

Report of the national meeting of the ECC Committees held on Sunday 22 July 1984 at Kelzgermarkt

ECC's from

Durban

Kape Town

Johannesburg, were represented.

Agenda

- 1) Structures and name
- 2) ECC declaration + National launch
- 3) Luncheon
- 4) Petitions
- 5) National conference
- 6) General
 - a) Relationships with press
 - b) education
 - c) media
- 7) Youth - related to points - (2), (3), (6)

1) Structures

agreed that ECC should maintain its federal / joint nature and consist of representatives of member organizations. These organizations needs to be involved as much as possible in the work of ECC, into there had been problems with regard to this - in all the different areas and attention needed to be given to ways of involving membership organizations more. Task

agreed that more organizations should be approached to send representatives to the local committees. Volunteers should be particularly interested in the work of ECC should not be discouraged by could be incorporated structurally depending on the particular region.

also agreed that some sort of coordinating structure was necessary in the respective ECC's to coordinate the work of the committee and to liaise (Need to clarify the respective and different roles of Long and ECC)

also necessary to have a person in each region responsible for maintaining contact with other regions. TASK

agreed to use the name and logo of the committee nationally - although we are engaged in a campaign. noted that there had been no democratic decision making process with regard to deciding on the name - it had just 'happened' and we all liked the logo.

agreed that at some future stage there may need to be discussions around national structures especially with regard to finance. In the interim, shall be building a good deal of contact with a contact person.

2) ECC declaration and national launch.

agreed that the next step in the campaign was to popularize the ECC declaration calling for an end to conscription and a just peace in SA and Namibia. noted that the word 'alien' had been replaced by the word 'youth' in the declaration. agreed to use the present declaration.

accepted that as many organizations and individuals as possible should be approached to endorse the declaration and that we should use the declaration as a starting point for educating/informing people about the war in SA and the need for conscription. this would imply pamphlets, press releases, media, visiting. agreed to have a national launch of the declaration on 15th October 1984 (deadline). the launch would take place at the respective centres but on the same day. TASK.

It is important that the campaign is seen as a national campaign, but also one that is part of the broader struggle for a just and democratic SA linked with other organizations important. TASK

also need person to take responsibility for knowing what is going on in other areas with regard to the declaratory campaign.

TASK.

3. Survey.

Various surveys concerning attitudes to contraception have already been executed, while others are planned. The survey fills two functions: 1) provides us with data which needs to be analyzed and used 2) provides with an opportunity to get involved in an educational process. Survey must have the personal contact dimension. TASK.

4) Patrons.

Agreed that it would be advantageous for ECC to have patrons who would lend credibility to the campaign. Agreed that this should be discussed at a regional level and then suggestions made nationally. Agreed that there should be patrons from each region and that they should represent a broad spectrum of people who are public figures - Balance
TASK. Sept deadline for names.

5) National Conference.

Agreed that a national conference was necessary early next year - Proposed dates - 25, 26, 27 ^{January} ~~February~~ - (but not by the sea!)
Agreed that the conference would be task oriented - evaluation of campaign thus far and plan. Although there should be some input and analysis (probably on evening night). Sudan ECC will be responsible for coordinating the conference although other areas will send suggestions and volunteers for tasks. TASK.

6) General 7) Generally agreed that it was vital to build up better relationships with the press - TASK

b) acknowledged need for more internal education and education and information for membership organizations. This is related to building up resources and information

c) Location of media sub groups posters
publications
newsletters etc
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7) Youth. Agreed that youth was an important focus for ECC work. In order to do this we need to do research, develop contacts and generally do ground-work!

General discussion necessary of how to incorporate these organizations in this campaign.

finance

In

- 1) Regional RR's 2) LN 3) nat plans 4) media 5) nat. conference

Regional reports - back

Joburg

All prep & debate done, but then postponed. Now getting req 15 people to weekly meetings. Setting up 3 Media Comms (-will draw in new people) and Newsletter Comm - news about ECC + SADF activities (Anne) and Research (Peter) to monitor SADF activities. Other work IYU Respack & July use; then in July taking this to yth groups.

