

PRESENT: KA, Sash, UDF Gardens, Stellenbosch ECC, UCT ECC.

ROUND-UP ON DETENTIONS, TRIAL AND HOW ECC COPEd:

Nine people detained at 4.30 on 3 December, 1986. The previous evening, JHB people had been detained. Cape Town security was slack as we were in the middle of a campaign. The experience was relatively easy in terms of an introduction to detention. Support work was absolutely stunning and encouraging. Interrogations were light and focused on personal involvement in ECC. Detentions had been ordered by military intelligence in Pretoria. Detainees charged under the emergency regulations for making and disseminating subversive statements.

ECC communication channels did not seem to work well after the crackdown, with people wanting to provide support being unable to. People in hiding felt alienated and we should address ourselves to being more security conscious. The crackdown affected more people than in the past. However, ECC coped remarkably well. The front was very useful in helping ECC.

A security workshop addressing useful issues, communication and contact, is a priority.

NATIONAL REPORT:

General - Feeling of National Committee was that we need to reevaluate the nature of our style of work in terms of the state's response to ECC. We need to look more seriously at new strategies such as house meetings, broad membership drive, working more closely with the front and encourage anti-conscription work in other areas. We need to make preparations for being banned. However, we cannot give up our high profile mass work. Methods of mass work must change. The February Call-up Campaign was dropped. Proposed campaigns are an anti-war campaign and alternate service campaign.

Employees - Employees were provisionally appointed by NC as a result of a breakdown in national discussions due to repression. Cape Town General Body ratified the following employees:

Nic Borain - National Organizer
Adele Kirsten - National Secretary

General Body requested that Clare's position be reassessed at the next NC as a result of her detention.

US Tour - CT had to decide between sending individuals with UDF or cancelling our participation in the tour. CT decision was that we should send individuals on the tour. Competence was suggested as a basis for selection.

Legal - ECC Johannesburg lawyers suggest we challenge emergency regulations on the basis that regulations have banned ECC. Position on challenge at the moment is unclear.

ANC Ad - ECC was requested to support the ANC advertisement. However, most regions were unable to discuss it and on the basis of the JHB response, we did not support it.

Geldenhuis Ad Response - Suggestion from Durban that we prepare a document addressing ourselves to points made in the Ad and send it to Geldenhuis. CT to take it up. Decision is that we should work on a response to appear before the call-up. — *at next GB decided not to take it up.*

Clare and Janet - Janet, detained ~~three~~⁶ months ago, is very well, exercising and studying. She is expecting to be there for some time. Clare has been detained for seven weeks. Initially at John Vorster Square, now at Diepkloof. She is well and strong. Ex-ECC member Ian McKenzie has been in for six weeks.

3. FAN MAIL:

Letter read from nine year old supporter.

4. PARENTS' GROUP:

As a result of the War Is No Solution Campaign and Dad's Army Call Up, the parents were revitalized. At a house meeting, they proposed that they would like to be formally part of ECC. Specific interest areas of the group would be self-education, house meetings and the Dad's Army issue. They would offer support to ECC and to families of conscripts. They requested subcommittee status which was accepted by the ECC.

5. WEEKEND AWAY:

Suggestion from executive to be used for assessment and forward planning. Would take place as soon as possible. Suggestion for a joint CT/Stellenbosch ECC weekend away in the future, but Stellenbosch were welcome to attend this one. Suggestion that front reps and members be invited and encouraged to come. General Body endorsed this idea.

6. OFFICE & SECRETARY:

Secretary, the employment thereof : proposal that we assess the need for a secretary at the weekend away.

7. REPORTS:

Placement Meeting - Took place on Saturday to cater for the placement of activists in different subcommittees.

Sash Meeting - Requested that ECC participate in the Free the Children Vigil which was agreed on.

Sash Article - Volunteers requested.

Justin - Toured Norway and Sweden and important work for ECC. Requested permission to speak at meeting in London, which was granted. Suggested that letter of thanks be written.

8. WHITE AREAS MEETING:
Called for reps.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES' REPORTS:
Media - Had a nice picnic.
Schools - Involved in a schools workshop. Originated in August last year. Meet in December. Meeting again at the end of the month where discussion will take place round the formation of an organisation or front. PAAG have begun a cadets campaign.
Culture - Raised issues of (1) mandate of weekend away participants; (2) portfolio holders being housed in subcommittees.

10. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:
Campus ECC - Recently, reps met with other campus ECC reps.
Gardens UDF - Wednesday 4 February 1.00pm meeting at St Georges.
KA - A green conference took place in December.
Black Sash - Will have a stand at the opening of parliament.
Stellenbosch ECC - Formal contact must be reestablished.

11. EXECUTIVE REPORT:
- Suggestion that subcommittees meet on Monday nights.
- Subcommittees should set up emergency plans.

12. GENERAL:
* Rounders with PAAG on Saturday at 2.00 pm.
* Alastair to co-ordinate ~~the~~ ~~services~~ resources.
* Cultural Festival Assessment February 28th for organisations. ECC needs to prepare for the assesmentn.
* Cultural Festival Cardboard - Fiona to collect it.
* NAMDA Meeting - Dave to speak.
* Old ECC posters still up.
* "Somewhere on the Border" tickets available.

5 Feb 1987

MINUTES OF THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN (CAPE TOWN) GENERAL BODY

Present: Koeberg Alert, Black Sash, UDF Gardens, UDF Obs and Claremont, UCT ECC, Young Progressives

1. Updates

- a) There was a raid on Alastair's house by four policeman at 4.30 last Friday. 200 Militarization dossiers were confiscated.
- b) Andy Orpen is critical in hospital as a result of being run over by a motorbike. His condition is unchanged. Media has made a card. ECC will send a card and a gift to the Orpens and the nursing staff.

2. Organizational Reports

UDF Gardens: Public Meeting at St Georges last Wednesday. Open Forum around white election planned

UDF Obs: Had a weekend away. Work to focus on white elections.

Sash: Stand and vigil at opening of parliament.

UCT ECC: Working on setting up a front.

