FORUM TO DISCUSS THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN IN THE EASTERN CAPE.

21 MARCH 1985

THE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AGENDA

7.30 p.m. Welcome - The Revd. George Irvine.

Introduction by the Chair.

Organisations present.

8.00 p.m. Short play - PEAC Cultural Roadshow.

8.15 p.m. Laurie Nathan - National Organiser of the End Conscription Campaign.

The Reasons for the Campaign

The History of the Campaign

Present Activities of the E.C.C. nationally

Questions to Mr Nathan.

8.45 p.m. Discussion of the following questions:

1. Is there a need for this campaign in the Eastern Cape?

2. What form should it take? What ideas are there for action to be taken?

3. What structure should be established to co-ordinate the campaign, if it is felt to be viable?

9.45 p.m. Declaration to End Conscription.

10.00 p.m. Tea

MINUTES OF E.C.C. MEETING HELD ON 12/2/86.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Workshop: 22 nd February 1986 at 2.00 p.m. at 27 Delft Raod, Vergelegen, Port Elizabeth.

Next general meeting: 5th March 1986 at 7.30 p.m. at St. John's Methodist Church Hall, 36 Havelock Street, Central.

Philip appears before Board of Objection on 26/02/86 - our prayers and support will be with you all the way.

- 1) Meeting opened 7.45 p.m.
- 2) Apologies: Carolyn
- 3) Introduction and welcome.
- 4) Letter from the Board of Management from the Hill Presbyterian Church was read as well as an accompanying letter from Rev. Orr. All expressed appreciation and noted the courageous stand taken by him. A letter will be forwarded to him to express our sincere thanks.
- 5) Report back from National Conference:
 The Conference consisted of workshops clarifying E.C.C. aims and objectives our place within Apartheid society, culture programmes, SADF destabilization in other countries it's consequences and repercussions. Specific issues include:
- a) 4 Campaigns were outlined for 1986.

 i) "Work for a just peace" campaign 2/4/86 till 30/4/86.

 Campaign must be educational, gain publicity, involve active work, the central idea is Peace with Justice. Sublogan "Construction not Conscription". Different regions must decide on campaigns most suited to own region and concommittant with own resources
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 Campaigns must be co-ordinated nationally, must be publicly identifiable i.e. with stickers and t-shirts etc. which will be manufactured for sale.

 National statement endorsed by prominent supporters to be draw up. Possible survey for alternative survey was well recieved.
- ii) Major July call-up: to be nationally co-ordinated. Must maintain high public profile. Each year, 2ce a year +/ 15,000 men are called up. Coherent campaigns must be organised to reach soldiers and families
- iii) December '86 January '87 Cultural Festival: Provisionall to be held in Cape Town. Approximately 2 weeks of cultural activities to include plays, music, films, art exhibitions. Mass meetings to be held throughout. Possibly Cape Town symphony orchestra to be included. Possible recruitment of artists from abroad in a way which will not undermine cultural boycott.

Cadets-out campaign: to be discussed in more detail later. Possibly to include Peace Camps.

B) Elections: National office to be in Cape Town.

i) David Chandler - National secretary - publicity, admin, resources, co-ordinating campaigns etc.

ii) Laurie Nathan: - re-elected national organiser; must produce report on work in all areas. He needs continual feedback and criticisms of his work in all areas. Time to be spent primarily in smaller and newer areas.

iii) Steve Lowrie: National treasurer.

- C) P.F.P. issue: Variation was expressed between regions as to P.F.P. contribution to E.C.C. and its effects. Generally E.C.C. accepts support of all who see conscription as a support of apartheid. However, national decisions cannot be taken on regional issues and this seems a regional issue. Therefore national policy on P.F.P. affiliation is difficult P.F.P. Youth national conference is to take place in P.E. on 21st March 86 E.C.C. has been invited to send a delegation albeit informally as yet.
- 6) National Committee meeting: Points to ponder:

a) Should E.C.C. have another conference in mid-year?

b) E.C.C. was invited to give evidence on Role of S.A.D.F. at U.N Committee on apartheid in April. A list of possible delegates has been drawn up but not yet finalized. Delegates are subject to regional approval.

c) Publication on War & Conscience to be updated. E.C.C. person needed

to be employed full-time for 2 months.

d) Possible regional offices - motivations must be strong, will be accepted/rejected nationally. Possible part-time desk in existing office was suggested.

e) New national publication: to be distributed in all conventional book shops in competition with "Paratus" Editorial to be based in Cape Town.

to give outline of E.C.C.

- 7) Report-back from contact group: Admin needs to be jacked up. New people must be tapped for skills. Integration between members is necessary. Contact group is vital in forthcoming campaign. Media to be printed in afrikaans as well. Marketing of tapes and t-shirts must be jacked up. Questionnaires must be drawn up to accompany sales. New telephone tree was circulated.
- 8) Buzz on "Work for a just Peace campaign" in P.E.
 Possibility of Walmer township as location was discussed. More limited work
 was suggested due to lack of resources eg.

painting, gardening, maintenance for existing organisations, renovation of existing building in township eg.church hall to be used for creches, first aid classes, building benches for pension pay-out points, and other queing areas, possibly extending Zwide/Veeplaas clinic, training lay-people.

Members were delegated to guage support and make contact with all progressive organisations.

