks for your support

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn
ECC Office Worker

45 22nd Street,
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2193

8th September, 1986.

Mr. Nic Borain,
End Conscription Campaign,
P. O. Box 208,
WOODSTOCK.
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Dear Nic,

You are doing a grand job at the moment. This is just to let you know I have sent off both postcards and that I was very pleased to see the statement in the Weekly Mail.

I enclose a cheque for R15.00 as a donor subscriber to the ECC Newsletter and wish you good luck in your work.

With warm good wishes,

Sheena

SHEENA DUNCAN.

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PO Box 208

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16 September 1986

Dear Sheena

Thank you for your note and for your donor subscription to our newsletter. We appreciate the support that you have always and continue to give to our work.

In Cape Town we were able to go ahead with our public meeting "ECC Speaks". Having strongly asserted that we are still alive and well and ready to continue with our work we are now preparing for our next campaign and hope that we will back to our normal state.

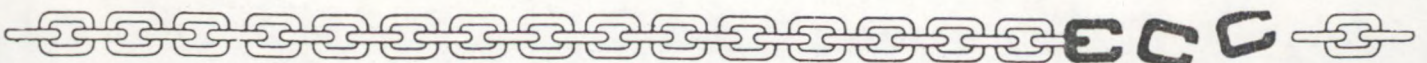
Many thanks

Yours in the struggle for peace and justice

Paula Hathorn

Paula Hathorn

ECC



To ECC contact Sub-Comm

I'm a member of ECC Media & I'd like to be on your list of subscribers for the newsletter.

Thanks

11/9/86

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1/9/86

E.C.C

PO Box 208
Woodstock.

Dear Sir/Madam,

re: Change of Address

This letter is being sent to notify you of my change of address,
which from the 1/11/86 will be as follows:-

Flat No. 18, Highlands Flats, 165 Alexandra Road, Pietermaritzburg, 3201

Please address all correspondence to the new address from that date onwards.
If you have a local office, or if my change in address involves any altera-
tions in the status of our dealings, please let me know.

Also please acknowledge receipt of this notification.

Yours sincerely,

G.C. Solarsh

DR. G.C. SOLARSH

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12 September 1986

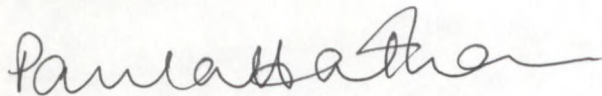
Dear Dr. Solarsh

Thank you for your note informing us of your change in address.

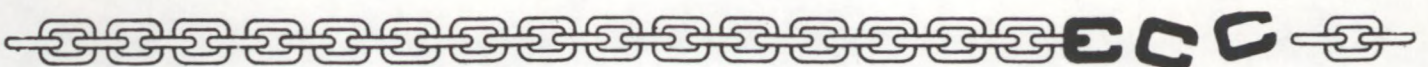
We have been sending you our local newsletter from the Cape Town branch of the ECC. However we are happy to continue to send this to you when you are in Pietermaritzburg.

There is an ECC branch in the Pietermaritzburg area and if you would like to get in touch with them you may at 4 Barkly Place, Scottsville.

Yours sincerely



Paula Hathorn
ECC office worker



Cape Town
12 Sept. 1986

Dearest

Hullo? Hullo? Is there anyone out there? Hullo can you hear me? Hullo-o? My feeling of being isolated from other regions is so acute that I've seized the ECC mascot, Peace Dove (the flying chicken), and am training it to take messages to various parts of the country. So if one day you step outside, look up to the sky and see a multi-coloured flying chicken streaking across the horizon with an olive-branch in its mouth, you'll know its P.D. out on a mission.

In the meantime, how're things going? Pushed back any good legal space lately?

This letter carries no real news. Nothing, in fact. But as most of you don't read my letters anyway, I'm not sure that's a problem. There are however some points to ponder. Ready? Lets ponder then!