Young Progs: pledge support to ECC and have some ideas

Koeberg Alert: workshop is planned.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Media: A lively presentation about security and weekend away proposals. A discussion is planned to discuss its proposed publicity role; other sub comm members invited. Doing some work for the Advice Bureau.

Schools' Schools forum took place. Decided to carry on meeting monthly to coordinate work. Need two reps on Forum. Schools will provide rep and want another rep from another subcomm. Workshop with PAAG and GAYP to take place. Edasa invited ECC to public meeting on 11 Feb at 8pm. ECC rep to sit on stage.

Patents: Will meet monthly. Will have an educational focus. Potential for many new members.

Culture: Focussing on recruitment. Pavement Art, Roadshow, Cartoon, painted bus, photo comic, ballet and film festival are all ideas under discussion.

4. National

Tasks to be carried out by Cape Town:

- report on operation of the front
- harrassment document
- meeting with local Nusas

All of these tasks were allocated.

Reports:

PE: Philip Wilkinson has been re-charged with failing to report to SADF. Dominique Souchon arrested for talking to Janet.

JHB: just had AGM and elected new executive.

Durban: a member charged under emergency regulations for participating in yellow ribbon campaign.

General: ECC books are being investigated.

Issues:

- Geldenhuis letter. Idea that Cape Town should respond in depth was rejected. We should rather prepare ourselves for the July/August call-up. Idea should go to National Committee.
- Clare's employment: Cape Town felt that they would support Clare's suggestions about her employment. Sub-comms should discuss whether they think ECC needs a second national organiser.
- National Committee: Proposal from weekend away that 2 reps be sent to NC from CT ECC. Campus to discuss. Ideas for NC agenda should be discussed by subcomms and brought to GB.

5. US TOUR
ECC individuals to participate.

6. Weekend away

Very good and exciting. Good food. Constructive. Enjoyable. Integrated. New two pronged strategy formulated amidst cabarets and mussels. It was proposed at the weekend that the following new structures be set up:

- Outreach Committee
 - Subcomm coordination committee
 - transformation of Media into a Publicity sub-comm
- Proposals to be discussed by front orgs and sub-comms

7. Campaign Report

Report presented by group working on discussions from weekend away. Campaign needs to assert ECC on public level, moral level and as a national organisation. Proposed a long, low key consistent campaign in context of the white elections.

Focus on:

- alternative service
- alternatives to civil conflict
- security depends on justice, militarization
- war in Southern Africa

Central thread -f 'ECC - for peaceful alternatives'. Could focus on different areas during the campaign. Suggestion that there should be a national theme with national dates, but that other coordination remains loose. Proposal hotly debated, strong disagreements etc etc. Proposed that subcomms and orgs discuss the proposal and a workshop be planned to discuss the campaign.

8. Office Worker

Applications for ECC office worker close on 19th February. Appointment of office worker will be ratified at a following GB.

9. Executive Report

Exec sees itself playing a coordinating role with strong emphasis on sub comm representation providing feedback to exec. There has been discussion around the roles of members of exec and their portfolios.

Chair has seen someone from the French Embassy, two Swedish journalists, French journalist, met with UDF and Nusas Head Office.

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Minutes of the ECC Cape Town General Body held on 5th March 1987

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1) Letter from Clare

From detention in Johannesburg. Sent condolences to ECC about Andy's death.

2) National report from National Secretary

Adele Kirsten was visiting Cape Town, and as National Secretary and gave a national report. The lawyers are about to file an application for Clare's release. No reasons have been given for her detention. She has been allowed fairly regular visits, seems well, and has study rights.

National Committee met recently. Nationally, there is a clearer idea of ECC's direction. ECC seems strong with new people being recruited. Orientation week went well on campuses.

In the Transvaal: Pretoria members have been raided by police. Their security has been tightened up. Johannesburg is not having General Bodes for security reasons. Their Art Exhibition has just opened with 800 people attending the opening night. Their security is good. In Natal: they have been good at taking the "little Gaps" eg "Make love not War" campaign. In the Eastern Cape: East London is getting off the ground. Port Elizabeth has had some security setbacks. Grahamstown is working well with Rhodes.

Generally, things are going well for ECC and it is strong. However, a crackdown is to be expected.

3) US tour

National Committee referred the discussion to Cape Town. They felt that we should send two people to the USA. However, we can only send one person. It will be a high profile tour. It is suggested that the person going be a mandated ECC rep. The rep. would be mandated to speak on ECC issues. ECC retains its position that no ECC rep has a mandate to speak to the ANC.

Criteria for the selection of a rep:

- * good understanding of ECC
- * good public speaking ability
- * should be able to deal with pressure of the tour.
- * should be confident in different situations

* must be an experienced person and have a good overall political understanding.

Nominees were given more time to consider the tour.

4) National Committee reportback

A good meeting that went well. GB accepted the suggestion that a regional reportback should take place.

5) Office Worker

GB accepted the recommendation that Tessa should be employed as the office worker. They felt that the office should be open between 11am and 2pm. A review group for the office worker was also set up.

6) Outreach Sub-Committee

From a small, but brave beginning, outreach proposed ideas for a mass membership drive. It was proposed that members will pay a subscription and receive a card, a T-shirt and a tabloid subscription. Members would also be entitled to attend quarterly meetings. Outreach will also organise house meetings and liaise with other organizations.

7) Internal Education

Posponed in favour of the Sash public meeting.

8) Organizational reports

- Black Sash: National conference public launch to be addressed by Mary Burton and Jakes Gerwel. ECC members invited to attend. Sash is involved in a Free the Children alliance.
- Society of Friends: working on Quaker peace testimony.
- BSR: poor response from priests at a recent conscription advice workshop.
- UDF Gardens: having a public meeting on Wed 18th, to be addressed by Alan Boesak. 1pm St George's Cathedral Hall.
- UDF Observatory: new rep is expected shortly.
- Campus ECC: a new campaign is planned.

9) Sub-Committee reports

- Parents and Supporters Group: planning a house meeting.
- Schools: workshop to take place.
- Churches: have had invitations to speak at youth groups. They have developed a play and a pamphlet has been drawn up.
- Publicity: The tabloid group had a very exciting writing skills workshop. The general publicity group is putting together a package for the mailing list. The 'press gang' are still to meet. An 'internal'

internal education has been planned.

