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END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN- PORT ELIZABETH

ANNUAL ASSEMENT FOR JANUARY 1986 CONFERENCE.

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CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIVITIES. 1985

MARCH: PE Area Committee of UDF (White Areas) call a meeting of interested organisations to discuss the formation of an ECC on 21 March. All agree to launch ECC.

APRIL: Inaugural meeting of ECC. Attempted disruption by 60 UPE students. Black Sash, PFP Youth, PEAC, GRACONS affiliate.

MAY: ECC addressed by Uitenhage township resident.
Cultural road show for Festival.
Republic Day picket. (APARTHEID REPUBLIC = CIVIL WAR)

JUNE: All military issues banned from UPE students newspaper due to PFP Youth wanting to put ECC position on conscription forward.
Advice Group formed.
Janet Cherry - ECC chairperson detained.
10 PE ECC members attend Festival.
Cultural road show put on play at Festival.

JULY: ECC arrange tour of townships for Carole Tongue.
Media group produce "Peace Kit" and distribute this.
ECC members attended Mathew Goniwe's funeral in Cradock.

AUGUST: Advice group hold a workshop to train counsellors.
Strategised for the fast at a general meeting.
Contacts and promotion of the fast started.

SEPTEMBER: (See Troops Out Campaign assessment.)

OCTOBER: Assessment of campaign held.

NOVEMBER: ECC holds an organisational skills workshop.

DECEMBER: Picket held: WHY AN ARMY CHRISTMAS - STOP THE CALL-UP.
PEACE AND GOODWILL TO ALL...END CONSCRIPTION.

YEAR'S ASSESSMENT MADE AT GENERAL MEETING:

The ECC contributed to pressure leading to troops leaving the townships. Campaigns should be co-ordinated with S.A.D.F. activities eg. Call-ups, and should be national - this shows unity and strength. ECC has become well-known in the past year, but should concentrate on Afrikaans public as well. Cost of war should be used as incentive to stop war which undermines negotiation. Quality of publications were good, but distribution could improve. Membership was only slightly boosted. Contact was made but not followed up. Members other than core-group must become more involved. Churches should send consistent representatives to meetings. Subcommittees should be flexible and have more direction. Priority next year should be consolidation.

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