1) National Committee extended

Can regions consider the idea of enlarging NC to include two reps from each branch. The second rep. could possibly be a rotating position.

The move would be consistent with our current emphasis on developing skills and reducing dependency on too few people. It would make NC less 'elitist' and give a greater number of people the opportunity to participate in

national discussion. I feel that the advantages of this far outweigh any problems with NC becoming a little more cumbersome. If NC members travel by car rather than fly up/down, a few extra people from each region wouldn't increase costs substantially.

Can you let David know how your region feels.

2) National employees

At the last NC we felt we should postpone discussion on national employees for 1987 until we're clearer on the future of ECC. Given the fact that by October we may not be any clearer and that the process of discussion is such a lengthy one, perhaps we do need to begin now.

I'm proposing that by the next NC, regions discuss the following: 1) Is it worth deciding on new employees at this stage? 2) If so, what would their role/job-definition be? 3) Do there still support for the idea of having two national organisers? 4) Do there anyone from your own region that you would like to propose for any of the positions? If there is, a full motivation for that person would help.

At the next NC we can work out how to take the discussion further.

3) Lobbying Members of Parliament

At the last NC, Cape Town undertook to canvass PFF MPs in support of the Let ECC Speak Campaign. With

Parliament having gone into early recess, Cape Town suggests that regions take responsibility for canvassing their local MPs (where this would be useful and hasn't already been done).

5) Ada Parker Newsletter (Episode 58)

We're on the road! Here we go! See David's letter for 'further details' (Episode 59).

6) Lyathamtown Court Case

The recent application for the release of ECC and other detainees in Lyathamtown gave rise to several problems which point to the need for us to discuss regionally and nationally how to handle court cases.

The problems related to what the detainees said in their affidavits, to the way in which ECC was presented in Court, and to the fact that the application was made for white detainees alone.

The real problems however are that there was no ECC position on court cases to guide the Lyathamtown ECC detainees, and that there was no consultation or communication between the Ly'town ECC and the lawyers at any stage.

Clearly we need to discuss our approach to court cases in general and around applications for the release of detainees in particular, and develop some working guidelines. Can this be done before the next NC?

Shave it! Goodbye for now. Over and out.
Love, Laurie

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Dear Mr(s) Eastwick

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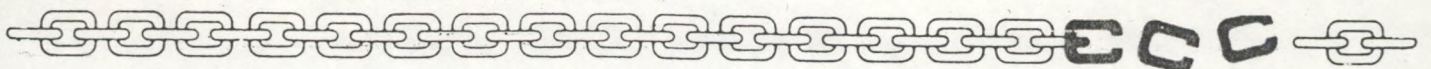
ECC has recently held a 'right to speak' campaign, our first public work since the declaration of the state of emergency. We are now going to be launching another campaign which goes further than demanding our right to speak, and actually carries forward our broad demands and aims. More about this campaign should be coming up in the next newsletter.

Many thanks for your support

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn

Paula Hathorn
ECC Office Worker



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17 September 1986

ECC
P. O. Box 208
Woodstock 7915
South Africa

Dear Sir:

Our library has received a copy of Vol. 1, No. 4, September 1985 of your Newsletter. We would like a subscription to begin with No. 5 if possible. Might we also obtain Nos. 1 through 3; photocopies would be fine if the originals are no longer available. We will be happy to pay for the issues.

I read an article about Dr. Ivan Toms in the Sept. 1985 issue. Stanford University where our library is located had the great pleasure of a visit by Dr. Toms last school term. He gave a fascinating talk about the struggle in South Africa.

Since I understand there may be some problem with your receiving mail sent to you, I will send several copies of this letter. Hopefully at least one copy will reach you.

Sincerely,

Karen Fung
Deputy Curator
Africa Collection

P.S. We would also be very pleased to receive any pamphlets, posters, press releases, etc. and will be happy to pay for them.

19 November, 1986

Karen Fung
The Deputy Curator
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Dear Ms. Fung

Thank you for your letter dated 17 September, 1986, and for your interest in the work of The End Conscription Campaign.