- Culture: have written a script for a roadshow. Pavement art went well with a front page picture in the Weekly Mail.

10) Exec report

A rep attended the white areas meeting. A white areas workshop has been planned.

A GB ASSESSMENT

The following comments were made during an in-depth assessment of Cape Town ECC's General Body.

C: I enjoy GBs

H: we need to prepare better.

T: Same people talk ... there is a relaxing atmosphere ... others must talk.

M: Delightful

B: Interesting

H: Last one was long. We need fewer points and more discussion.

D: Nice

S: GB's are inspiring, but agendas can sometimes get out of hand. There have been innovations with the new chair.

B: Sometimes long and tedious, sometimes they work. It helps to have exciting discussion.

f: Amazing.

M: Helps to have a spread of people giving reports. Need to get front reps back.

M: Preparation is important. Off-exec people should lead discussion. Inputs need to be prepared.

M: Needs more meaty discussion. I like the back massage.

J: Interesting and inspiring.

F: Need meaty discussion.

F: Discussion.

I: In general, I look forward to them.

I: This is where decisions are made. Front is sometimes left out on a limb.

L: Enjoyed them.

K: Good, powerful.

A: Shorter ones are better than the longer ones.

1. US Tour ;

CT felt that the person should now go as a mandated rep to the US, as a member of ECC. It was felt to be important that the person be seen to be firmly based within an organisation and she/he would not be going in his individual capacity. There was some concern expressed about the process of NC transferring the decision to Cape Town as well as new nominees being added at the end. This needs to be taken to NC.

2. Office Worker :

CT no longer has an office worker and Exec members will take responsibility for staffing the office for 3 hours a day until the end of March by which time they hope to have employed someone.

3. Outreach :

CT will be going on a membership drive, requesting membership fees.

4. Black Sash Conference :

CT Exec had met with Mary Burton and spoke about the condition of each of their organisations and the possibility of an ECC banning. The first internal education event would be the attendance of the opening of the Black Sash Conference on Thursday, 12 March. A message of support would be sent to the conference.

5. Campus:

Due to the increased numbers and relative inexperience of the campus exec they are feeling slightly uneasy and lack confidence so have requested a meeting with the town Exec to workshop some ideas on how to take the campaign forward on campus.

6. Affiliation :

ECC has been approached by FEDTRAW to affiliate. A meeting will be set up between reps of the 2 orgs.

7. Defence Year Book:

Suggested that ECC advertises in it.

Minutes of the Cape Town ECC General Body held on 21 March 1987

Present: Board of Social Responsibility, Black Sash, Society of Friends, Campus ECC, Women's Movement for Peace, UDF Observatory and Claremont.

1) Security

There was a police presence at the Front Organizations' meeting point which lead to the cancellation of the usual Thursday night GB. After an assessment, it was felt that security arrangements need to be tightened up with rules being strictly enforced.

2) Meeting with active reps from front organizations

The meeting took place with reps from the Black Sash, Society of Friends, Women's Movement for Peace, Board of Social Responsibility and UDF Gardens. ECC needs to appreciate the differences between the organizations and need to apply different expectations and assumptions. Ways of taking up ECC's issues was discussed with ideas of militarization groups in organizations to work closely with ECC. ECC should have an understanding of the different positions of the organizations. An emergency plan for the front was set up. Less active organizations are being followed up.

3) Report from UCT ECC

They are in the middle on a campaign called "Conscription, everyone's issue". They had a forum which went well as did their cultural evening. The official launch of UCT ECC is on Thursday 26th, in Jammeson Hall. The launch is to be addressed by Dr Alan Boesak.

4) Sub Committee reports

Churches: will be addressing a youth group and have produced a flyer.

Publicity: are working on the tabloid. Press group is brainstorming. A media package is being prepared.

Culture: will be building doves on Muizenberg beach and having a recruitment party. Murals have been planned. So has a film festival. They are working on a caberet, T-shirt and a record. Pavement Art will take place on the Parade on Saturday the 28th. A joint cultural evening with other organizations has been planned.

Schools:involved in colating information on drum majorettes. Schools workshops are going well. So is the Schools forum.

Parents and supporters group: recently held a house meeting.

5) National report

* Clare has been released from detention. She has been issued with restriction orders preventing her from participating in ECC. She is well.

* Cape Town needs to put forward names for the position of a second national organizer. The criteria for selection are as follows: hard working, disciplined, dynamic, likeable, get on well with people, an organizational building skill, good national feel for ECC and the struggle in general. Sub comes to discuss possible nominations.

* US tour. A lie was told to GB! Laurie Nathan left the country and the tour was not delayed. The lie was told for security reasons.

*Namibia. Two ECC members have just spent two weeks in Namibia where they gave a workshop to 25 organizations.

6) National Decision making

National Committee's role is one of coordination, but with the shelving of the annual conference, NC has made some decisions. National decision making is clumsy and time consuming, eg current campaign. In the light of this there was discussion on two questions:

- Should the mandate of NC be expanded to other issues?

It was felt that NC should have some decision making powers when the issue under discussion is urgent and there is no time to come back to regions for discussion, and when security considerations are factors. However, NC needs to be accountable. It was suggested that issues and agendas need to be discussed in different regions and that they need to decide on the issues that NC has mandates to make decisions on.

Centres have the right to recall and can overturn NC decisions, however the recall of an NC decision might be a problem and a process needs to be worked out for the recall. NC decisions need to be taken back to regions as soon as possible. It was also felt that because national campaigns are so difficult to coordinate, the gains of a national campaign need to be carefully examined.

- Should we have a mini-conference?

If it is held it should be structured round specific objectives. The idea was generally supported, although there were some reservations that it might go beyond being a representative gathering to a conference within itself. To guard against this, discussion needs to be reproduced after the mini-conference in each region.

Sub committees to discuss both questions.

7) National Committee reportback

A detailed reportback with Stellenbosch and UCT took place with about 40 people attending. It was useful meeting with the other branches. It was felt, however, that an NC reportback has to take place as soon as

as possible after NC.

8) Campaign

The proposal from Durban has been received. A regional workshop to plan the campaign, with UCT and Stellenbosch, is to be held.

