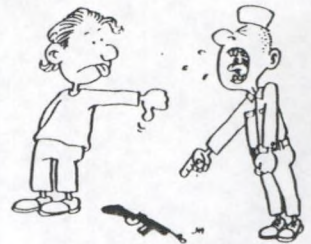


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Hallo,

My name is Lasse Gustavsson. I'm a first year student of International Relations at the Peace and Development Research Institute at Göteborg University. I'm planning a project on nonviolent resistance to Apartheid. The first part of my work will cover the struggle against conscription, COSG, ECC etc. I would be grateful for any help you could offer such as books, case studies, pamphlets, posters, statements, judgements or whatever material **you** might have available or for sale, related to SADF, ECC, COSG, conscription

I am especially interested in the history and political strategy of different organisations or movements, relations between different groups, and the links between resistance groups and civil society, such as churches, trade-unions, clubs, political parties etc.

My knowledge this far is the result of my involvement in the War Resisters International where I met Richard Steel and Anita Kronberg in Åland, Finland a few years ago. I met Roger Fields from COSAWR, London during a speaking tour he did in Scandinavia, and I've been in contact with Gordon and Ursula Bruce during David Bruce's imprisonment.

I subscribe to The Objector but I'm interested in other magazines too, of course.

I'm looking forward to any help you may be able to offer to this project.

Thank You!!

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27/2/91

Dear Lasse,

Thanks for your letter of the 5/2/91. As you will probably know ECC has been in operation since 1984 (with a few months off due to our restriction under the State of Emergency legislation). In that time we have collected a vast amount of material on issues relating to ECC, the SADF, conscription, COSG and other organisations. It would be impossible to give you material on what you want from ECC because it would literally be boxes and boxes of papers. However, do not despair. I will give you the details of various published books on the issues you are investigating. What I would suggest you do is read these books and then write to ECC if you have any further questions or wish more material on specific issues. I have also enclosed a small bibliography which you may find useful with some of the better books highlighted.

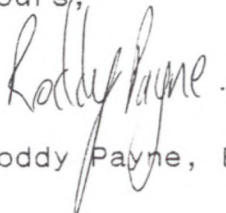
Books that could be of use are:

1. "Out of Step: War Resistance in South Africa", published by The Catholic Institute of International Relations, 1989. The address of the CIIR is 22 Coleman Fields, London N2 7AF, United Kingdom. This book is very accessible with a wide selection of graphics and pictures.
2. "War and Society", edited by L. Nathan and J. Cock, Published by David Philip, Cape Town, 1989. This edited collection contains some very useful articles on ECC and war resistance issues as well as the SADF and general militarisation.
3. "Force of Arms, Force of Conscience. A study of militarisation, the military and the anti apartheid war resistance movement in South Africa, 1970 - 1988", by L. Nathan. This is a M. Phil thesis completed in 1990 at the School of Peace studies, University of Bradford, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 1DR, England. The supervisor of the thesis was Andrew Rigby. Laurie Nathan was national worker for ECC between 1985 and 1987 and his thesis could possibly prove to be very useful.

Also, four members of the War resistance movement will be at the WRI triennial conference in Belgium in July of this year. All of them have had a long history of involvement and may prove useful to interview. They are Richard Steel and Anita Kromberg (who you have already met) as well as Rob Goldman and Nan Cross. You can contact Laurie Nathan c/o The Centre for Intergroup Studies, 37 Grotto Road, Ronderbosch, Cape Town, 7700, South Africa.

I hope this letter has been of some use. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need more detailed information or have more specific questions that need answers.

Yours,



Roddy Payne, ECC National Worker



End Conscription Campaign

6 Feb '91

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Dear ECC,

I signed the Huddleston Register about two years ago, and believe (but haven't seen any newspapers) that my name has appeared in press releases on and off since then. Will you please let me know what

- has happened (esp. to the "returnees")
- is happening, and
- is going to happen with the Register ?

Things seem to be happening in SA, too! I am, and feel, a long way away..... any further info would be greatly appreciated. If you have any new petitions, send a copy and I'll advertise it here. Also, any new T shirts ?!

I look forward to hearing from you,

A. Robertson

ACISTAIR ROBERTSON

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L'histoire du vol en montgolfière au Canada remonte au début du XIX^e siècle, où les ballons sans pilote égayaient le ciel des foires et des expositions. Mais le phénomène n'a vraiment suscité l'intérêt des Canadiens que lorsqu'on a pu voir s'envoler des ballons montés. Le premier vol réussit au pays, et peut-être le plus digne de mention, a eu lieu le 8 septembre 1856 lorsque l'aéronaute Eugène Godard et trois autres passagers ont quitté Montréal pour atterrir à Pointe-Olivier, au Québec.

