FRIDAY

2pm - 6pm : Registration

Registration for the festival costs R40,00 for salaried individuals and R30,00 for others. These amounts are requested to help defray some of the festival expenses.

If you are intending to come for only one day, or a part of one day, you are requested to pay a R5,00 registration fee for that day. Subsidy forms are available on request but subsidies cannot be guaranteed.

6.30 pm : Public meeting World in conflict — the need for peace

Chair: **Benita Pavlecevic**, Chairperson, End Conscription Committee, Johannesburg.

• Cardinal Arns, Archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, internationally recognised as the leading critic of the excesses of Brazil's military rulers.

"The Latin American people's pursuit of justice".

• Bishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Laureate.

"Conflict in Southern Africa: the South African Defence Force as aggressor and agent of destabilization"

• Dr Beyers Naude, General Secretary, South African Council of Churches.

"Civil war in South Africa : the need for justice, the requirements for peace".

• Sir Richard Luyt, Civil Rights League. Local and international messages of support.

• Laurie Nathan, National Organiser, End Conscription Campaign.

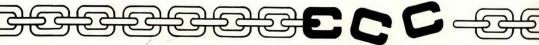
"ECC: where we come from, what we stand for and why we call for peace."

- Jennifer Fergusson : Music and poetry.
- Stan James : Music.

9.30 pm : Concert Stop the Call-up!

- Facts
- Rapula
- The Softies
- Nude Red
- Mapansula





SATURDAY MORNING

This morning is taken up by options. The first set begins at 9.00 am and the second at 11.00 am. Each set contains four options. You can choose to go to one in each set. Some options may tend more towards participation and workshopping; others lean more towards presentation and learning. But in all cases the options are the core of the festival where all delegates can make a creative contribution. Feel free to discuss and question. This will make them a success. For the weary, there is also the choice of a film.

9 am Options

OPTION 1:

The International Cold War

Co-ordinators: **Tony Karon**, UDF Area Committee, Observatory.

Max Ozinsky, National Union of South African Students (NUSAS).

OPTION 2:

The Defence Act, detentions and you

Co-ordinators : Johannesburg Detainees Support Committee (DESCOM).

OPTION 3:

South Africa's nuclear capacity

Co-ordinator: John Weinberg, Koeberg Alert.

OPTION 4:

Civil war in South Africa

Co-ordinator: Chrispian Olver, End Conscription Committee, Cape Town.

11.00 Options

OPTION 1:

Education - preparation for war?

Co-ordinator : **Ian Moll**, National Education Union of South Africa (NEUSA).

OPTION 2:

The Board for Religious Objection

Co-ordinators : Conscientious Objector Support Group (COSG), Durban.

OPTION 3:

Women and the military

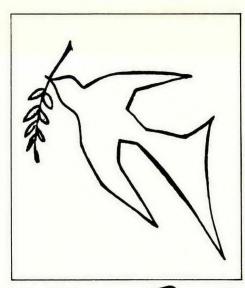
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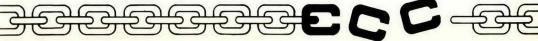
OPTION 4:

Black involvement in the SADF

Co-ordinators: Janet Cherry, End Conscription Committee. Port Elizabeth.

David Pijpers, ex-Cape Corps.





THE PRO	GRAM AT A GLANCE	THE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE
Time	Friday	28 June Venue
2pm - 6pm	Registration	Arcade
6.30 pm	WORLD IN CONFLICT: THE NEED FOR PEACE	Great Hall
8.30 pm	Supper	Box Theatre foyer
9.30 pm	END CONSCRIPTION CONCERT	Senate House parking garage
		29 June
9.00	International The Defence Act Cold War or Detentions and you or (SS1) (Box Theatre)	Civil war in South South Africa's Film The Long Day Africa or nuclear capacity or is Dying (SS2) (Mandela Room) (SS3)
10.30	Tea	Arcade
11.00	Education: Prepa- The Board for ration for War? or Religious Objection of (Mandela Room) (Box Theatre)	Women and the Black involvement Film r military or in the SADF or Coming Home (ID Macrone) (SS5) (SS3)
12.30	Lunch	Bozzoli Sports Pavillion
2.00	THE INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE FOR PEACE	Great Hall
3.30	Walk-about and tea	Arcade
5.00	Southern Africa Non-violent post-Nkomati or Action Workshop or (SS1) (Box Theatre)	Conscription and militarization: The role of the Church (Mandela Room) "There shall be peace and friendship" or The Line (SS2) (SS2)
6.30	Supper	Bozzoli Sports Pavillion
8.00	TROOPS OUT!	Great Hall
10.00	Bar	Box Theatre foyer
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	Sunday	30 June
9.00	SADF in Namibia: Workshop on Dad's The psychologica people's agony or Army or effects of militariz (ID Macrone) (Mandela Room)	SADF Hearts and Total strategy, total Film ation or Minds Campaign or war, military state or The Long Day is (Box Theatre) and economy (SH03) Dying (SHB1)
10.30	Walk-about and tea	Arcade
11.30	SOME SAY NO	SH6
1.00	Lunch	Bozzoli Sports Pavillion
2.30	SCHOOLS' PANEL DISCUSSION	SH6
4.00	Tea	Box Theatre foyer
4.30	THE WAY FORWARD	Arcade
6.30	Supper	Bozzoli Sports Pavillion
7.30	SERVICE FOR PEACE	Arcade
9.00	Bar and Peace Concert	Box Theatre foyer

