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25th November, 1985.

H.E. The High Commissioner,  
The High Commission of India,  
India House,  
Aldwych,  
London, W.C.2.

Yours Excellency,

I write on behalf of two young white South Africans, Laurie Nathan and Peter Hawthorne. They have been invited to a gathering in Surat between December 31st and January 6th by the War Resisters International and are both known to me as young men of exceptional courage and integrity. I am writing in my capacity as President of the Anti-Apartheid Movement and as one who knows personally your Prime Minister who I visited in New Delhi at the time of the Non Aligned Summit Meeting last January. I went specifically to discuss the South African situation and I have, as recently as November 14th, received from you a letter from the Prime Minister sent in a sealed envelope concerning the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and the issue of sanctions against South Africa. I only say this because we have not yet met and I know how much correspondence you have concerning problems of entry certificates, and so forth.

The problem is simple. These two young men have South African passports although in fact they are exiles because of their refusal to do military service in South Africa, which would have led them to take up arms against the black African people in South Africa and Namibia. They are hoping to visit other countries in Europe and to do their best to promote the isolation of South Africa until apartheid is ended. I am personally prepared to vouch for their integrity.

The difficulty is the passport and the necessary visa. I would be more than grateful if you could use your authority in this matter, but time is rather short as they need to leave England within the next week. I am giving them a copy of this letter to bring with them to the office in the High Commission, but it would help enormously if I could know as soon as possible whom they should see. I hope you will forgive me for adding this problem to other problems, but it is a matter of considerable moral and ethical importance.

Yours sincerely,

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The Rt. Revd. Trevor Huddleston C.R.  
President of The Anti-Apartheid Movement.



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Laurie Nathan  
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Dear Laurie,

Many thanks for your letter. It was good to meet and talk with Steven Louwry in Brussels last month, please say 'Hi' from me if he is back with you, and of course big hugs to Richard.

Howard Clarke from WRT, London, told us that you plan to come to Geneva on December 11th and 12th, that's great! Who would you like to visit when you're here? I'll start arranging appointments now as everyone here is always booked up in advance. I understand there are two ECC people coming, do you need somewhere to stay? (The second question is rather dependent on the answer to the first!)

Joel McClellan, the Quaker representative (director) of this office has seen Ambassador Shearer of South Africa several times and will continue that contact. Amnesty issued an 'urgent action' for the release of Richard, Sue, Anita and Mike which included 'fear of torture'. We were very relieved that they were not in fact tortured. The ICJ sent a telegram to, I think it was the foreign minister, asking for their release. The ICJ does not normally send telegrams, except when people are about to be executed or are known to have been tortured. I'll tell you about the others when we meet.

I look forward to hearing more about the release of Richard, Sue, Anita and Mike as it is a little misty from here.

Love and Peace

Judith Baker



Odenthal, den 3. Nov. 1985

Dear Mr. Toms, Mr. Windler, Mr. Evans and all your friends,

I have read about the ECC in the paper "Publik Forum", a paper of critical christ.

I am also a conscientious objector in my country. When reading the article about your protest-actions, I am glad that it is allowed to me to loose the 'social service'. This service takes in West-Germany 5 months more than the military service.

In our small village near Cologne I am member in the 'One-World-Circle', a group of social engaged christ. In the last two month we <sup>have</sup> also joined the campaign against the Apartheid. So all members of this Group declare their solidarity with you and your Campaign.

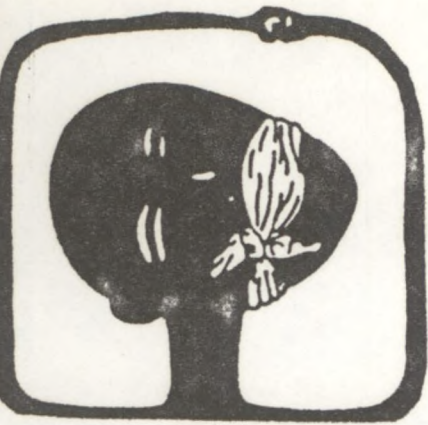
At least we have one question to you. Our government objected to a South African boycott with the argument, that most the Black will have to suffer. Is this right, what is your opinion. And we all have also the general question, in which way(s) we can support you and you help your country.