I have enclosed as requested, back copies of our newsletter. I have also forwarded the address of the Institution for inclusion on our mailing list. May we request that, if it is at all possible, the Institution make a donation to E.C.C. to help us cover mailing costs (+ R15.00).

With the State of Emergency the regularity of our newsletters has been somewhat curtailed. Our work however continues, and I thus enclose a pamphlet which provides a more recent update of some of our activities.

Thank you once again for your interest. I hope we can keep in contact.

Yours sincerely

Mandy Taylor
ECC Office Worker

The Argus

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Messrs End Conscription Campaign Organisation
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23 September 1986

Dear Sir

We thank you for your recent application for credit facilities, but regret that we are unable to accede to your request. You may however advertise on a cash basis, in which case we wish you every success.

Yours faithfully


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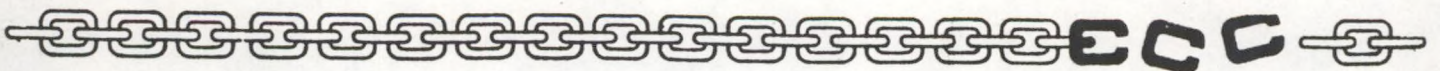
Please could you discuss the following two proposals for the election of an executive.

If your organization/sub committee is unhappy with the proposals, you are welcome to submit a proposal of your own which must be formulated by the general body meeting on 11 September, 1986. The new proposals will then be circulated to sub committees/organizations for further discussion.

A vote on the proposals will be taken at the general body meeting on 25 September, 1986. If no new proposals are submitted by 11 September, the final vote will be taken at the general body meeting on that day.

Yours in beaurocracy

mandy and alastair



REPORT OF THE E.C.C. ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The mandate of the commission, which was constituted by the executive, was to suggest a satisfactory proposal for executive elections. After considering various options from evidence received, the commission decided to present two proposals for discussion by ECC sub-committees and front organisations. These represent two options based on two differing perceptions of the role and accountability of the executive.

We suggest that the following process be followed for the discussion of the two proposals:

- that the proposals be discussed by sub-committees and front organisations.
- that the proposals are presented at the next General Body as a policy decision and that a vote is taken according to the accepted policy making mechanism. (i.e. one vote per sub-committee and one vote per organisation)

ELECTORAL PROCESS

It would be the responsibility of the Secretary General to implement the electoral process. The two proposals would both be prefaced by the following procedures:

1. Nominations:

Sub-committees and Front organisations are invited to make nominations for the positions of Chair; Vice-chair; Secretary General; Publicity Secretary and Treasurer.

2. Presentation of Nominations at General Body:

Nominations are presented with a motivation.

3. Discussion of Nominations:

Nominations are to be discussed by sub-committees and front organisations. All Front organisations are to be advised of the nominations in writing.

4. Election of the executive at the A.G.M.:

Two proposals are offered:

PROPOSAL A

The election of an executive would be seen to be an organisational matter with the front organisations thus not having a very important part to play in that process. Such an election would be seen as a purely internal matter

and as such, ECC the organisation would be required to make the decision.

Therefore:

1. A straw vote would be taken at the A.G.M. with all sub-committee members and front organisation representatives being entitled to the same vote. Effectively this would mean that front organisations would exercise very little say in the election of a new executive.
2. If any Front organisation (or sub-committee) had a problem with the new executive, they would have the power, within a week of such an election, to institute the policy making mechanism of ECC. Thus at a subsequent meeting each Front organisation and each sub-committee would be entitled to one mandated vote which could be used to veto the election of any office bearer and to elect a new person to that position.

In this proposal the Front organisations are able to influence ECC by being able to veto a decision that has been made by ECC the "organisation".