Bien que demeuré essentiellement le même, l'équipement de la montgolfière s'est beaucoup perfectionné au fil des ans. On a mis au point des pièces plus résistantes et plus fiables et remplacé le ballon de soie par une enveloppe de nylon. Divers événements, dont le *Stampede Balloon Race* de Calgary et le Festival de montgolfières du Haut-Richelieu de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, qui accueillera en 1991, du 10 au 18 août, le 10^e Championnat mondial de montgolfières, témoignent du regain de popularité que connaît ce sport.

Though the equipment is essentially the same, the materials used in ballooning today are much more sophisticated: an envelope made of nylon instead of silk, and better, more reliable components. The sport has been revived by enthusiasts who take part in such annual events as the "Stampede Balloon Race" in Calgary, and the "Festival de montgolfières du Haut-Richelieu" which will be hosting from 10-18 August 1991 the 10th World Hot Air Balloon Championship in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

Interest in hot-air ballooning had existed in this country since the early 1800s, with unmanned ascents at country fairs and exhibitions. It was not until manned flights, however, that Canada's fascination with ballooning truly took hold. Perhaps the most noteworthy was the first successful passenger voyage of a balloon in Canada, made by Eugène Godard and three companions on 8 September 1856 from Montreal to Pointe Olivier, Quebec.

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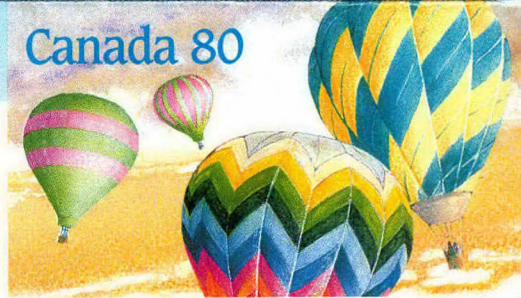
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27/2/91

Dear Alister,

Thanks very much for your letter of the 6/2/91. I am sending you a quick note which will hopefully answer some of the questions your letter poses. Members of COSAWR who have relocated back in South Africa will be sending out a detailed letter to all members of the Huddleston International Register (HIR) through the mailing list. This letter will give you more of a detailed sense of the issues. I will check to see if you are on the HIR mailing list and if not I will make sure that you are put on.

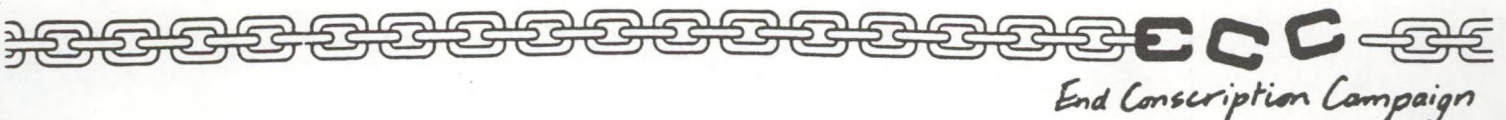
1. The HIR.

I have enclosed a copy of the advert that appeared in the Weekly Mail in July of 1990 and as you can see your name is there. The HIR has now been combined with the South African Register of Conscientious Objection and we released the figures at the press conference for the return of the COSAWR group. The figure stands at around 1290. ECC will be maintaining the register through its national office so if you know of other people who want to join you can put them in touch with ECC through the address that you have. We will release an updated register list when the list increases substantially.

2. "The Returnees".

We were able to organise a successful campaign advertising their return and getting support from a wide range of people and organisations. We had a very successful press conference, reception at the airport, party (too successful) and postcard campaign which were then sent to the State President. So far 3 members of the returning group have received call ups. Two received call ups after they reported to the Cape Town Castle (home of Western Province Command). Their strategy was to force a call up and take the issue to the courts. Francios Krige has subsequently reported for his call up, indicated his refusal to serve and is now waiting to be charged. Fritz Joubert has a call up for August and will be doing the same thing. Two other COs reported for military serve in January and indicated their refusal to serve. All have still to be charged. Our thinking is that they may well be left alone as such trials at the moment are politically embarrassing for the state with its reformist agenda. We may be speculating, but this is our assessment. If they do charge anyone we will make damn sure that they get as much egg on their face as we can possibly throw (and I think they know this). While they may (in terms of the law) win any future CO trial they will lose it politically as it shows a contradiction to the political agenda presented by the Government. You will be getting more news on the "returnees" through the letter mentioned above.

