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War Resisters League

in cooperation with the American Committee on Africa presents:

STOP APARTHEID WARS



Laurie Nathan

National Organizer for End Conscription Campaign (ECC)

WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE MORAL RIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICANS TO EXERCISE FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND TO CHOOSE NOT TO SERVE IN THE SADF

WE CALL FOR AN END TO CONSCRIPTION
WE CALL FOR A JUST PEACE IN OUR LAND

LOCAL 1199 HEALTH AND HOSPITAL WORKERS UNION, NEW YORK CITY

May 1, 7 pm 1987

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MC's- Lisa Crooms American Committee on Africa

Matt Meyer War Resisters League

WELCOMING REMARKS- Sonia Ivany Local 1199, Labor Comm. Against Apartheid

SPEAKERS- Gregg Payton Vietnam Veterans Against War

Valerie Van Isler International Affairs Correspondent,
National Assn. of Third World
Journalists

William Kunstler Center for Constitutional Rights

Performers- S E R I O U S B I Z N E S S
Ngoma & Jaribu Hill

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June Jordan Poet/Activist

Laurie Nathan Former National Organizer of the
END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN, South Africa

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr. Executive Director of
the Commission for Racial Justice of
the United Church of Christ

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THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN CALL TO CONSCIENCE:

TOWARDS A JUST PEACE IN OUR LAND

We live in an unjust society where basic human rights are denied to the majority of the people.

We live in an unequal society where the land and wealth are owned by the minority.

We live in a society in a state of civil war, where brother is called on to fight brother.

We call for an end to conscription.

Young men are conscripted to maintain the illegal occupation of Namibia, and to wage unjust war against foreign countries.

Young men are conscripted to assist in the implementation and defence of apartheid policies.

Young men who refuse to serve are faced with the choice of a life of exile or a possible six years in prison.

We call for an end to conscription.

We believe that the financial cost of the war increases the poverty of our country, and that money should rather be used in the interests of peace.

We believe that the extension of conscription to coloured and Indian youths will increase conflict and further divide our country.

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THE VIOLENCE OF RACISM AND MILITARISM: THE U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICA

An Excellent Resource for
Peace and Justice Activists

It can be argued that racism and militarism are two sides of the same coin. Each thrives on seeing an "enemy" that is less than human. Historically, each has reinforced the other. The heightened awareness in the U.S. of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa provides an excellent context in which to discuss the connections between racism and militarism.

WRL's newest packet, "**The Violence of Racism and Militarism: The U.S. and South Africa**," is an exploration of just a few of the many subjects related to this theme. Articles by Ann Braden, Manning Marable, Bill Sutherland, Mikel Taylor and Matt Meyer, plus interviews with Dorothy Cotton and Mandy Carter will stimulate thought, discussion, and most importantly, action in facing the individual and structural violence of racism and militarism.

WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE

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CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation



Whereas:

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN PASSING LOCAL LAW 19 OF 1985 AND LOCAL LAW 81 OF 1986, AND ON MANY OTHER OCCASIONS, HAS INDICATED BY WORD AND DEED ITS ABHORRENCE OF APARTHEID AND THE RACIST STATE VIOLENCE THAT APARTHEID INSTITUTIONALIZES; AND

WHEREAS: THE COUNCIL WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF NONRACIAL, DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA IN SPEARHEADING THE OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND IN WORKING TOWARD A JUST PEACE IN THE FACE OF REPRESSION AND DETENTIONS; AND

WHEREAS: AMONG THESE COURAGEOUS ORGANIZATIONS, THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN HAS COME TO REPRESENT A NEW MOVEMENT OF RESISTANCE TO MILITARY SERVICE AMONG SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES; AND

WHEREAS: IN THE WORDS OF ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU, THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN'S CONSTRUCTIVE WORK "REPRESENTS THE HOPE OF SOUTH AFRICA"; AND

WHEREAS: LAURIE NATHAN, NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN AND FORMER SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS, HAS COME OUT OF HIDING TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TO TESTIFY AT THE UNITED NATION'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, AND EDUCATE CITIZENS HERE ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN SOUTH AFRICA; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: THAT UPON THE OCCASION OF LAURIE NATHAN'S VISIT, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK DOES HEREBY DECLARE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN, AND ALL DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DATED THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF APRIL, THE YEAR NINETEEN-HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN.

Wendell Foster

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COUNCIL MEMBER

Ruth W. Messinger

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SOUTH AFRICA

LAURIE NATHAN

will give his account
of life in oppression

VOICES

**F R O M
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A NATIONWIDE SPEAKING TOUR

**Resisting
Apartheid**

Laurie Nathan

National Organizer for
End Conscription Campaign (ECC)

12 noon

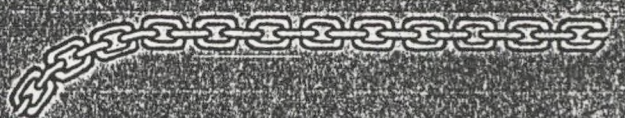
Tues., April 14

Palo Pinto Room
University Center

The ECC
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white organization
which works for a just
peace in South Africa by opposing
the military draft.

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South Africa

Behind the News Blackout

**Saturday
April 4
7 p.m.**

**Webster University
Administration Bldg.
Rm. 200
470 E. Lockwood**

PANEL DISCUSSION

Laurie Nathan

Laurie Nathan is a white, South African draft resister who has been brought to the U.S. to testify before Congress about the current conditions in South Africa.

Ibrahim Gassama

Ibrahim Gassama is responsible for research and analysis for TransAfrica, and is the editor of TransAfrica Forum. Mr. Gassama is a lawyer, originally a citizen of the West African country of Sierra Leone.

Laurie Nathan's appearance courtesy of the St. Louis War Resisters League.
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