PROPOSAL B

In contrast to the previous proposal, the emphasis in Proposal B is on the constitution of ECC as a front of various organisations. It is thought that the Front should not be used purely to give ECC legitimacy, but should be reflected in each organisation having a real say both in policy decisions and in how ECC is presented publicly. The office bearers of ECC are thus seen not merely as administrators of the organisation but as public representatives of ECC, and thus of all of ECC's constituent organisations. It is therefore considered crucial that these organisations have, and should be seen to be having, an effective and positive role in the election of the executive.

Therefore:

1. the election of the executive should follow the same procedures adopted for any policy decision, viz: each organisation rep. having one mandated vote, and each sub-committee rep. having one mandated vote.

It is thought that the situation of one vote per organisation and one vote per sub-committee, adequately reflects ECC's form as organisation and front. 4 or 5 executive members

are elected directly by the sub-committees and it is therefore considered appropriate that the front has a dominant say in electing the other 5 executive members.

2. The main problem that has been raised with regard to this proposal is that the organisations may not have sufficient knowledge of the nominees to warrant them having so weighty a say in the election process. The answer posited to this problem is that those organisational representatives who would attend and vote at an A.G.M. are likely to have as good a knowledge and understanding of ECC as many people in the sub-committees. In addition the organisational representatives would be in the best position to reflect the feelings of ECC's broader constituency in their voting.

In the event of a particular organisation having no knowledge of the various nominees, the option of an abstention vote will be emphasised.

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26 September 1986

Dear Mr. Shaw

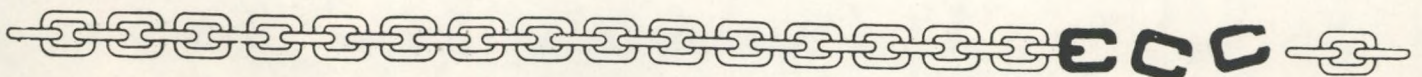
Enclosed is a copy of the Aida Parker newsletter that was directed against E.C.C. We hope that you find it interesting but not too convincing.

The ECC vs. Aida Parker will be appearing before the Media Council on October 6 in Cape Town. Aida Parker uses many of the arguments that the government has used against ECC, and much of the anti-ECC propaganda quotes Aida Parker. Therefore we see this as a particularly significant hearing in which not only Aida Parker is being judged, but many other groups as well.

Many thanks for the interest and support that you have displayed towards ECC

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn
ECC Press Officer



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PO Box 208

Woodstock

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Dear Friend

ECC has been effectively banned under the State of Emergency. Along with all important oppositional political groupings, it is forbidden to issue 'subversive' statements. It is directly under attack through the clause which forbids the calling for an end to conscription. Brigadier Swart's ban on our public activity in the Western Cape has been lifted at the time of writing this letter, but it may yet return in a different form. All branches of ECC have been subjected to unprecedented harassment, including detentions and the petrol-bombing of members' houses.

Such harassment makes the lives of individual activists difficult and branches suffer serious problems in performing their public work.

Nevertheless the issue on which our cause is based remains. All that we do is express the grievances arising from the system of military conscription. These grievances will continue however much government repression intensifies. As conscripts are forced to help carry out many of these repressive activities to a greater extent, these grievances only seem to increase.

We shall continue our campaign as long as the system of military conscription remains in force. ECC is one of the strongest extra-parliamentary organisations in the white community. Its widespread support shows the intense opposition to military service that exists among so many South Africans.

The function of the State of Emergency is to suppress all political activity by taking away our right to speak and our right to know. All South Africans suffer from the silence which has descended. The government, through the Bureau of Information, is seeking to cut white South Africans off from the reality of the situation. Ignorance can be fatal in such a time of upheaval. Now we are prevented from even knowing the harm that the government is doing to our country.