9) Philip Wilkinson's trial

A number of national activities will be taking place. Churches group has worked on a programme in Cape Town. They have planned a vigil to take place between 6 and 7 pm at St George's Cathedral on Wednesday 25th.

9) Outreach report

Outreach submitted its report on the proposed mass membership drive. Its role in the membership drive will be one of coordination. The membership drive is to start as soon as possible.

10) Office worker

The office worker that was appointed was unable to take up the position. In the interim, Alastair has been appointed office worker. Applications for the job have reopened.

Minutes of the Cape Town ECC General Body held on 2 April 1987

Present: UDF Observatory and Claremont, Black Sash, UDF Gardens, Women's Movement for Peace, Society of Friends, Koeberg Alert, Young Progressives.

1) Campaign Report

An exciting campaign has been planned. The main action of the campaign will be the building of an edifice for conscripts. Other ideas are a cheese and wine to mark the start of the campaign, a church service on the national day of mourning for conscripts, a film festival, a multimedia evening, a fair, a rally, WJP projects, murals, house meetings and a 'suburb a week' strategy. The binding form of the campaign will be WJP projects to involve people in the campaign.

The national slogan is "War is not Compulsory, Let's choose a just Peace". The campaign will focus on the choices the conscript is faced with and will have a peak at the elections when the electorate are faced with choices.

2) SADF's 75th Birthday

An ad hoc group suggested that a well known individual is involved in a wreath laying ceremony and that a slick press statement is released. Due to time constraints, however, the plan was shelved and a press strategy was suggested.

3) Tabloid

The tabloid group is working well. They suggested that the title of the tabloid should be 'Out of Step', which was accepted by GB. The tabloid group invited people to a news gathering meeting. Help with distribution was requested.

4) Security

Security needs to be taken seriously during the campaign. Guidelines and suggestions were made.

5) Joint White Areas work

ECC has been requested to become involved in a front of organizations working around the white elections. Resulting from a joint white areas workshop held recently, reps were sent to a meeting where three main actions were decided on:

* a statement which would include basic demands such as

votes for all, the lifting of the state of emergency, the unbanning of political organizations, the release of political prisoners and detainees, the ending of SADF and SAP activities.

* A 'Votes for All' rally.

* A vigil at the time of the elections.

There was discussion around whether ECC can participate in such a front and if it could support the demands. The support of the demands was referred back to front organizations for discussion. However, it was felt that ECC needs to carefully consider the strengths and weaknesses of remaining a strictly single issue organization. It was suggested that ECC should appoint a committee to examine the problem. The matter was referred back to front organizations and sub committees and should be reported back to the next GB if possible. In the meantime, ECC will request observer status in the campaign.

6) Assessment of recent public work

Vigil: it was well structured and had a good advertising poster

Campus launch: a spectacular meeting with stimulating speakers, a poem and was well attended. However, there was a feeling that one of the speeches went contrary to what ECC stands for and was suggested that clear guidelines are issued to speakers. Another response was that the speech reflected the nature of ECC's front and that township speakers should be expected to be more radical than representatives from the white community. In conclusion, it was felt that guest speakers need to be carefully briefed and that points raised need to be kept into account when future speakers are invited. Campus ECC was complimented on a successful meeting. It was suggested that copies of good speeches should be made.

Pavement Art: a different format was used the second time round which worked well. The possibility of using other venues in the future is being considered.

Sandcastle: a list of guidelines have been drawn up as a result of an assessment of the police and right wing action.

7) National report

Laurie phoned recently from Seattle. His tour is going well. A proposal for a record was circulated, with the decision being delayed until the next GB. Proposals for a National Organizer was called for. Sub committees to bring names to the next GB.

8) News briefs

* Next internal education to focus on state witnesses and security issues

* Legal group established to link up with lawyers

- * request from press officer that sub committees need to liase more closely with her
- * coordinating committee had a successful meeting recently
- * UDF Gardens is having another election issue meeting next Wednesday

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Some National news:

Port Elizabeth: PE had a vigil the night before Philip's trial and it went very well, with over 400 people present. The trial has put them back in the arena of public work which they have been wanting to get into again for a while but have struggled. A smear pamphlet was put out at the vigil, based on the SACBC pamphlet.

At the trial the state led their evidence against Philip, and an interesting thing that emerged was a statement from a soldier that Philip wouldn't have had to go into a township because there are informal structures to deal with people who don't want to go. The trial was delayed until May.

Maritzburg, Durban, Joburg and CT had services/vigils around the trial.

Durban: They held a meeting with Judge Ederling (from the board) and someone who is doing their community service. Apparently the meeting went quite well, Ederling very clear on the board only being for religious pacifists. He was described as very 'charming' even though he was being quite heavy. Durban also seem to have got moving on the campaign quite fast, and there is a copy of a pamphlet that they have brought out.

Joburg: During their Prisoners of War exhibition it seems that The Education dept went to headmasters and mistresses suggesting that they should not send schoolpupils to the exhibition. Jhb are finding it quite difficult to get ahead with planning the campaign as they do not have GB's for security reasons, and it means that decision making processes and discussion are difficult and clumsy.

Pretoria: They are really struggling as one of their key people is leaving ECC. Jhb and Adele are going to put some time and energy into Pretoria.

The Board: Two Durban people appeared before the Board. One is a yogi and he was accepted, and the other applied for category 2 and was apparently really hammered for applying for this strange category and was refused. Adele went to the board hearings and was quite appalled at how they drill the applicants.

Challenging distribution of APN and the Vets for Victory

The SADF have been distributing APN in PE, and the whoevers have brought out the Vets for Victory publication (which we saw at the last GB). Adele spoke to Dave Dison about the feasibility of ECC legally challenging these. Dave felt that it is very expensive and time consuming to take legal action, and that perhaps it would be more appropriate for us to have worked out press strategy and handle it that way. Dave will be writing to the chief of the SADF about the APN.

Constitution

Because of going for mass membership we apparently need to change our constitution, and Adele in conjunction with Joburg are doing that.