ECC really getting together; good committed people involved. Jodac has 4 reps on ECC.

St. on Hurley's trial, but not published

New exec: Jean, Ann, John, Peter, Benita

Steve howe doing pack.

Planning a legal workshop in Jhb.

Disc also on yth + culture @ Tues night meetings

Newsletter aimed @ affiliates; will be defined more clearly @ forth-coming workshop.

Letter 2 Dembreak, UZS and press on PFP yth's stand.

CT

Youth. Work been low key. Since 'not another bloody report'. Doing no. of people coming in. Moving towards org. Media comm: brighten our Crossroads posters; working on ST posters; skills workshop. Yth culture: concert on 22nd March. Ad show: incred. perf. 4 campuses @ OW - about 800 people; then 2 Bl. Sash and IYU launch. Yth comm - reps from other comms; rep'd on USF IYU + CIYUCC; lot of work around the former; schools grp of 5 people, poss. splitting into a separate sub-comm. 1st school work beginning of April

Video going v. well; ready by April; ECC heavily inv'd; focus on concepts

+ resistance to con.

Workshop on det = Adac = quilla theatre

BS have set up sub-comm; + e BS conf will try 2 form parents against con-
gpp (Dot Clemmshaw v. involved).

Succa have ~~form~~ formed con gpp; BS sponsored anti-cader projects @ Bishops
Problem: 1) moving too far too fast; lack of experienced people; prob. of int.
educ + training of new people. Idea of @ 1 in every 4 ECC meetings to pull
in everyone from the sub-comm + more educative programme

2) neglected non-yth work; i.t.o. both people + con-; so setting up news-
letter gpp (@ the moment being handled by Lesec)

3) profile build. Plans + a° / info seminars and Ref debate

Durban

[pace; a°-oriented; media comm + press liaison; int + motivation;
WIP; Afh; Newsa; Joranda]

NO Report

Anglican development re mil. chaplaincy; acc. 2 get mil chaps. answerable 2
Bishops in their diocese; then Bishops can block mil chaps; James Kalumba
(Nam) will do this. Ivan Thomas doing the moving.

Re N.O. News: rather re 2 feed into local news letters; also idea of
exchanging CT + Joking newsletters. Don newsletter as a once off thing.

Resource Centre: Chris Jiff. will org. res in CT

Research + resources

Joking doing I49 pack; aimed @ church yth; process orientated; not a
res. pack.; this part of the CIYCC monthly lists; also educational / skills trig
Steve wants ECC, WAT + HAP to bring out HAP type fact collection, c
Att sheets on diff. areas of militarization.

Uls area comm doing an empirical thematic pack.

Joking ECC resource gpp, collect + monitor info + keep; e Wiles res
centre; also writing short topical articles; slotting into other projects

Like Steve's

Idea of res people in diff centres keeping in contact & other, sharing info and informing each other of what resources available. Each centre must take resp.

Paper from UWC on mil + govt

Exchange of press clips on crises, ECC, and features, but not everything on the SADF.

Idea of res pack à la N's 83 pack: make 2 copies for each centre, to be updated, + let org know that is available. (Kinner has lots of info + prepared pack on mil for SACC/S+R), Max. pack. Me to co-ordinate. Each centre to collect local bias, and then @ net conf to compile material & write 2 forming nat. RP.

Need 2 reprint "In whose Defence".

Need 4 Def Budget 20 analysed, and do the full expenditure.

Max campaigns

1) Defence Budget, Mon a week, and debate in May

Former: letters 2 the press + st. posters

Latter: find out from NP's what nature of debate will be and make a list.

Plus, as gen strat, make contact & exmp PFP NP's.