With best wishes,

Hajo Eddle



Biel, Nov. 6th 1985



L'injustice dans un pays est injustice pour tout le monde -

LIBERTÉ POUR TOUS LES PRISONNIERS  
POLITIQUES EN AFRIQUE DU SUD !

Ungerechtigkeit in einem Land heisst Ungerechtigkeit für  
die ganze Weltgemeinschaft -

FREIHEIT FÜR ALLE POLITISCHEN GEFANGENEN  
IN SÜDAFRIKA !

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Bern, in der Solidaritätsnacht vom 1./2. November 1985  
Krypta der Dreifaltigkeitskirche

Bern, pendant la nuit de solidarité du 1<sup>er</sup> au 2<sup>ème</sup> Novembre,  
Crypte de l'église de la Sainte Trinité

- During the night from November 1st to November 2nd I took part in a "solidarity vigil" for the suffering people of South Africa. Doing that I heard from your "End Conscription"-Campaign and I want to express you my sympathy for your commitment. I wish you lot of success. I hope South Africa may find a way out of its "Apartheid"-System and become a free country with equal rights for each citizen (Black, white or coloured)

I wish you the very best!

Rev. Lukas Hohl



3rd December 1985

End Conscription Campaign,  
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Cape Town 7925,  
South Africa.

Dear Friends,

On reading "Around Europe", a Quaker communication issued from Brussels, I noticed that the Ecumenical Commission for Church and Society in the European Community had urged its members to support conscientious objectors to service in South Africa.

I would like to assure you that you have the prayerful support of most members of Farnham Meeting House and personally I pray that the stand you are making for non-violence will have the effect of reducing the tension in South Africa. I am convinced that the only solution to the present problems there is by non-violent means.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Francis Sharpley*



By air mail  
Par avion

Aerogramme



Royal Mail

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## YOUTH AND CONSCRIPTION SYMPOSIUM

Place: Helsinki, 29.11. - 1.12.1985

Organisers: International Peace Bureau (IPB)  
War Resisters' International (WRI)

Background: In 1983 IPB organised in collaboration with the Finnish Peace Union the first international symposium on Children and War. As a result a book was published with over 25 contributions on different aspects of relations between children and war. Now in the occasion of the International Youth Year the aim is to continue elaborating a civil perception on war.

Conscription forms a mechanism via which the youth meets the military system in the society both in the conditions of war and peace. Despite its significance the conscription has not been a popular subject of social or historical investigation. Youth and conscription symposium aims to focus on the origin and expansion of conscription and on its expansion. Furthermore, the goal is to examine the social and cultural effects of conscription in particular from the point of view of the youth.

Content: The draft outline of the symposium is the following:

Theme 1 Social history of conscription

- Military system and the evolution of conscription
- Conscription vis-à-vis professional army

Theme 2 Social history of conscientious objection

- Conscientious objection as a political act of individual youth
- Conscientious objection and political strategy
- The right of youth to alternative service
- Conscientious objection as a human right
- Country case studies (The UK, France, Germany, Finland etc.)

Theme 3 Imposition of youth by military system

- Conscription - heritage of the past for youth
- Impact of conscription on social attitudes
- Military system and youth culture
- Military force and subordination of youth
- Social ritualism of conscription



Theme 4 Sexual roles and conscription

- Women and military system
- Impact of militarisation on girls' life

Participation: The symposium will bring together some one hundred participants from different countries. These will largely consist of scholars and peace activists as well as other interested people.

Contacts: Further information is obtainable from Helsinki, Kimmo Kiljunen, c/o Peace Union of Finland or Jouko Väänänen, CO Union of Finland  
address: Sähköttäjänkatu 6  
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Also the IPB Office in Geneva and the WRI Office in London are able to give further information.