Notes from the Peace-sign-sand-building at Muizenberg

What happened.....the SAP rugby team was relaxing on the beach, they saw us building the peace sign and some of them hung around looking intimidating. They started arguing with a few people and there grew to be quite a big group of people clustered around arguing. The beach constables started to look worried, the police arrived and took off two people who were wearing Troops out of the Townships t-shirts. Suddenly the SAP rugby team types starting running after everyone and seemed to want to haul in all of us, but luckily didn't.

There was a lack of clarity of what ECC people should be doing and it was all quite confusing. Most of the people who were there managed to get together afterwards to assess and to draw up guidelines.

They felt:

1. That before any 'action' we need to have a briefing. At the briefing we should
 - work out what we are trying to achieve through doing the action, both in content of the symbols, and whether the point is to confront the police or what.
 - have some input on the law
 - work out who is our 'leader' for the action and make sure that everyone knows who it is
2. That with leadership and decisionmaking we must elect a leader and everyone must know that they have to listen to that person and do what they say even if they don't fully agree. If possible if we find ourselves in an awkward situation we should group together and work out how to handle things
3. It is unnecessary to break the law unless that is built in to the action. We need to think about all the things that are subversive these days and steer clear of them, or jointly decide that as a group we will break them.
4. That we should not be drawn into arguments by people who are clearly being provocative and don't really care what ECC thinks. We should answer questions and chat to people, but avoid arguments.
5. We need a workshop to discuss this type of work and how we respond. This could be prior to the next action, or it could be unrelated to any particular action.

Minutes of the Cape Town ECC General Body, 30 April 1987

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Assessment of the training was that it was too brief to be of any use. But useful in terms of elections and propoganda. Facilities were more or less dismantled after the camp so it seems as if it will not be used again.

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Schools: Focusing on Drum Majorettes, good press received. Preparing a 'Militarization in schools' booklet.

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Cape Town ECC General Body, 14th May 1987

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1) Sub-committee Reports:

Culture: Film festival is going well. Roadshow has been postponed for a month.

Parents: Nothing new.

Schools: Nothing new.

Publicity: 'Out of Step' is going well. Press group working hard. In general Publicity has found it difficult defining a role.

Churches: Working on the fair. House meeting session has been planned.

2) Organizational Reports:

Quakers: Running a pancake stall at the fair. The militarization group met recently.

Womens Movement for Peace: Doing face painting at the fair.

Gardens UDF: Four people from Gardens were detained under the Emergency regulations.

Black Sash: Have launched a militarization interest group. They are working on a plaque for the Just Peace Memorial Project. Will run a book stall at the fair.

Port Elizabeth ECC: Was hit hard by the Emergency. Janet Cherry has been in detention for nine months. However, she is doing well at the moment. Philip Wilkinson's trial is in progress at the moment.

3) Workshop Report Back:

A successful regional workshop was held recently, focusing on the appropriateness of ECC's single issue under the current climate. Sub-committees and organizations to discuss the report and to report back to the General Body.

4) Campaign Report:

Campaign is heading for a peak with the Alternative Service Project and the fair. Volunteers will be building a jungle gym, swings and painting a mural at a creche in New Crossroads. The fair preparations are going well.

5) Smear Campaign:

Latest: A press strategy is being employed together with an increased media presence.

6) Outreach Report:

Outreach has been looking at a house meeting strategy. House meetings are useful for introducing people to ECC and getting them involved.

Outreach proposed that we have a focus week with house meetings being run by all sub-committees. Outreach will run its own house meetings based on a 'suburb a week' strategy. The focus week would culminate in a workshop on house meetings.

The General Body asked Outreach to prepare guidelines on running house meetings.

Minutes of the Cape Town ECC General Body, 9 June 1987

Present: Conscription Advice Service, Quakers, Black Sash, Koeberg Alert and Board of Social Responsibility.

1) Correspondence:

Letter from ex-ECC member, Rogan.

2) National Committee Report:

a) Campaign: Discussed aims of campaign. One of them was to intervene around the elections, but some regions felt that we confused our constituency. However the campaign did increase our profile. New ways of working were introduced in some regions. Regions felt that NC was the incorrect forum for planning the campaign, which was reflected by our slogan. National co-ordination was problematic and this needs to be reassessed.

b) Finances: Charges are being investigated against ECC under the Fundraising Act.

c) Repression and Smears: Suggested that we go for an interdict preventing Aida Parker from distributing her newsletter. A complaint has been laid with the Media Council regarding her latest newsletter. We could take 'Veterans for Victory' to court but felt it was not worth it.

Other Smears: Cape Town: stickers 'ECC PEACE OFF!'. Durban: ANC pamphlets left in the office. Lots of graffiti around the country.

d) National Co-ordination: Exchange of information between regions should be stepped up. NC is playing a more important role than it should. Felt that it should only make decisions in times of crisis and that a national forum is required. The general body discussed possible representatives and made strong recommendations.

e) Issues: see attachment (ISSUES...ISSUES...ISSUES)

* A Janet Cherry support group has been set up.

3) Ivan:

Ivan Toms has a call-up for a camp and is going to object to it. While ECC does not form support groups around all objectors, because of Ivans past role in ECC, the executive and NC felt that ECC should take up a campaign around Ivan. Possible reservations about forming a support group would be a crackdown on ECC effecting the campaign. The general body agreed to set up a support group for Ivan.

4) Campaign:

The last couple of campaign events were assessed at the last campaign meeting. The multi-media was felt to be very successful. Paula's speech at the rally was good. The film festival was also successful. A workshop was planned to assess the campaign more fully. There were some problems expressed about the campaign, the lack of focus and nuclear slogan. It was felt that the events strung together in the campaign did not necessarily constitute a campaign. The group felt that the symposium should be postponed. Recruitment needs to be emphasized. It was felt that the co-ordination of the campaign went well.

5) Commission of Inquiry:

Have met twice and have been defining questions that need to be asked. Cape Town is taking some national responsibility in the process. So far the commission has worked out a framework for discussion and way of discussing issues in ECC. The commission will present its findings, but apart from verbal reportbacks during the process, sub-committees should also discuss the issues. The findings would be presented at a workshop and taken to front organisations.

6) Memorial:

Group was expanded.