2) 9th + call up

3) Rep Day

Max. org. flexibility i.e. ECC dynamics, org cap and SADF activities. Me to help co-ordination.

4) Fr. Ch. week 16-26 June

ECC to ^{also} find into IIC (Churches + UWC). Idea of nat ECC Peace + Friendship pamphlet for general use @ whatever meetings are taking place. Find info on the Peace Council's contrib. 2 P+F demand. Allocation of tasks: Joburg to prepare content; then 2 reps for consultation (early May the former); Joburg will work out where best 2 print. No's to be worked out closer 2 the time.

Idea of P+F poster 4 display @ meetings - regional media comms 2 find discuss who best shld do this.

Seaborg

Too far in advance 2 plan now. Must be reactive too if another invasion.

National festival

~~4/16~~ ^{5/16} July - CT proposal. Accepted. ECC here wd need today help, me + CT ECC assistance. Cosgs still 2 discuss their conference. Need 2 look @ how bld our call up activities into the NF.

Sue will be in July next Friday

Namibia

No tlb of NPC elections this yr. Priests believe that SADF 200bn into Ang + libby to push on to hwerda. We need overseas info. People 2 check this out tomorrow.

Re anti-con camp: NIP involved in '81; Namoo - no camp but will take up;
Norma Chase (Swanu): poss of camp @ CCN supp, but diff % of econ. empl;
worthwhile for me 2 go up to N, wd set up meetings @ various groupings, to go @ Steve. But CCN top heavy + Sec Gen a prob; our liason must not be only @ top levels of Swapo + CCN. Very little grassroots orgs. Swapo, Swanu, Nip + Nama Council intimidated members not to register. Pop. unbelievably intense @ northern areas are impossible; v. little common work / participaⁿ. Namoo organising eff. amongst school kids. Max pot. w anti-con focus @ Namoo.

On N focus: still must wait, but be ready for a¹. When we take up N, must be orgy 2nd

Media co-ordination

CT: reprint of call up poster; codex poster; tlb of +- shape sheets (poss. codex poster)

International

CT to liaise @ UN re IIT; me 2 check our who / which of the chabos overseas

to keep in contact with; CT to co-ordinate → so let CT know, Paul going overseas in July.

Publicity

Have the schpiel; should monitor & react NC meet

Eastern Cape AB

Lynnstown: CRAC; Gt. Com of Democrats; Ad. Bureau; academics meet over Dad's army; not much scope @ a church level; NB to raise issues @ this stage, not nec forming an ECC. GCD likely 2 form con. sub-com. Want me go there.

PE: Cosy defunct; BS not strong; PE area comm (Janet + Mike); WAF Anti Con. Commission (Joby & has 2 take up mil in WAF). Peak sees conception as its main focus. Inaugural workshop @ head of church + Cosy etc, on 21 March. Want me to go there. Prob of overlap if WAF + ECC work. Possibility then of linking up @ Lynnstown.

N.O. programme

CT: 12th → 18th Feb

Durb: 18th → 5th March

Joburg 5 → March

[PE: BS Conf 15-17; ECC disc 21]
[Idea of

Must see Sharna to discuss BS Conf.

ME old go for Fri aft; BF old handle Fri but not Sat or Sun; ME del go Sat/Sun. Also Paul + Ivan.

They must fly us

Raise legal Comm'c Cosy exp Feb

National festival

Need venue ; Nexus dates ; Letter 2 Tol + nat orgs (ask former to invite membership + letter a few delegates) ; disc's w ECC's.

Nexus must finish on Fri.

Booseb Hudley Tutu Beiers UOF (eg Frak) (Namib ^{later} (Swapo))
ECC person ; a CO ; BS ; Terror ; Touva ; Cheryl

Motions and use / town -

end concert - an director pass on last night

Namib - Hudley

Opening panel : Tutu, Beiers, ECC, UOF ^{Chair} Sharon

Christo w G + P : idea of peace march. Raise 2 Tutu / Beiers

AN ATTEMPT TO CUT DOWN ON LENGTHY REPORTS AT ECC MEETING 25.4.1985 . . .