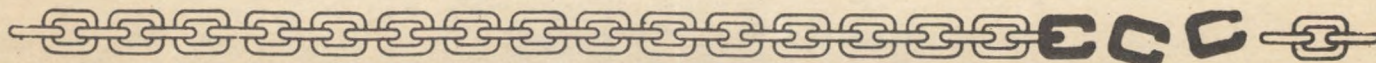
With this in mind, ECC is launching a national Right to Speak campaign. This is ECC's contribution to the broad-based resistance to the State of Emergency which has appeared throughout the spectrum of progressive politics in South Africa. These initiatives seek to keep the government from making us accomplices in its programme of repression. We urge you to support the ECC in its Right to Speak Campaign.

The enclosed postcards call for ECC's right to speak and are addressed to Colin Eglin, leader of the PFP and State President P.W Botha. We encourage you to sign and send them along with the thousands of other ECC supporters around the country.

Yours in the struggle for peace and justice

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Nic Borain
ECC Chairperson (Cape Town)



~~c/o PO Box 883~~

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ECC

Thank you for this circular and other mailings. I am on your list. I enclose cheque for R8 to support this.

I want advice on whether and how a person can study in SA without becoming liable for military service. Can you please tell me how I can get in touch with a source of advice on this? Write to above address or phone me, evenings at 452514

Doris Gusting
C. INSKIP

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9 October 1986

Dear Chris

Thank you very much for your letter requesting advice regarding study and military service.

The best people to speak to would be members of the Advice Bureau on Military Conscription. There are people involved in the Advice Bureau who have specialized knowledge on a number of questions relating to national service. The contact people are Anton: 476274, or David at 651031. They both work during the day and it would be better to get hold of them in the evenings.

I hope that you are able to get advice, and if you are dissatisfied, or unable to contact either of the people I have suggested then feel free to phone me at the ECC office. The office is open between 12 and 2 each day and the number is 479170.

Yours sincerely

Paula

Paula Hathorn
ECC Office Worker



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16 October 1986

In reply please quote
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CJH/afs

Your reference

Dear Mr Evans

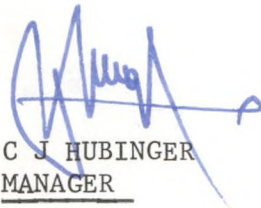
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We notice that of late, it has become increasingly necessary to dishonour your drawings as you have not made the necessary provision therefor.

We wonder if you could perhaps endeavour to cease this somewhat unsatisfactory conduct of your account as we should very much like to continue our association with you, but unfortunately will not be able to do so, if the present trend persists. There is no doubt in our mind that you will wish to co-operate in the fulfilment of our wishes, and we look forward to your assistance in this regard.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



C J HUBINGER
MANAGER

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27 October 1986

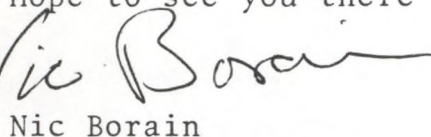
Dear Friend

We would like to inform you that ECC will be holding an Open Forum on Wednesday 12 November at 8.00pm at the Rondebosch Congregational Church.

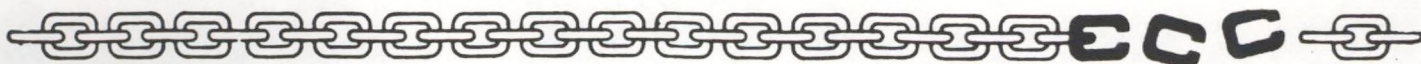
The topic for discussion will be:
"You and your call-up
A practical discussion"

The discussion will be led by members of the Advice Bureau on Military Conscription. We hope that the forum will be of practical use to people who are concerned and confused about their call-up. Lawyers will be present to provide advice.

Hope to see you there



Nic Borain
Chairperson, ECC Cape Town branch



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27 October 1986

The Manager
The Standard Bank
Private Bag
Mowbray 7705

Dear Mr Hubinger

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In response to your registered letter (reference CJH/afs), we would like to apologise for the unsatisfactory conduct of our account over the last period and for any inconvenience it may have caused.