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2.00 pm Panel Discussion The international struggle for peace

Chair: Janet Cherry, End Conscription Committee, Port Elizabeth.

Participants:

- Cardinal Arns, Archbishop of Sao Paolo, Brazil.
- •Carol Tongue, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, London.
- Bishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Laureate.
- Murphy Morobe, Transvaal Executive, United Democratic Front.
- Richard Steele, Conscientious Objector Support Group, Durban.

3.30 pm: Walk-about

Walk-abouts are the time to examine the displays and the stalls. In each walk-about (the other is at 10.30 on Sunday morning) there is also some music, some drama and some poetry.

Stalls open during the walk-about will be the

- ECC stall SASPU stall JODAC stall
- War and Peace Group stall UDF stall
- Conscientous Objector Support Group Advice Bureau Bookshop.

Displays include • War toys • Troops in the townships • Churches and militarization • Women and militarization • Military and education • A display of peace posters from around the world • An ECC display.

Drama, music and poetry from • the JODAC culture group • Steve de Gruchy • Katy Alexander • Jessica Sherman.

In addition, there will be the premiere of the **ECC video**.

5.00 pm: Options

OPTION 1:

Southern Africa post-Nkomati

Co-ordinator: Keith Gottschalk, Chairperson, Civil Rights League.

OPTION 2:

Non-Violent Action Workshop

Co-ordinator: Conscientious Objector Support Group (COSG), Durban.

OPTION 3:

Conscription and militarization: the role of the Church

Co-ordinators: Father Albert Nolan, Institute for Contextual Theology (ICT).

Steve Sadie, Churches International Year of the Youth (IYY) Co-ordinating Committee.

OPTION 4:

"There shall be peace and friendship": The Freedom Charter

Co-ordinator for the '50s: **Ezra Sigwela**, Active in the '50s in the South African Peace Council.

... for the '80s **Khehla Shubane**, Azanian Students Organisation (AZASO).

8.00 pm Public meeting Troops out

A representative of the people of South Africa's townships and a Namibian representative share a common platform. The End Conscription Campaign adds its voice to the call for the withdrawal of SADF troops from Namibia and from our country's townships. Chair: Molly Blackburn, Progressive Federal Party (PFP) MPC, Port Elizabeth.

Speakers:

Stone Sizane, Publicy Secretary, United Democratic Front (UDF), Eastern Cape. Representative of the South West African People's Organisation, SWAPO. Paddy Kearney, Director, Diakonia.

Music and Poetry: • Steve Kromberg
• Mzwakhe Mbuli • Roger Lucey.



SUNDAY MORNING

9.00 am: Options:

OPTION 1:

SADF in Namibia : people's agony

Co-ordinator: Namibian Council of Churches (CCN).

OPTION 2:

Workshop on Dad's Army

Co-ordinator : Grahamstown Conscription Advice Bureau (GRACONS).

OPTION 3:

The psychological effects of militarization

Co-ordinators: Organisation for Appropriate Social Sciences in South Africa (OASSSA).

OPTION 4:

The SADF's hearts and minds campaign

Co-ordinators: Gavin Evans, Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (JODAC).

Paul Dobson, conscientious objector, former SADF Civic Action Programme teacher.

OPTION 5:

Total strategy, total war: military, state and economy

Co-ordinator: **Graham Simpson**, National Union of South African Students (NUSAS).

10.30: Walk-about

This morning's walk-about is the last opportunity to see the displays and talk to people staffing the stalls. There will also be drama, music and poetry contributions from:

- Port Elizabeth UDF Area Committee
- James Kibby
- Katy Alexander
- and the ECC video will be shown for those who missed it yesterday.

If you support our call to end conscription and the call for a just peace in South Africa, and you wish to become involved in the work of the campaign, leave your name with the people at the ECC stall.

11.30 am Some say 'No'

Panel discussion with conscientious objectors

Dr Ivan Toms, an objector who works at the SACLA clinic in Crossroads, outside Cape Town, is chair.

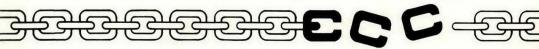
The four participants are:

Richard Steele, from Durban, who served a year in detention barracks in 1980. He has recently presented evidence on behalf of South African objectors to the United Nations Committee on Human Rights in Geneva.