7) Executive report on Co-ordinating Committee:

The executive recommended to the general body that the Co-ordinating Committee is scrapped. However skills training and education still remain issues that should be housed somewhere.

8) Internal Education:

Discussion on a suitable structure for education was postponed to a future occasion. In the meantime a topic for next time was suggested.

9) International:

Laurie: His US tour has gone well and he has been involved in some marches and has addressed many meetings.

The Next Tour: WRL has organised a conference in Ireland and ECC has been invited. The general body felt that ECC should go with other organisations.

ISSUES..._ISSUES.....ISSUES.....

International Record

Sounds amazing - lets go for it, just make sure it doesn't break the boycott or tread on any toes. The initiative lies with the international artists, and it will be their project, not ECC's.

Forces Favourites: Die Boek

A book of afrikaans short stories. We (ECC) gave R5000 to the publishers and they promised ECC would be acknowledged. For various reasons they cannot give us the acknowledgement. They have offered us the R5000 back, or 450 books. N.C. felt we should try to go for a bit of both, maybe 150 books and the rest in cash. Cape Town ordered 10 books.

Diary

The diary was seized by the branch from the printers (remember?). Now we have got them back, but they need to still be laminated and guillotined. Its a very wonderful diary, but obviously not all that useful at this late stage of the year. N.C. felt that Joburg should sort it out, if the last stages can be completed very cheaply, then maybe we should go for it.

Commissions of Enquiry

Cape Town exec made a suggestion which Publicity wanted taken to N.C. The suggestion being that ECC conduct commissions of enquiry when the SADF invade other countries or do something really heavy in the townships. ECC should be the first on the scene, collecting affidavits, taking lawyers and other respectable types with us, and finding out what the SADF really did, and bringing it back to the public. N.C. thought that this was an amazing and exciting idea, and asked Cape Town to draw up a motivation and send it round the country.

Schools

There is a PAAG group in Grahamstown, and LINX in Joburg. PMB have a few school-pupils involved in ECC GB. Durban ECC has started a pupils group - members are being harassed by military intelligence and teachers. PE is interested in schools and would appreciate it if they were sent info from other ECC schools groups. It was suggested Cape Town schools group write up how they relate to PAAG and EDASA etc and how they see their role and send it to other centres.

Survey

Philip Frankl has done a survey with his Political Studies 1 students. Wants financial assistance from ECC. We felt it wasn't very credible, and unless it provided the basis for a proper, big survey wasn't useful to us. There were two questions in the survey that related to conscription, but I can't remember exactly what they are.

Constitution

Joburg wants to amend the constitution to accommodate the membership drive. It was felt the amendment shouldn't be too specific, as regions want to handle the membership drive in different ways. We wound up not being sure which constitution was the real thing, and will have to sort it out.

Organisational Pack

Lots and Tots of hints and tips on how to run meetings, security, public speaking, info re ECC, the law, dealing with difficult members, being democratic, silkscreening, laying out media etc etc. Ali has our copy, and subcomms would be well advised to use it.

Philip Wilkinson

His statement and the evidence from the witnesses is dynamite and ECC should use it as much as possible. Joburg will do a pamphlet using Philip's statement, and either Joburg or Durban will do a slick booklet using all the evidence at the trial.

Banning

Defence and Aid Fund, Christian Institute and Congress of Democrats were spoken to about what happened to them when they were banned.

Accounts are frozen.

With CI all documents were seized and possessions. Possessions come under the control of the liquidator and its very difficult to get access to them after they have been seized. Liquidator handles everything with the bank and with the account, the organisation does nothing. The state has the right to sell the possessions, and the money has to go to charity. It might be useful to have proof that possessions that do not belong to the organisation belong to others.

People might get visited and told about the banning etc before it is publicly known.

Bannings always accompanied by banning of individuals and so on.

Banning has to be seen as a decisive action.

Coalitions and alliances

Durban - observer on anti-election alliance

Joburg - observer on Five Freedoms Forum

part of Free the Childrens alliance

St/bosch - part of the United Stellenbosch Front

Basically this relates to the conceptual discussion and the big questions about ECC, and its role.

Janet

Janet's parents are having to spend a lot of money going to PE twice a month and it is getting difficult for them. NC felt that ECC should try to raise the money, it would be about R500 -600 per month, and if we could get almost every member to give R5 per month it would cover it. Each region promised to try their very best. Cape Town was asked to coordinate it, and to open a Janet Cherry Travel Fund account, and to speak to Janet's parents.

We should also give Janet profile, she has been in for a long time and mustn't be forgotten.

Namibia

Input by NO

Idasa

PE say that Idasa are extremely useful. We should think about our relations with them, and it would be useful to have a national meeting.

Video

Motivation met with enthusiasm. Shouldn't cost as much as specified on the budget. Shouldn't focus too much on any one region. Regions must try to make sure that their events are being videoed.

FINANCES

Background: Steve's parents were contacted by the Dept of Population and Development. They were threatened with detention. Steve met with the the lawyers and with these people, and they took the books from July to December 1986. Then a Colonel from the commercial branch wanted all ECC material and took the complete set of 1986 books which had just come back from the auditors. He handed Steve a piece of paper which stated that charges were being investigated under the fundraising act. CHarges for either or both: organising to collect money; receiving money.

They have been interested in finding signatories of the 1986 account, have seen 3 of them and served those three with the same piece of paper.

Defiance: It was felt we have nothing to gain through defiance. Pressure could be put on other people to get info. ECC would look really bad if we were running away from having our books looked at. Legally lawyers felt we would be in a bad position if we didn't cooperate. But we need to avoid a whole lot of people being charged.

Regions should avoid regional involvement. Steve is doing the national books, and is only giving that info.

Our accounting needs to be excellent, don't want aspersions cast on ECC or individuals just because of slack accounting.

MINUTES OF AN ECC GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON THE 23/6/87

ATTENDANCE 18

CHURCHES LAUNCH

Was positive - achieved a good balance of items. Disappointing that there was a lack of church members. There was a good vibe and was a constructive exercise. Had a small report in the Mercury.

CAMPAIGN

"War is not compulsory - lets chose a just peace" is our broad theme. Need to assess what is the most important issue for ECC to take up now?