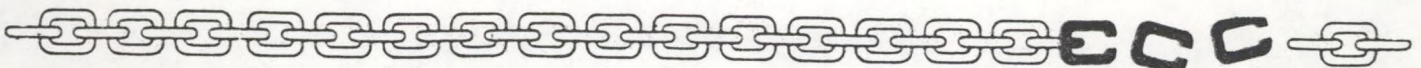
Since the declaration of the State of Emergency, we have experienced a communication problem with our National Treasurer, who is responsible for crediting our account. He has been forced into hiding from the security police and thus contact with him has been difficult and unsatisfactory. This has led to some misunderstanding concerning the conduct of our account.

However, communication and contact has been reestablished with him. We therefore no longer anticipate any problems with the conduct of our account.

With many apologies,

● Yours sincerely

A.J.Teeling-Smith
Treasurer



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27 October 1986

Dear

On Thursday 27 November the Cape Town branch of the End Conscription Committee is holding its Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be at the Rondebosch Congregational Church hall from 7pm. The purpose will be to reflect on the past year and look ahead to 1987.

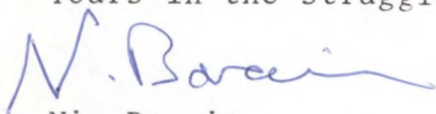
We have been encouraged by people such as yourselves who, while not directly part of ECC, have given us invaluable support.

We invite you to participate in our AGM as observers. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for you to meet members of ECC over supper.

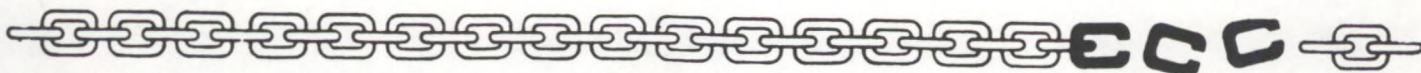
Should you wish to join us on the 27th please contact Paula at the ECC office (479170) between 12 and 2.

Hoping that you will be able to be with us

Yours in the struggle for peace



Nic Borain
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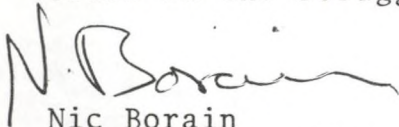
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28 October 1986

Dear Friend

The End Conscription Campaign invites you to attend a housemeeting on Tuesday 25 November at 8pm. The housemeeting will focus on ECC and conscription. It will also deal with legal options and alternatives to the call-up, in an attempt to provide families with information which may be useful when counselling sons, husbands or fathers who are faced with a call-up.

The housemeeting will be at 14 Meadow Rd, Rosebank. You are advised to park at the Rosebank Station. You are welcome to bring interested friends or relations who may also wish to attend.

Should you require further information please phone Paula at the ECC office (479170) between 12 noon and 2pm daily.

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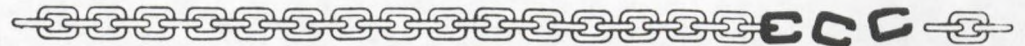
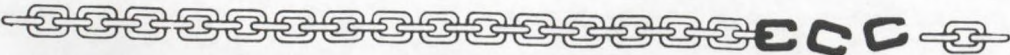
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13 November 1986

The Editor
Fair Lady
PO Box 1802
Cape Town

Dear Ms. Smuts

I have suggested to Fair Lady over the telephone that you could focus on the issue of conscription and the End Conscription Committee in your magazine.

I believe that one of the greatest fears facing many of your readers is that of a future filled with violence and a long and ugly civil war.

This is an issue which the End Conscription Committee (ECC) is addressing in our current campaign "War is no Solution". We are holding a number of events which Fair Lady is most welcome to attend. In particular the Peace Picnic, on Saturday 30 November, could be an opportunity for you to interview people, parents and children of all races, about their hopes and fears for the future. We are hoping that the Picnic will also be a time for families to relax together, and we are planning fun activities such as kite flying, anti-war colouring in books, non-competitive games etc.. I shall send you more details closer to the time.