Pete Hathorn, who served a year in Pollsmoor Prison in 1983. He has since been active in the Conscientious Objector Support Group, Cape Town.

David Schmidt, former chairperson of the National Catholic Federation of Students and of the Cape Town End Conscription Committee who appeared before the Board for Religious Objectors in September 1984. He is now doing his community service as a teacher in Cape Town.

David Pijpers from Oudtshoorn who served for two years in the Cape Corps. He has subsequently declared that he will refuse to complete his contract with the SADF.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON

2.30 pm : Schools' panel discussion

The schools' panel discussion brings together pupils from Natal and Transvaal schools. Each school is represented by a team of five, one of whom co-ordinates. Each team will be given a topic on the subject of war and peace. Ten minutes is set aside for preparation and ten for presentation. It is up to each team to apply their topic to South Africa in any way they wish. The teams won't be competing against one another, nor will they be adjudicated. Rather than a debate between opponents, this discussion will be a dialogue through which all will learn. There will be no single winner.

Chair: Ian Moll, National Education Union of South Africa (NEUSA).

• **SUCA**, the Student Union for Christian Action, will present "Minutes of Silence"

4.00 pm Public meeting The way forward

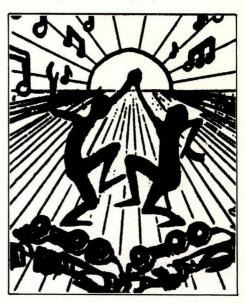
Chair: Clare Verbeek, End Conscription Committee, Johannesburg.

- Carol Tongue, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND): The challenges facing the European Peace Movement.
- Cheryl Carolus, former United Democratic Front (UDF) Executive: The special role of the youth in the struggle against conscription and for a just peace in our land.
- Nadine Gordimer, Poetry reading
- Michael Evans, Chairperson, End Conscription Committee, Cape Town: Building our campaign the way forward.

7.30 pm : Service for peace Father Albert Nolan

The service for peace is an opportunity for all who have attended the festival to assert their unity and their commitment to the demands of the End Conscription Campaign. The service is open to Christian and non-Christian alike. It will include music and drama by

- Jessica Sherman
- Dave Schmidt
- Steve de Gruchy
- Kuvangano theatre group



9.00 pm: Peace concert

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- Malombo
- Roger Lucey
- Stan James
- and others



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The End Conscription Campaign was launched at the end of 1983 after the Black Sash had called for an end to compulsory conscription at its annual conference that year. The campaign was seen as an appropriate response to the growing militarisation of our society, the role of the SADF inside and outside South Africa and the compulsory conscription of young white men into this army.

Since 1983 the level of conflict in South Africa has intensified to the point at which there now exists a state of undeclared civil war. Every single day, throughout the country, there are violent confrontations between township residents and the army and the police. Virtually every day more people are killed.

The SADF is playing a critical role in this conflict. Since October last year troops have been deployed in Soweto, Sharpville. Thembisa, Daveytown, Boipatong, Sebokeng, Fingo Village, Langa, Alexandra, Jaza, Tantji, New Brighton, Zwide, Kwanabuhle, Addo, Kirkwood, Cookhouse, Cradock, Atteridgeville and Kwazakele.

In these townships the army has conducted house to house searches at 3am, arrested people on pass law and influx control offences, fired teargas at mourners at a funeral and assaulted township residents. In Uitenhage the SADF shot and killed a 22 year old man. In the Eastern Cape the army has set up bases inside several townships; some of the townships are to all intents and purposes under military occupation.

As a result of these activities, opposition to the internal role of the SADF and support for the End Conscription Campaign have grown dramatically. The Churches, English and Afrikaans medium newspapers and the over 40 organisations affiliated to ECC have strongly and repeatedly condemned the fact that young white men are compelled to take up arms against their fellow citizens.

All of these groups believe that the use of force to 'maintain law and order' intensifies rather than resolves the conflict and that the solution to ending the escalating cycle of violence lies in the removal of its root cause - the system of apartheid.

They are united behind the demands:

* that SADF troops be withdrawn from the townships

* that SADF troops be withdrawn from Namibia

* that young men be given the freedom to choose not to be part of this army * that there be a just peace in our land

The aims of the End Conscription Committees in Durban, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, Pietermaritzburg and Cape Town are to broaden support for these beliefs and demands and to involve an increasing number of people in working for peace and justice.



Our involvement in the End Conscription Campaign is motivated by our anger and grief at the suffering experienced by the South African and Namibian people under Apartheid and at the hands of the SADF.

We are committed to working for peace also because we know that it is possible for all our people to enjoy full lives, as equals and at peace with one another in a democratic society.

We know that our work will contribute to the realisation of this society.

This Festival is a statement of our determination and a celebration of our hope.

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