Place: Työväen akatemia, Kauniainen

Draft Programme:

INTRODUCTION

- Right to refuse to kill  
Speaker: Sean MacBride, Nobel laureate, president,  
International Peace Bureau

THEME 1

SOCIAL HISTORY OF CONSCRIPTION

- Military system and the evolution of conscription  
Speaker: Pertti Joenniemi, TAPRI, Tampere
- Conscription vis-à-vis professional army  
Speaker: Jean Jaqmain, University of Peace,  
Brüssels

THEME 2

SOCIAL HISTORY OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

- Conscientious objection as a political act of individual youth  
Speaker: prof. Kari Palonen, The University of Jyväskylä
- Conscientious objection and political strategy  
Speaker: Robert Polet, Internationale des résistants à la guerre-Belge, Namour, Belgium
- The right of youth to alternative service  
Speaker: Asbjörn Eide, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway
- Conscientious objection as a human right  
Speaker: (Amnesty International)
- Country case studies  
The U.K.: Denis Hayes, lawyer, London  
France: Michel Ouvray, lawyer, Toulouse  
Germany: Guido Grünewald, Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft verordnete Kriegsdienstgegner, Hamburg  
Finland: Sakka Viitanen, CO Union of Finland

THEME 3

IMPOSITION OF YOUTH BY MILITARY SYSTEM

- Conscription - heritage of the past for youth  
Speaker: Mirtle Solomon, president, War Resisters' International, London
- Impact of conscription on social attitudes  
Speaker: Antti Pandell, prof., The University of Tampere



- Military system and youth culture  
Speaker: psychologist Hannu Sikkilä,  
The University of Oulu
- Military force and subordination of youth  
Speaker: Jukka Kanerva, The University of Jyväskylä
- Social ritualism of conscription  
Speaker: (open)

THEME 4

SEXUAL ROLES AND CONSCRIPTION

- Women and military system  
~~Speaker: Aki Hietanen, TAPRI, Tampere~~
- Impact of militarisation in girls' life  
Speaker: (Cynthia Enloe)



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Dec, 5, 1985

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South Africa

Dear friends,

we read with great interest in a German daily newspaper about your activities regarding your End Conscription Campaign. We want to express you our solidarity and hope that your work is successfull.

We are a 8 Men/women peace group here in Heidelberg and we have been very active in fighting the deployment of the Pershing-2 missiles. Two of us had been imprisoned to 20 days in jail each for blockading nonviolently the gates of the Pershing 2 depot in Mutlangen.

Recently we have also become involved in the South Africa solidarity campaign.  
If you have any information or newsletter about your work, we would be glad, if you could send us something.

Sincerely

*Andrea Drosihn*



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Antwort erbeten an

Bundeschvorsand

Dear Friends,

I'm member of the executive board in the German Peace Society/  
United War Resisters, member of WRI. Nationwide we are 12,000  
members in about 150 groups.

In our organisation I work to all problems concerning the so-called  
Third World (everything in the world outside Europe). My main tasks  
are at the moment the solidarity with the Revolution in Nicaragua,  
a campaign against arms trade, and of cours the situation in South  
Africa and Namibia.

With much interest I continue the End Conscription Campaign,  
especially "Troops out of the townships" and the (solidarity with)  
the war resisters. I get the paper RESISTER from London. The in-  
formations about your organisation I get over the Anti-Apartheid-  
Bewegung (movement) in Bonn.

The problem I have, above from the small interest of the German  
Peace Movement in generally in this problems, that I get your  
papers to a very late timepoint. For example: Your papers from the  
beginning of September 85 i got in the end of October (from AAB!).  
So I make the proposal: If you have urgent and actual information  
to Conscription/War resist, ..., please write direct to my privat  
address an I will try to make publicity here.

In peace and solidarity

*Franz Nadler*

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