

Incidents of harrassment - Cape Town ECC 1986

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January

*Alastair Teeling-Smith's car was broken into by police and some pamphlets put out by the schools group were removed.

*Alastair and another member of ECC were detained for about an hour while they were pamphleteering outside St. George's Grammar School.

* Ivan had his wheel mysteriously loosened.

February

*Two security policemen go and visit Bill Rawson the landlord and speak to him about the sexual preferences and the psychological problems of certain ECC members.

March

*Laurie books an air ticket to P.E. through SASTS and it was cancelled on his behalf.

*Prior to a fun run which had been organised a phone call is made to the office warning us that we should get permission for the run.

* At the fun run a group of men arrive in "I love SADF" t-shirts and ~~with~~ with "End Communism Campaign" printed on the back of the shirts.

* Principal of St Josephs approached about St. J. contact with ECC.

April

* WJP booth at St Georges Cathedral in town. One Saturday the police arrive at the booth and demand to know names and threaten to arrest the group of people there.

* Another Saturday at the booth 5 white men come and take all the media off the table, steal the very beautiful banner and assault two of the ECC people there and push a woman who was walking toward the stall aside.

*The anti-communism anti-terrorist campaign emerges in this month. They leave a couple of posters at the ECC rally in the city hall "ECC and supporters - you could be next. They send the same poster to some individuals and also to the Civil Rights League.

* A small poster gets plucked up around town with an image of a man being necklaced in the background and a person in the foreground wearing an ECC and UDF badge. The slogan "SADF out of the townshipsso that we can terrorize the people in peace"

*Throughout this month a number of phone calls to the office. Some just threatening right wing calls, others a little more suspiciously asking us quite closely about the source for our funding, and our relationship to Ron Con at the time of the fair.

May

*Front door of the office broken and anti UDF pamphlets scattered around in the foyer downstairs.

* Jonathan Shapiro assaulted while holding a picket advertising SADF raids meeting.

* ECC member bashed over arm while distributing pamphlet for SADF raids meeting.

Person goes to landlord and says that we are refusing to sublet an office to him because of his political news & we are a bunch of communists etc.

June

- * Mike Evans detained — State of Emerg. declared.
- * Helena Thornton detained
- Other people detained + questioned on ECC
- * Gag laws imposed
- * Gag laws repealed, 8 ECC people arrested, released next day.

incidents of repression

4-2-86

Alistair Teeling-Smith was at a meeting at 30 Walleston Road and found 2 policemen breaking into his car. Apparently he was parked over a driveway and they needed to move his car. While doing so they noticed pamphlets etc. in his car and decided to break in and remove a cadets pamphlet. They wouldn't give a receipt. In addition to the cadets pamphlet they took a sticker and a copy of an old January call up pamphlet.

incidents of repression

5-2-86

Alistair Teeling-Smith and Sally Andrews were briefly detained whilst doing some schools pamphleteering outside St. Georges Grammar School. Pamphlets, stickers, timetable were confiscated. They were kept at the Mowbray police station for 45 minutes, "detained for the purposes of interrogation". The police wanted to know their names and addresses and if they were at UCT. Alistair said that they were not at all heavy and that it was interesting to talk to them.

repression continued...

5-2-86

Two security policemen went to visit our landlord and spent about an hour with him. They were warrant officer Theron and ? Tallyard. It is not quite clear what their purposes were, the landlord didn't feel that they were trying to persuade him not to let to us. They filled him in on some personal details of ECC members, which seems to have been an attempt to discredit us.

Incidents of repression

Friday 21 March

Laurie's air ticket which had been booked through SASTS to P.E. was mysteriously cancelled by a Ms. van der Riet.

Thurs 20 March

Josie receives phone call at Ron Con asking about our relationship with Ron Con and wanting to know if they give us money. Followed up the next day by a phone call to the office also asking about money and how we are funded.

March

A few threatening phone calls to the office wanting to know whether we had got permission for the fun run. Also after we had pamphleteered flats quite a few antagonistic calls.

March

Bill Rawson the landlord is approached by someone who says that they applied to use the vacant office and that we wouldn't let him. But no-one had applied to lease the office and the first person who did apply we accepted since we needed the money.

March

Security Police go to Allie and ask who takes our media and who collects it etc. They also asked about the UDF and a couple of other orgs.

March

When Gavin left to go to the USA he was stopped at the airport and searched and they confiscated 2 out of 3 copies of his evidence to the U.N.

March

ECC spoke at St. Josephs school in Rondebosch and the principal of the school was visited and asked about ECC and who from ECC had made all the arrangements.

March

At the fun run there was a security police presence and a group of about 15 men arrived wearing 'we love the SADF' shirts and 'End Communism Campaign' shirts.

March

Various people have had their names taken while pamphleteering. On one occasion at the booth outside St. Georges Cathedral in town police threatened to arrest people and took their names. They then said that they wouldn't arrest everyone if Chippy went with them and spoke to them. ECC people there discussed it and decided that Chippy should not go and speak to the police and so he didn't other than to go and tell them that he wouldn't be speaking to them.

April

The booth at St. Georges Cathedral was attacked by 5 people. The WJP banner was stolen and all of the media on the booth. They tried to hit Mike R. and Nic and they pushed a woman who was standing trying to find out more about ECC against a tree. Charges of theft and assault have been laid.

April

The glass front door of the office was broken and some right wing anti UDF pamphlets found outside.