Brain storm - call up

- alternative service
- cadets
- border
- General militarisation
- townships
- wilkinson trial
- JMC's
- Ivan Toms
- Tatoo

Broke up into groups to discuss demands - in report back the following demands came to the fore:-

- troops out of townships and Namibia
- 3 interim demands of ECC

Felt that the most important issues were call up and Namibia. Should highlight the following - Ivans trial, People leaving the country, people going before the board - show people are facing a crisis of conscience. Call up for what? Should concentrate on SA call up and then switch to focus on Namibia later on in the month

We decided to set up a campaign group to take discussion farther and present ideas to GB. Also decided that sub comms must do most of work but need to set up working body for issues that fall outside the ambit of the sub comms.

MATTERS ARISING

IVAN - was in Durban to discuss his call up. Cape Town have set up a support group - will take our lead from them.

SPEAKERS W/SHOP - need to set a time

SPOKESPERSON - is going to be away. Discussed whether should be a fill in. Decided that contact group would make recommendation to GB

NATIONAL

APN - booked time with media council. Is it still worth it? We felt it was. Might need to bring some one from overseas to give evidence

NAMIBIA DAY - already been discussed in campaign

CONSTITUTION - if want to make comments on it - contact Howard

LAURIE - received postcard

SUB COMMS

SCHOOLS - going well. Called themselves Pupils Peace Group. Their newspaper is called Echoes

CONTACT - need a pamphlet to go with membership lists. Orientation meeting on the 25/7. Organisational members to be called subscriber

organisations. Will have a monthly forum for organisations - first monday of the month - 2 reps from org. In terms of press - got coverage with the debate and PC report on youth.

CHURCHES - LOOKING AT HAVING SERVICE BEFORE THE FAST which will be followed by a fast. Have a sign up sheet for the fast

MEDIA - At Ease has taken most of the time. Assessment - distribution is hampered by lots of wrong addresses. Need to draw on more lag members. Assess collation. Content - good overall and lot better than most but more attention needs to paid to subbing. Casspir advert very good. Other regions very impressed. Namibia graphic very good. Problem with person power - communication needs to be more organised.

CULTURE - evening in August. Possibility of concert. Proposal of tape of local Db n bands

CAMPUS - exams have brought about a lull in activity. Meeting with DSA on fri.

EDCOMM - policies and principles w/shop on sat

GENERAL

AGAA - having restructuring w/shop

JUNE 26 - sash organising an action

WRITERS FORUM - Ecc been invited

ANTI SMEAR - distribution discussed

EVALUATION

Interesting. More people needed. Got a lot done. Second half relaxed. Kept good track of time. Campaign discussion needed more time.

MEETING CLOSED

COORDINATING COMM: 30/6/87

1. IVAN TOMS: CALL UP WITHDRAWN TELEPHONICALLY.
-Howard to inform interested parties of this development.
2. CAMPAIGN: -Time line to be presented to sub-comms.
-Proposal: Campaign Working Comm should be formed from all those not currently involved in sub-comms; Hence, Working Comm should comprise mostly Lag members (Campus & Regional).
Working Comm should deal with items not covered by sub-comms (eg: general media, etc.)
-Report from campaign ^{planning} group to be circulated to S.C.'s.
-S.C.'s should do their own media, as has been the norm so far this year. (ie: Media Comm needs to concentrate on At Ease) However, S.C.'s may ask Media Comm for assistance.

SUGGESTIONS: -Emphasise Press work in campaign.
-Start house meetings during campaign & follow campaign up with house meetings.

3. SUB-COMM REPORTS

- a) MEDIA: At Ease first copy deadline: 6/7.
Howard trying to establish reasons for banning of last edition.
- b) CONTACT:
 - i) mem/ship form finalized; layout under completion.
-mem/ship drive seems most efficient way of using forms.
-should integrate mem/ship drive with campaign.
(Reason for above suggestion: once forms have been sent, can't send another one afterwards. IE. we need to ensure that forms and recruitment opportunities are not wasted.)
 - ii) PRESS: ECC mentioned in a negative light in Mercury. Howard was unable to respond, so Donn Edwards is to write a personal letter in response.
NB. All encouraged to write to Press in their personal capacity.
Suggestion: Get in touch with someone on Contact Comm if thinking about writing to Press (eg: to rebut misinformed letters, articles, etc.)
IDEA: construct employee profile of major newspapers.
 - iii) Organisational relations: Contact members approaching organizations re. membership of ECC. (Such approaches entail attendance by relevant Contact members of Exec. meetings of other organisations for informational & explanatory purposes.)
 - iv) NEW MEMBERS MEETING POSTPONED TO 25/7/87. (Original date: 9/7)
 - v) Gary -- acting spokesperson & Contact Coordinator in Richard's absence. For G.B. ratification.

4. CONSTITUTION: Proposed amendment re. flexibility of mem/ship to be ratified by G.B. Constitution was made available some time ago for perusal.

5. FINANCES: Office maintenance ECT: R299,46.

PROPOSED DURBAN ECC CAMPAIGN

LATE JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

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TARGET GROUPS

Initially conscripts and their families around the call-up. The general public (white) during August. Attempts will be made by certain sub-committees to target specific groups.

General Thrust

To make clear our political basis of being anti-apartheid. This should come through the Namibia and township issues.

The ISSUES

- NAMIBIA
 - "the border"
 - "the red pencil?"
 - TOWNSHIPS
 - alternative service
 - Willkinson trial information
- Both issues to be taken up in the context of the call-up.

THEME

The theme 'war is not compulsory - let's choose a just peace' to be maintained. The logo also to be used. This theme however will be used as a 'background' theme, with most of the emphasis being placed on the issues and sub-slogans.

A 'SUB-TITLE' is needed on which to hang the 2 issues of the townships and Namibia.

- IDEAS:
- The South African War - what is it all about?
 - Apartheid is the problem. Is war the answer?
 - SADF: defender or aggressor?
 - Why is there war in South Africa?