Otherwise in the good old RS of A life changes very slowly. Politics is in some flux with the ANC struggling in its transformation from a liberation movement to a political party.



There is a strong realisation that while it will take years to overcome the social, political and economic effects of 40 years of NP rule and before, we have started that road and must press on.

I think the best way of understanding what is happening is to come back here even if it is just for a short period.

I hope this letter has been of some use. Please contact us if you have any more questions or you feel the answers given are not quiet what you wanted.

Good luck in your work/studies,

Roddy Payne, ECC National Worker.



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7 February 1991

Mr R Payne
ECC National Organiser
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Dear Mr Payne

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 January 1991,
together with the post cards in support of your campaign,
addressed to the State President.

With kind regards

A B PRETORIUS
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
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Feb 1991

UPDATE ON SOUTH AFRICAN WAR RESISTERS.

Dear Ken,
Here is the information on South African war resisters.

Alan Story.

Alan is a 22 year old probationer minister in the Methodist Church and lives in Johannesburg. He is the son of Bishop Peter Story, a well known cleric and a strong supporter of human rights organisations in South Africa, including ECC and COSG. Alan has spent the last two years working as a staff member of the Central Methodist Mission, working with the poor and homeless in the centre of Johannesburg. Alan is a member of the Methodist Order of Peacemakers.

Alan's stand is quiet a simple one in that he is objecting to service in the SADF because of his belief in non violence and the need for South Africans to break away from apartheid violence. He believes that the board for religious objection is discriminatory in that it is only available to those with religious view points, hence his desire to be charged in court rather than apply to the Board.

Alan notified the SADF of his refusal to serve for a one year call up on the 9/1/90 and is currently waiting to be charged.

Francois Krige.

Francois is a 22 year old tree surgeon currently living in Cape Town. He was part of the group of 10 Conscientious Objectors who returned to South Africa as part of the Safe Return Campaign on the 1/12/90. Before returning to South Africa, Francois has been living in London and West Germany. He was an active member of COSAWR. On his return to Cape Town, Francois reported to the Castle (the HQ of Western Province Command) announcing that he had returned to South Africa and that he was still not prepared to serve in the SADF. The SADF then sent him a call up for the Danie Theron Combat School in Potchefstroom and that his national service of one year would commence on the 9/1/91. Francois reported to Wingfield in Cape town on the 7/1/91 which is a staging post for all conscripts in the Cape Town area and notified the authorities of his refusal to serve. He was told that he should report this information in person to the Officer Commanding at Potchefstroom which he did on the 9/1/91. Francois is now waiting for the Military Police to formally charge him with refusing to serve in the SADF. Francois refuses to serve on the basis that the SADF is still apartheid's army and that the continuation of whites only conscription is clear evidence of this. As a member of the ANC he is committed to fighting apartheid in all its forms and therefore refuses to serve in the SADF.

Francois was one of the many exiled South African COs who signed the Huddleston International Register.

Two other members of the group of exiled COs who returned on 1/12/90 have been sent call ups for the July intake. They are Gerald O'Sullivan and Fritz Joubert.

3.
Waren van Rooyen

Waren is 21 and is a part time tennis coach and poet from Uitenhage. Waren reported to the Forest Hill Command base on the 8/1/91 and notified the SADF authorities of his refusal to serve in the SADF. He cites his opposition to conscription as a concept and his specific opposition to the SADF as the basis for his refusal to serve in the SADF. It appears that Waren is unsure of how much publicity he wants at the moment so may be Peace News should just mention the fact that he is refusing to serve and not give any details.

Brendan Moran

Brendan's situation is known to you so I won't go through all the history. Just a brief note on him to say that he still has not been charged despite having notified the SADF of his refusal in January of 1990.

Mike Graaf.

Mike is well and has started his community serve at the King Edward Hospital in Durban. He has to do a minimum of 72 hours per month in his own time and receives no remuneration. I will enclose the ECC press statement in this fax just in case you did not receive information on Mike's case.

Doug Torr.

Doug is still working at the St. Joseph's children's home as a chaplain and is waiting for the date of his appeal against sentence to be considered by the Johannesburg supreme court. Otherwise Doug is well.

Feb 19, 1991

Dear Mr. Payne,

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for placing me on the Objects mailing list. You mentioned that Alan Story had received good coverage in the press. Would you happen to be able to send me copies of the articles? If you could, I would sincerely appreciate this.

Charles Bester is in the States now for approximately 2 months. He will be in Indiana to stay with myself & my husband in April. I look forward to seeing him.