HARASSMENT DOCUMENT

April 1987

20th: Anti-ECC graffiti appears around the UCT campus: 'Paula se Poes', 'ECC=ANC', 'Paula Hathorn, we are going to get you'.

22nd: Smear posters stuck over 'Day of Concern' posters advertising a public meeting. Smear posters advertised a 'National Day of Mourning' for 'Victims of Terrorism', 'Deceased National Servicemen' and 'Civilians murdered by the ANC'. Graphics used on the posters were a terrorist standing above a necklaced child and the Fort Klipperkop statue of a conscript.

23rd: More ECC smear posters appear, stuck over previous smear posters and on walls around Cape Town, with the following slogans:
ECC members are yellow
ECC does it from behind
ECC believes in fairy tales.
ECC member Mark Sutherland picked up by the police for defacing the smear posters with a koki. Held for a hour until Branch arrived. Branch member claimed they were responsible for the smear posters.

More anti-ECC graffiti appears, some of it sprayed on the windows of Open Books.

Banner, posters and pamphlets stolen out of the boot of ECC member Tracey Clayton's car. A police van had driven past her car while she was locking the boot. Other items of value were left in the car.

26th: ECC member Ivan Toms received a phone call from a friend that people were sticking up anti-ECC posters in Claremont. Police informed but claimed they could not find the culprits. Toms caught them putting up posters in Mowbray. He summoned police from Mowbray Police Station. Together they apprehended the culprits. They were in a white Isuzu bakkie, registration number CY 137437. There were two men in the front of the bakkie and two in the back with a bucket of glue and anti-ECC posters. They were asked to drive to the police station. However they drove off in the wrong direction. Both Toms and the police chased after them

but they escaped. The police subsequently claimed that the registration number was false and they had been unable to trace the bakkie.

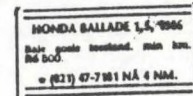
27th: More anti-ECC posters appeared on the streets.

30th: A message was left on the answering machine at the ECC office, by an individual representing the 'Anti-Communist Alliance' who claimed responsibility for the posters. He had a fake German accent and said they would break Dr. Toms's knee caps and saying they did not like him because he liked little boys. The message ended with: 'Heil Hitler'. A similar message was left at the Cape Times newsdesk. This person has subsequently left several messages on the answering machine.

3rd May: Empty Branch car parked at a meeting point where people had left their cars to go to a campaign meeting.

5th: Orange fluorescent stickers appear at UCT saying 'ECC Peace Off'. Similar in appearance to ECC stickers.

7th: ECC member Josie Grindrads car advertised in Die Burger as being for sale. Advert placed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday by a 'Mr. Grindrads'.



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HARASSMENT DOCUMENT:

May:

- 16th: * Branch car parked outside Dave Green's house overnight.
22nd: * W/O Trompie Theron visited the ECC office and declared that the planned ECC Fair was illegal. Site where the fair was to be held was visited by police and a similar message was given. Lawyers negotiated with branch to allow it to go ahead.
* Phone call from Publication Control Board saying that 'War' series of films, being shown at our film festival, had not been cleared with them. According to a Dr. Coetzee, he was acting on a complaint. Problem sorted out a few days later as films were from the provincial library.
23rd: * A helicopter (registration number Z2HLY) swooped low over ECC fair at 11am and dropped two types of smear pamphlets published by the Anti-liberal Alliance. One pamphlet linked us to the ANC and the other questioned our motives for having women involved in ECC.
* Police arrived at the fair at 2pm and said they had received a warning that a bomb would explode. Dogs searched but found no bomb.
27th: * Lots of anti ECC graffiti appears around Cape Town and at UCT saying mostly things about Ivan and Paula. Graffiti sprayed on walls outside Mike Evans and Paula's house. More smear posters appear (ECC is Yellow, Does it from behind, etc.)

June:

- 1st: * Crank phone calls to Ivans house continue.
9th: * Ivans friend Graeme Perlman's life threatened by phone caller.
* Breakdown service instructed to tow away Graemes car.
11th: * Anti Liberal Alliance pamphlet appears in parent group member Angus Morton's post box.
16th: * Graeme Perlman provided with an escort for the night.
22nd: * 4 Crank phone calls to Ivans house
23rd: * Ivans car and house and his neighbours car and house covered in ECC "Peace Off" stickers.
* A3 Poster stuck up: "Ivan Toms is a fairy".
* Anti Ivan graffiti appears.
* ECC "Peace Off" stickers appear on Angus Mortons car.
* Anti ECC poster stuck on Graeme Perlmans car.
25th: * 5 Crank phone calls to Ivans house

July:

- 1st: * Printed posters stuck on cardboard and hung from poles with "Out of Step" logo and ECC chain put up all over Cape Town. Slogans: "ECC Probes Gay Membership", "Toms AIDS Test Positive". (This was the day that Ivan was due to be called up on).
10th: * During this period the following ECC members have received crank phone calls: Chippy Olver, Matthew Blatchford, Felicity Wood, Tracey Clayton and Angus Morton.
14th: * Phone call that claimed that bomb was about to explode in the office. Bomb Squad arrived, but no bomb.

For the 2 weeks prior to the day that Ivan was called up on (1st July), office had crank phone calls about ECC and mainly about Ivan everyday, sometimes up to 6 a day. The day that Ivans call-up was postponed the phone calls stopped until about the 14th

July. Most callers said they were from the Anti Liberal Alliance although there were some arbitrary callers.
3rd, 4th and 5th August: Caller says he is from National Radio Freedom, makes anti-ECC comments and plays old German Nazi music.

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