General Demands and slogans ideas:-

SADF OUT → Namibia
TROOPS OUT → Townships

"SADF OUT" could be seen alienating than "troops out" with the call-up - emphasize right to choose with Namibia a direct 'troops out' call

PROPOSED EVENTS

- 20 July: At Ease Vol 2 No 4 hits the streets: Advertiser Campaign
- 25 July: New members meeting
- 29 July: 'Know Your Rights' meeting for those facing call-up
- 2 August: 'Church Service for a Just Peace' Solidarity with Conscription. Sponsored advert in Sunday Tribune. Fast launched.
- 3 August: Subscriber Organisation Forum
- 6 August: ECC/DSA debate at UNO (or on 13 August)
- 26 August: Meeting/Rally. Focus on Namibia Day / Townships. End of fast?
- 2 September: House Meeting: Intro to ECC & plan suburb meeting
- 23 September: Small meeting in suburbs of 'JMC's'
- 8 August: Vulcha Evening: Music, drama, cabaret, exhibition

Sometime before City Hall meeting there might be other creative type events to highlight the issues: eg symbolic action, sticker blitz, T-shirts, Chow the Estate, flea market, street theatre, pamphlets, guerilla theatre

Our emphasis of this campaign will be the general educative type media that will accompany the advertising. Hope to draw on the Court record of Wilkinson trial.

The September activities aim at drawing in suburbia supporters. Aim - hopefully to form "area committee". Recruits drawn in from high profile events who live in targeted area to assist in process. Future 'suburb activity' to be based on experiences gained in September. A "receptive" area to be chosen.

The proposal was accepted by the general body. It was also proposed that ECC go on a recruitment drive. However, recruitment needs to be balanced by security factors. The general body suggested that Outreach look into the question of recruitment.

5) Reports:

Commission: Discussion was well structured and good. Focused on aims of commission and history of ECC.

Outreach: Very exciting work, sub-committee of the time! Looking at new ways of working and recruiting. Others are welcome to join it. Activities include a suburban house meeting and a house meeting for new recruits.

6) Ivan Toms' CO Campaign:

Ivan recently completed a national tour where he was positively received by organisations. In Cape Town a press conference has been planned. On Wednesday Ivan will report for duty with a VIP delegation. There will be a service before at 7pm at St. Georges Cathedral.

7) Janet Cherry Support Work:

Sub-comms and front organisations are to raise money for her parents travel costs. It is proposed that Cape Town makes a jersey and blanket for Janet. Felt that publicity around Janet is important, but only with liaison with parents and P.E.

8) International:

Women and Military Irish Conference: Call for suggestion of people to go.

Lauries report on his US tour: Was organised by WRC. Went to thirty cities and addressed sixty meetings. Talked about ECC and its work. Tried to provide anti-apartheid campaigners with information. Highlights were addressing the United Nations and the New York City Council's resolution. Response to the tour was positive. Were excited to hear about white resistance to apartheid. Tour had gains for US organisations and also for ECC's international profile.

9) National:

NC: Items needed.

Media Council: Refused to hear us on Aida Parker Newsletter.

SADF Delegation: Replied that they don't need to see us as they heard evidence from us at the Geldenhuys Commission.

10) NUSAS Day Away:

Requested a speaker.

4) Education, training and the recruitment proposal:

Minutes of the Cape Town ECC 9 July 1987

Present: Gardens UDF, Young Progressives, Black Sash, Quakers.

1) Subcommittee Reports:

- a) School: moving into exciting areas of work with a symposium coming up. Set up a joint meeting with Publicity and Culture.
- b) Culture: on holiday.
- c) Parents and Supporters: Discussed new members and their intergration.
- d) Publicity: Working on a pamphlet, the press and Out of Step.
- e) Churches: Not present.
- f) Outreach: Have held two housemeetings recently with one being fairly successful.

2) Organisational Reports:

- a) Black Sash: Militarization group will be discussing the Commission of Inquiry, which also has a slot at the regional council.
- b) Young Progressives: Most members on holiday, but have launched a branch in the Northern Suburbs.
- c) Gardens UDF: Woodstock UDF, CAYCO and UWCO will be holding a cultural evening on Saturday.
- d) Quakers: Planning a militarization programme.

3) Report on Front-Work:

Front Organisations have been invited to a meeting to discuss and give input to the Commission of Inquiry.

4) Weekend Away:

Volunteers called to help with planning.

5) Ivan's Campaign Report:

Ivan's call-up was withdrawn a few days before he was due to report for his camp. Apparently they had enough doctors for that camp. Ivan has been receiving lots of obscene phone calls and was the object of a smear attack.

ECC and LAGO: When Ivan decided to object he called together a cross section of organisational people. The group recommended it be an ECC campaign. As a result of a problematic process, tension developed between LAGO and ECC people over aspect of strategy relating to the gay issue and anticipated smears. Lago felt that ECC people were ignoring or glossing over personal issues. On the basis of these issues raised by LAGO in a letter, ECC held a meeting of its members involved in the campaign. The issue of Ivans accountability was discussed. It was felt that the process of determining Ivans accountability to ECC was problematic. The issue of the personal and the political was not fully appreciated by the ECC. The group, however, still felt that because of our homophobic constituency, our strategy was correct. This was reported back to LAGO representatives. It was suggested to the General Body that a joint LAGO-ECC workshop is planned and was accepted.

6) Janet Cherry:

Mrs. Cherry has been visited by the support group. A jacket is being knitted for her. Money is also being collected.

Campaign: Johannesburg has suggested that we take up a 'Release Janet Cherry Campaign'. Suggestions are work at UCT, a poster, and press work. However it was felt that we need to caution too much Janet Cherry profile at the expense of other detainees. Janet's release should always be contextualised with other detainees. Black Sash would like to help on the campaign.

7) Recruitment:

Last GB requested subcommittees to discuss recruitment.

Publicity: It was felt Out of Step would be a good place for new recruits. Also had an idea of a pamphlet for new recruits.

Outreach: Suggested to GB that Outreach take responsibility for new recruits.

8) National:

NC Agenda: Items for the agenda were called for.

Finances: We have been asked to put a hold on spending for the next two weeks.

Irish Tour: Names suggested nationally were discussed.

Namibia: Durban would like a focus on Namibian day. GB suggested a broader Southern African focus.

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