Another issue which relates closely to our fears of the future is that of conscription. I am sure that almost every 'white' family has to cope with the reality of their son, father or brother being called on to fight in the South African Defence Force.

Many people are becoming very concerned about conscription and the implications it has for them personally. The sacrifices of participating in the conflict are becoming greater as that conflict continues to increase.

The ECC is born out of the very real dilemma faced by conscripts. We have often been overwhelmed by the support ECC has experienced in our short three years of existence. I am sure that there are thousands of people, many of whom read your magazine, who are desperate for more information on these issues.

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Should Fair Lady be unable to cover the issues I have raised directly, I would like to suggest a further possible focus. Clare Verbeek is the Chairperson of our Johannesburg branch, a position she has held for the past eighteen months. Since the declaration of the state of emergency on 12 June this year, Clare has been forced into hiding and into disguise. There is no indication that she will be in a position to come out of hiding in the near future.

Clare used to teach in Cape Town, and is presently employed as a writer of school text books. If Fair Lady were to interview Clare, or focus on her in some way, you would be able to touch on the issues I have raised in this letter but still include a personal angle.

I hope that you will find some of these suggestions valuable. Should you wish to contact me you may do so at the above address, or phone me at 479170 (between 12 noon and 2pm).

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn
ECC Publicity Secretary

13 November 1986

The Editor
Cosmopolitan Magazine
PO Box 5355
Cape Town

Dear Mrs. Raphaely

I have suggested to Cosmopolitan over the telephone that you could focus on the issue of conscription and the End Conscription Campaign in your magazine.

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I hope that you will find some of these suggestions valuable. Should you wish to contact me you may do so at the above address, or you can phone me at 477083, or 479170 (between 12noon and 2pm)

Yours sincerely

Paula Hathorn
ECC Publicity Secretary

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THE WOMAN YOU ARE

PO BOX 1802, CAPE TOWN 8000. CABLES: LADYFAIR. TEL.: 25-4878

21 November 1986

Paula Hathorn
ECC Publicity Secretary
End Conscription Campaign
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Dear Paula

Thank you for writing. Carol Gray conveyed your suggestions to me some time ago and I apologise for the delay in replying.

My problem is the Emergency Regulations, which as I needn't tell you restrict and compromise us. Magazine material is in-depth material. How do you cover any aspect of the conscription issue in depth without infringing the Regulations? The relevant clauses still stand, unless I've missed a judgement or two.

Please leave your suggestions with us for a while. Perhaps if we stew over them an approach may occur which will not lose me an issue or a couple of hundred thousand Rand or worse.

(It goes without saying that the issue is relevant. But I have in the past had to hack out simple statements of concern from mothers, black and white about all their sons, and leave white spaces. It is hard to see how we're going to do it at length and in detail.)

Yours sincerely

Dene Smuts

DENE SMUTS
Editor

cc Carol Gray

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Replied 25/11.

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E.C.C.

RICHARD HAWKINS
BOX 221
TOKAI
7966
SOUTH AFRICA

Hi. MY NAME'S RICHARD. I'VE NOW DECIDED THAT I MUST DO SOMETHING TO BETTER A FUTURE FOR OUR COUNTRY. I'M VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT THE E.C.C. HAS TO SAY AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR. ALSO, I AM A WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN MALE, 15, WHICH MEANS I HAVE TO DO A 2 YEAR STINT IN THE ARMY. I AM A PACIFIST AND A BELIEVER IN SOLVING PROBLEMS WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

∴ I AM VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE E.C.C. AND BECOMING A MEMBER. I HOPE TO MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION BY JOINING.

SO IF YOU COULD PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION/PAMPHLETS AS WELL AS MEMBERSHIP FORMS FOR ME AND MY FRIENDS, I WOULD GRATEFULLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK

* IF YOU COULD, PERHAPS GIVING ME ADDRESSES ON SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS, IT WOULD BE GREAT!!!

YOUR FRIEND RICHARD

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