

1. State Action

Following the stand of the 143 and the pronouncements by Magnus Malan, a number of potential courses of action by the state were envisaged:-

(a) an immediate restriction of ECC and/or its activists, accompanied by detention of certain activists.

(b) a restriction of ECC following the interdict, during which time the state would hope to prove that ECC is an enemy organisation.

(c) a more long term approach in which the state takes ECC on in the courts, hoping to establish a number of significant convictions, and finally being in a position to restrict or ban us.

Having survived the immediate period intact, it is in terms of the latter two options that we are anticipating action.

2. Security Grading

As a response to this period of heightened 'threat' against ECC, we have placed the organisation on an 'AMBER' security grading. This is in contrast to our preceding security grading which was 'GREEN'. We are currently planning to return to 'green' one week following the interdict hearing.

('GREEN' - fully open operation, but with normal caution and watchfulness. We may use the telephone for political work, meet in each other's houses, and announce openly final meeting points).

('AMBER' - operation designed to prevent detention of activists and seizure of information. No use of telephones; meeting points and safe venues; hiding is optional; activists forums and GB's still go ahead).

('RED' - maximum threat against organisation. Hiding obligatory for central activists. Immediate meetings at pre-arranged points for executive and sub-committees. Organisation does not meet as an entire body, ie. no

### 3. Security Group

The Cape Town security group consists of three persons mandated by the executive to investigate any security matters that they deem necessary. The group may not, however, act on any issue without the executive's approval. They report directly to the executive and make recommendations for action.

Our work has involved:-

1. Monitoring of harassment in the organisation.
2. Making assessment of the security situation.
3. Recommending security grading for the organisation.
4. Investigating all security matters, in particular spies, referred to the group.

We have acted on two specific security incidents this year. The last one involved a certain activist known as Mike Emmerich, who was asked to leave the organisation because of very strong suspicions concerning his behaviour. We will communicate the details of this incident in a separate report.

We have found the security group to be a tight and efficient structure, that decreases rumour mongering amongst activists, and has greatly streamlined the process of investigating security breaches.

### 4. Interdict

We see the interdict proceedings against the SADF as an enormously important area of work. The outcome of the interdict will have very important consequences for the organisation.

Following the submission of our founding affidavit, in which we laid out the basis for our seeking an order restraining the SADF from unlawfully acting against ECC and its members, we have received replying papers from the SADF. Their argument is that ECC is an enemy organisation, that their actions against us are justified by legislation, and necessary, given the war situation and our ultimately revolutionary aims.

We have now lodged our replying papers, which set out a very detailed and excellent statement of ECC's aims, activities,

legitimacy, and give good evidence countering the SADF's submissions. The matter will be heard on 31 August and 1 and 2 September. Estimates of our chances range from good (60%) by an advocate to poor (25%) by our lawyer. The problem is that we are taking essentially a political matter to court, to be heard by a fairly conservative bench.

The implications of losing the interdict could be serious, as the state may be able to win a judgement that labels us as an 'enemy' organisation. It will also be giving license to state organisations to act in this way against a whole range of opposition groupings.

CAPE TOWN ECC HARASSMENT REPORT: FEB-AUGUST 1988

FEBRUARY 1988

- \* A sticker bearing the slogan "I reject ANC terror" stuck over ECC media at the University of Cape Town.
- \* A booking of the Durbanville Town Hall for a public debate is cancelled at the last minute by someone claiming to be the same member of ECC-who made the booking. This was despite the fact that the City Council had been warned of the possibility that someone might attempt to cancel and that such cancellation should not be accepted without confirmation from the ECC office.
- \* A booklet entitled "The Rape of Peace" issued by the Vets for Victory, is extensively distributed in Cape Town, UCT, Rondebosch, and outside Ivan's trial in Wynberg. The booklet, and pamphlet distributed with it, is an extensive smear against ECC.

MARCH 1988

- \* An anonymous phone caller to the office claims that the vigil for Ivan in Christchurch, Kenilworth, will be stopped.
- \* ECC wins interim interdict against the SADF restraining them from harassing or interfering with members of ECC.

APRIL 1988

- \* While investigating the price of plastic key-rings, Chippy receives call from someone claiming to be from Perspex Plastics who gives him a cheap quote for key-rings. When ECC follows this up with PP they claim that they do not make plastic key-rings and that the quote was ridiculously low, anyway.

MAY 1988

- \* While putting up posters advertising a KYR meeting in Rondebosch, a member of ECC sees four men in a car with the number plate in the window. The men shout at the ECC member, pull down a poster and drive off with the number plate hidden.
- \* Graffiti appears in Rondebosch, on a private house and on a wall outside a police station. Need more details.
- \* Sgt Brown from Vets for Victory, distributes "The Rape of Peace" at Rondebosch KYR meeting.

- \* Posters advertising the Kalk Bay KYR meeting are ripped down, torn into shreds and dumped at the gate of Kalk Bay church.
- \* Two teargas cannisters are thrown into the Kalk Bay church the night before the KYR meeting, making the hall uninhabitable for the meeting. The priest at the Kalk Bay church receives anonymous phone call from someone asking whether the commies meeting is going ahead. Two men at meeting with Vets for Victory media.
- \* A man sitting outside the church where the Kalk Bay KYR was to be held, follows an ECC member most of the way home.

JUNE 1988

- \* A lot more graffiti appears.
- \* The car of two members of ECC is spraypainted outside their house at night. Graffiti referring to them is painted on prominent Observatory wall.
- \* The Sea Point church hall where the KYR meeting is to be held is teargassed on the afternoon of the meeting by two men wearing balaclavas. A sign is placed on the door of the hall saying "ECC MEETING CANCELLED".
- \* Members of ECC receive phone call from man claiming to be Mr Beyers\*who asks about the Wynberg KYR meeting and threatens that it will be stopped and that there will be lots of blood, etc.
- \* Nuts taken off right front wheel of member's car. Graffiti on a public wall near their house says "Has your wheel fallen off lately?" Another member of ECC has the wall outside her house spraypainted with personal references.
- \* Chippy warned by neighbour that his house was watched by blonde haired man who jumped over gate into back garden.
- \* Two ECC members extensively harassed by police in Claremont whilst putting up and monitoring posters. Names taken and car thoroughly searched for about 40 minutes.
- \* Letter delivered to ECC office by two Home Affairs officers warning "out of step" to submit copies to Department of Home Affairs.

JULY 1988

- \* Parents of ECC member receive numerous calls (up to 20 in a few hours) from a call box. No voice. Persistent calls at odd hours over a number of days.
- \* Chippy phoned by Sgt Fourie to set up interview regarding "out of step".
- \* ECC member ~~have~~<sup>S</sup> car windscreen~~s~~ smashed during night. Greasy liquid on bonnet. Another ECC member's car tyres slashed - petrol out of car.
- \* More personal graffiti referring to ECC members on public wall.
- \* Chippy and then Dave Green meet with van den Heever of Security Branch and answer questions. Both accompanied by lawyers.
- \* Obscene message on office answering machine for office worker.
- \* Branch car outside the member's house.
- \* ECC member receives obscene telephone call.
- \* ECC member followed to work by man in car waiting outside her house in the morning.

AUGUST 1988

- \* ECC member followed by two cars.
- \* Bruce Duncan involved in the Bruce Duncan mural project - part of ASP - receives threatening phone calls.
- \* Answering machine filled up with woman talking so ECC could receive no messages.
- \* ECC member receives follow up obscene letter. First letter received last year.
- \* Vets for Victory distribute new smear pamphlets.

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