Thank you for your help -
Judy

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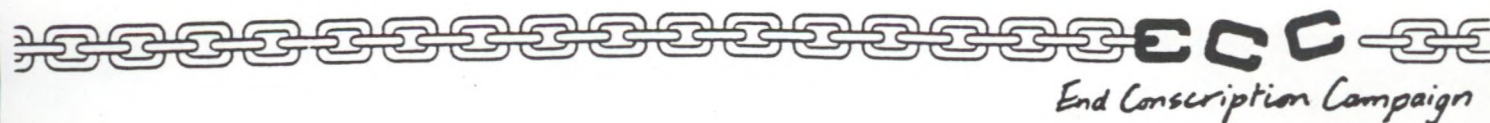
Dear Judy,

Thanks very much for the letter sent 19/2/91. I have enclosed copies of articles on Alan Story as well as an ECC press release on his charging under the Defence Act for refusing to serve in the SADF. Please send my regards to Charles Bester and wish him well in his tour of the USA. The latest issue of "Objector" has just been published and should be in the post soon. *

Yours,

Roddy Payne, ECC National Worker.

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Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Please send me information on Alan Storey and the recent developments with D. Jon and others. I have received nothing from ECC since July and am behind in the news. Also, any pamphlets available would be appreciated.

Is there still a COSS newsletter? An ECC newsletter? I would appreciate being on either - or both - mailing lists.

Thank you -

Judy Workman

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We have formerly corresponded when I was Judy McMahan; I recently married.

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Mark Kilfoil
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Dear Mr. Kilfoil:

Thank you for your recent letter and pamphlets on Ivan and Saul. I really do appreciate the information as it is impossible to receive in the States. It is far more valuable to me than you know.

I am working on my end to increase U.S. pressure on the South African government for changes in conscription. In your letter you stated that there was a need for better asylum conditions in the U.S. for exiles. What would you like me to ask for from the government? I have no idea how the asylum conditions are or how they could be improved.

I have made copies of the pamphlets you sent and distributed them to various interested persons. Everyone is pleased with them. We are all very intrigued by the side written in Afrikaans. It's interesting to see the language and translation.

If you have any other suggestions as to how I can help the COSG please let me know. I will be happy to help however I can.

Judy

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Dear Judy,

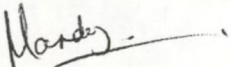
Many thanks for your letter to our organisation (addressed to Mark Kilfoil).

I now enclose an update on events that have happened over the past few months in the area of SA war resistance. I hope this is useful to you

With regard to the question of asylum, there was a UN resolution passed in about 1980 calling on all member states to grant asylum to SA war resisters without reservation. However in practise, it is often very difficult for SA objectors to get political asylum elsewhere. Holland, Canada and the UK are the countries that seem to give asylum most readily.

I also do not know much about the particular asylum conditions in the USA. What might be very helpful for us, is for people your end to research procedures etc. for refugees seeking asylum. It would also be useful to know whether the USA departments concerned would consider an application for political asylum based on reasons of conscientious objections to military service, favourably. If you can get hold of any such information, we would be grateful to receive it.

Please keep in touch.



Mandy Taylor
COSG National Worker

Dear Friend in the Cause,

I would like to subscribe to the Objector. Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 → If the exchange rate has not changed too much it should equal about R27.00

I would also appreciate knowing what I can do from my area to help your cause in S.A. I have some information on Charles Bester but none of David Bruce, how can I get some? Also, anything I can get on Dr. Thoms? I heard him speak in May at Central Methodist in go'burg.

Let me know what I can do to help.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. McMahan

Thanks for your letter and cheque. Your name will be included in the mailing list for "the Objector". The next edition is being produced at the moment so you should receive a copy soon.

I have enclosed pamphlets on Ivan Toms & Saul Batzofin and a copy of the last edition of "the Objector" (in case you have not seen it).

The most likely reason why nothing on David Bruce has reached you is that the government banned (for distribution) his pamphlet shortly after it was printed. However each edition of our newsletter will include news of/from David.

As far as helping is concerned you can distribute copies of the enclosed media to anyone you think may be interested and you can ask people to subscribe to "the Objector". Also but more difficult, you could consider :

- Campaigning for better asylum conditions in the USA for South African and other CO's. The vast majority of our objectors go into exile not to jail.
- Work for your government to pressurize the South African government to release jailed CO's, introduce a better system of alternatives to military service and to end conscription.

Mark Kilfoil

Mark Kilfoil (Secretary - COSG Johannesburg)



FIVE FREEDOMS FORUM

4 AUGUST

The Business and Economy Forum has convened a writers and journalists panel to debate and examine the basis on which business decisions are made within the context of the changing SA political environment. The sub-group identified that poor preparedness for SA's future was a major issue of concern and invites all FFF members to join them for this panel discussion.