9) The meeting was closed at 11 p.m.

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End Conscription Compaign

Dear Friend

You are invited to an

AGTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

in preparation for the ECC'S National

WORK

FOR A D CAMPAIGN



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n April.

This campaign will demonstrate how young South Africans can work constructively in the community - as an alternative to carrying a gun as a national serviceman, and being regarded with fear and anger by the majority of South Africans.

The success of this campaign depends on Your ACTIVE participation!

ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP:

DATE: SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

TIME: 2 PM - 5 PM

PLACE: 27 DELFT ROAD (SEE MAP)

Bring Swimming

The workshop will be followed by a supper/braai - so bring along whatever you would like to eat and drink.

NB- If you can't make the workshop, please contact ECC to find out what is happening - before the next general meeting.

Thanks - See you there.

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	John Johnson	CAPE	ROAD	
ROAD	DRIVE			
KABECA	VAN DER STEL		TROMP	DEUPT No. 27



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ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR A JUST PEACE

Welcome

Opening Prayers

Hymn No. 48 - St Francis' Prayer

Reading from Isiaih Chapter 58

"The lack of justice in our land and troops being no solution"

Reading of the ECC Declaration

Hymn No. 40 "He sent me to give the good news to the poor"

Reading from Romans Chapter 8

"Hope and our responsibilities"

Hymn - "Once to every man and nation"

Closing prayers and Blessing

Nkosi Sikelel'iAfrika

Fr. F.Martin

Bishop B. Evans

Parish Prayer Book Page 110

Rev. Matiwane

All

Parish Prayer Book Page 96

Rev. G. Irvine

P.T.O.

Fr. R. Abdo

NKOSI SIKELEL'I AFRIKA

Nkosi sikelel'i Afrika
Maluphakam' uphondo lwayo
Yiva lemithandazo yethu
Nkosi sikelela
Thina lusapho lwayo

(x2)

Woza Moya Sikelela Nkosi sikelela Woza Moya Oyingcwele Nkosi sikelela Thina lusapho lwayo

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Morena Boluka Sechaba sa heso Ophidi sedintwa le matcwele ho (x2)

O se Boluka (x2)

Sechaba sa heso Sechaba sa Afrika

Makube njalo Kude kube nguna phakade God Bless Africa Let the voice of the people be heard Hear our prayers

God bless our generation

Come Spirit
God bless our nation
Come Spirit, the Holy Spirit

God bless our nation

Banish war and upheaval

O God bless it, bless it

Our nation

Let it be so Forever

Once to every man and nation

Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide In the strife of truth with falsehood, For the good or evil side; Some great cause, God's new Messiah, Offering each the bloom or blight— And the choice goes by forever 'Twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble, When we share her wretched crust, Ere her cause bring fame and profit, And 'tis prosperous to be just; Then it is the brave man chooses, While the coward stands aside, Till the multitude make virtue Of the faith they had denied.

By the light of burning martyrs, Christ, Thy bleeding feet we track Toiling up new Calvaries ever With the Cross that turns not back. New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth; They must upward still and onward Who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper, Yet 'tis truth alone is strong; Though her portion be the scaffold, And upon the throne be wrong-Yet that scaffold sways the future, And, behind the dim unknown, Standeth God within the shadow, Keeping watch above His own.

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PEACE FAST - EVENING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

BETWEEN 5.30 p.m. AND 7.00 p.m. EVERY DAY THERE WILL BE AN INTERESTING PEACE AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME IN THE INSTRUCTION ROOM AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHEDRAL, WHITES ROAD. EVERYONE IS WELCOME - BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

ADMISSION FREE.

WEDNESDAY 25: PUBLIC DEBATE - 8 p.m. CITY HALL

KEN OWEN VS JANET CHERRY : IS THE ECC CALL FOR TROOPS OUT OF

THE TOWNSHIPS JUSTIFIED?

THURSDAY 26: DISCUSSION ON THE MEDIA

FRIDAY 27 : MUSIC - SINGING WITH RECORDER AND GUITAR

SATURDAY 28 : TO BE ANNOUNCED

SUNDAY 29 : TO BE ANNOUNCED

PEACE VIDEO FESTIVAL (MONDAY - SATURDAY)

MONDAY 30: GALLIPOLI (ANTI-WAR FILM ABOUT YOUNG AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS IN WORLD WAR 1)

TUESDAY 1: MISSING (REPRESSION IN CHILE)

WEDNESDAY 2: "Z" (GREEK FILM ABOUT THE RISE OF MILITARY DICTATORSHIP)

THURSDAY 3: PRISONER WITHOUT A NAME, CELL WITHOUT A NUMBER (REPRESSION IN LATIN

AMERICA - JACOB TIMMERMAN)

FRIDAY 4 : COMING HOME (AFTERMATH OF THE VIETNAM WAR)

SATURDAY 5: TESTAMENT (EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR WAR)

MASS 24-HOUR FAST FOR PEACE

SUNDAY 6 : 7 P.M. PEACE VIGIL - START OF 24 HOUR FAST

MONDAY 7: 7 P.M. ECUMENICAL SERVICE - ST AUGUSTINE'S

8 P.M. PEACE SUPPER - BREAKING OF FAST

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS - THEY PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT

WHY WE WANT

PEACE WITH JUSTICE.

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