Bad Conscription Compaign

STATE REPRESSION AGAINST and PRESS ATTACKS ON
END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN, JOHANNESBURG REGION, JANUARY 1985

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A. STATE REPRESSION

1. JUNE

Visa refused to Cardinal Arns of Brazil, scheduled to address ECC Peace Festival.

2. JULY 30

Clare Verbreek questioned and home searched. ECC documents confiscated. Sylvia Brett (minute taker) raided.

3. AUGUST

ECC members Gavin Evans, Ian Moll and Joy Marnden detained for two weeks. Questioned, amongst other things, about ECC Johannesburg.

4. SEPTEMBER 9

In simultaneous raids, homes of ECC member Anne Makay, Peter Cranko, Anne-Marie Rademeyer and Clare Verbreek are searched and ECC documents confiscated.

5. DECEMBER 14

One copy of "Forces Favourites" tape confiscated after raid on Screen Training Project (STP).

6. JANUARY

Peter Cranko questioned and home searched. Telephone numbers of ECC and Wits ECC members taken.

GENERAL

Impressions from all those questioned were that the Security Police have little knowledge of the workings of Johannesburg ECC, and appear to be investigating only at the moment.

B. MAJOR ATTACKS ON ECC IN THE PRESS

1. 18 AUGUST 1985

Ken Owen in the Sunday Times says the Campaign to end conscription was launched to prepare the way for revolution.

2. 4 SEPTEMBER 1985

Star Editorial questions the real motives of a number of organisations, particularly in relation to violence. Is ECC's real motive the abolishion of the army?

3. 5 SEPTEMBER 1985

Ken Owen in Business Days says ECC uses the myth of conflict to serve political ends; accuses ECC of being uncritical of violence from all sides and says this is intended to draw battle lines.

4. 10 SEPTEMBER 1985

Vlok in the Citizen says EEF (sic) is being used by the ANC to further its goals.

5. 21 SEPTEMBER 1985

Magnus Malan in The Star defends the role of troops in the townships and accuses ECC of aiming to break down law and order by weakening the state machinery.

6. 30 SEPTEMBER 1985

NSF advert appears in Sunday Papers.

7. Rapport published three standerous attacks.

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