DATE : Monday 21 August 1989

TIME : 19h30 - 21h30

VENUE : Wits West Campus
New Commerce Block
Lecture Theatre 2
(entrance via Yale Road)

TITLE : "Blindfold into the Future" : Information, knowledge and business decisions.

PANELISTS : Pat Rogers (Chair)
Sefako Nyaka (Saturday Star)
Eugene Nyati (Director - Centre for African Studies
and editor : Southern Africa Focus)
Glen Moss (WIP)
Ken Owen (Business Day)
John Battersby (Foreign Correspondent)
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South Africa

Dear sirs

I am one of a number of exiled war resisters still in the U.K. Through contacts with COSAWR here in the U.K I established that a group of objectors were due to return to S.A early this year to 'test the waters' in advance of the return of the bulk of exiles.

Would you please tell me (and I could tell some of the others who

remain) what the 'reception' by the authorities was like. What is the position of these objectors now? Also, could you tell us what advances have been made in contacts with the government recently? If you put out such information in a newsletter could you please put me on your mailing list. With the closure of the committee of SA. war resisters here we few who remain are in dire need of information.

Many thanks. Best wishes

Basil Meyer.

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22/3/91

Dear Basil,

Thanks for your letter of 23/2/91. Firstly, there will be a letter sent out from COSAWR people now based in the RSA on the "Safe Return" campaign and their impressions of South Africa. They will be using the Huddleston International Register mailing list. I will send your address to them just in case you are not on the mailing list.

The group of returning SA war resisters arrived back in SA on 1/12/90 to very good and positive publicity. The story appeared in all the newspapers and was on Capital Radio and 702. So far two of the group have received call ups as they reported to the Cape Town castle on their return to Cape Town and stated that they wished to receive call ups in order to publicly refuse to serve in the SADF. One CO Francios Krige had a call up for January and did not report so he is waiting to be charged for refusing to serve in the SADF. Fritz Joubert has a call up for July and will also not be reporting.

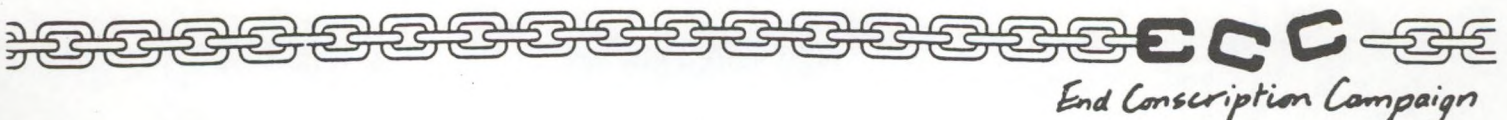
The official position of the SADF and the government is that there is no change in the system of conscription and that those refusing to serve will be charged under the Defence Act. However, it seems clear that they are shying away from open confrontation and it is now easier to evade military service inside SA than it was before. It appears that there are thousands of people who are not reporting for camps and national service, not necessarily for any political or moral reasons, and that the SADF is having a hard time tracking them down.

ECC has been trying now for over a year to have a meeting with either Minister Malan or the State President. It seems that they are trying to stall us on such a meeting and we are using various ways to force such a meeting to happen. This includes using members of the Democratic Party to intercede and using the press to show that De Klerk's open door policy does not apply to ECC.

As I wrote earlier, you should be getting a news letter from COSAWR people in the next month or so and they will be giving more detail to the points outlined above. I have enclosed a couple of press clips on the return of the group for you to show other people.

Best wishes

Roddy Payne, ECC National Organiser.





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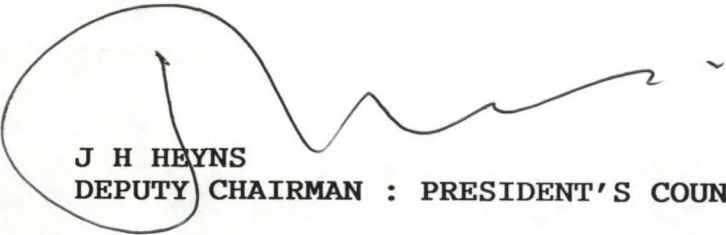
Dear Sir

**INVESTIGATION ON AN ETHICAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE FUNCTIONING
OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL PARTIES**

With reference to my letter dated 12 December 1990 I cordially enquire whether you are going to make an input to the above-mentioned investigation.

As the investigation is undertaken on a broad basis an input from you would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully



**J H HEYNS
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