1. REGIONAL REPORTS

- a. JOHANNESBURG — Successful joint meeting with SACC, Black Sash + JODAC on the Civil War — main speakers Sheena + Beyers — ± 500 attended
- b. DURBAN — have produced a series of excellent media as build-up to their meeting last week — Speakers: Laurie, Zac Yacoob, Ann Corrin + Paddy Kearney — ± 150/200 attended, + very good discussion from floor and in "rap groups".
- c. PORT ELIZABETH — ECC now officially launched — inaugural meeting gate-crashed by 60 UPE students, mainly drunk and very racist — handled well by ECC people — have produced first newsletter.

HARRASSMENT — Besides the PE incident, ECC slogans ("No to SADF", etc) were sprayed on the walls of Khotso House, Freeway House + the Catholic Cathedral in Jo'burg. ECC publicly dissociated.

2. PRESS

As I said last week, I wrote letters to the editors of both the Cape Times and the Argus concerning coverage of ECC activities. Responses:

- a. CAPE TIMES (Gerald Shaw) — Thanked me for the "kind words" I said in public — said that the term "Civil War" has "awesome implications" and "should only be used with great care and circumspection and appropriate qualification"
- b. ARGUS (A.P. Drysdale) — wording of our advert was "unacceptable" + "open to misinterpretation" — stated

that my assertion that the Argus has an un-stated policy of blocking coverage of the conscription issue, was incorrect.

I sent a letter with the statement of demands and the endorsers (from the 2 April meeting) to both the Argus + the Cape Times. Neither has yet been published.

We're getting very odd national coverage, eg Natal papers gave superb coverage to the spray-painting issue, but nothing to the Durban meeting. Argus covered the Durban meeting, but not our own, etc, etc.

3. STATEMENTS

- a. Issued a statement to the Argus + Cape Times on the "Dad's Army" call-up. Neither was published
- b. Did a statement of support for the CAYCO AGM

4. ARTICLE

A book is being brought out to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Freedom Charter. ECC was asked to make a contribution. This was done in the form of a joint interview with Pete Mathorn + Laurie on C.O, ECC and the Peace issue.

5. OPEN MEETING

The first "open meeting" was attended by 25 people, 10 of whom were from ECC — Very useful discussion after talks on the history of CO, alternatives to conscription, the Board and Prison.

6. TEAM, + CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE, + THE QUAKERS

Dot is still recovering from her operation and hopes

to resume attendance at meetings soon.
 Robin Peterson (the new TEAM rep) will start attending meetings when he finally completes his Ph.D
 Victor has had to leave Cape Town and says farewell to all in ECC. We welcome Mary Ellis as the new Quaker rep.

7 P.R.O.

Being chairperson of ECC lands one in the most surprising places . . . in this case a dinner with the Swedish ambassador. — good food and useful discussion.

8. TO DIARIZE

- * FRI 26 APRIL, 7.30 PM, ST FRANCIS, Langa — Grassroots Army Opening with Curnick Ndlovu (National UDF chairperson) plus NEW media video starring Chippie, Margot + Mike.
- * THURS 2 MAY, 8.00 PM, RON CON — 2nd ECC open evening focussing on Namibia, with Tony Weaver
- * SAT 4 MAY, 11.00 AM — ECC planning workshop (venue to be decided)
- * WED 8 MAY, 1.00 PM, ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL — Civil Right league meeting focussing on the 40th anniversary of the defeat of fascism
- * THURS 9 MAY, 8.00 PM, RON CON — Regular ECC meeting
- * FRI 28 - SUN 30 JUNE, JO'BURG — "STOP THE CALL-UP — ECC FESTIVAL FOR PEACE"

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