

Media: have just had an assessment. They have decided that they will adopt the theme of the campaign for the duration of the campaign. They have systematically pulled together their resources which they are prepared to make available to other subcomms.

4. National

JHB were holding a cabaret at a hotel and the day that the event was due to take place some masked men went to the hotel and sprayed ECC and other graffiti on the walls.

Tom Waspé has been detained and some others were briefly picked up. In Pretoria the ECC decided to print a pamphlet and the printing place they had decided to use was visited by two security policemen, a couple of riot squad types and about five army men. The pamphlet wasn't printed and it illustrates that for some of the other centres the emergency is certainly still very real.

Cape Town needed to decide on their second national rep to attend the next meeting of the national committee.

5. Media Council

The case is coming before the council on the 6th. We suggested people who could be used to give evidence from Cape Town. The lawyers were left to finally decide on who they would use.

6. PFP Youth

We had some discussion around the affiliation of the PFP youth as voting will happen at the next GB. The UDF motivated that the youth should not affiliate because of their participation in the tri-cameral parliament. The PFP actively recruit in the coloured areas in the Cape and they recruit youth so it becomes difficult to distinguish between the PFP and their youth wing. The PFP have undermined the UDF on a number of occasions and the UDF cannot support their affiliation to ECC.

Sash on the other hand motivated extremely strongly for the affiliation of the youth on the grounds that ECC is working within the white constituency around the issue of conscription and for ECC this is the primary question, not the political purity of the organisation in relation to other issues. We will endanger our ability to be successful if we turn away people who are amongst the most enlightened of our constituency on grounds that do not relate to the issue around which we are organising.

Some of the subcommittee members felt that they had questions that they would like to ask the youth before making a decision, and we discussed whether we should do this and decided against it.

7. Voting Procedure

We voted on the voting procedure for electing the executive. Proposal B was supported by Schools, Contact, BSR, Sash, Quakers, UDF, Churches. A by WPCC and C by Media and Culture. This means that voting will take place by each subcommittee and each organisation having a vote, just as policy voting does.

8. Campaign Report

The campaign workshop felt that the slogan "War is no Solution" was ideal for the campaign. The campaign would look at war and the costs of war for all of us. While we will continue to pose a positive alternative of peace and the importance of working towards peace, we should not ignore the situation and its seriousness, and we should in a serious way attempt to address the fears felt by many in the white community. A series of lectures and films was suggested, along with other actions. The campaign group will meet on Monday.

9. Fundraising

News of Janet Cherry is that she is very well. She has been moved to the prison where other detainees are being kept and is in a cell with three people she knows. She can write two letters and receive two each week. They have scrabble and paper and paints and ink and seem to do a lot of lying in the sun and reading and drawing. It seems that they are coping with a horrible situation in the best way that they can, and their greatest problem is boredom. Janet can receive a visit from her parents every two weeks and both her mother and father live in Cape Town and it will become difficult for them to afford to visit regularly. We in ECC should fundraise so that we can give them assistance. DC should also be approached.

10. UDF executive

There was a report from a meeting that ECC had with the UDF executive. The Day of Action will be launched with a press conference and the first 3 to 4 weeks will be used to consult with various groupings of people and to get their endorsement for the call.

11. Joint White areas meeting

ECC has been sending reps from the exec to meetings which pull together a range of organisations working in the white community. At the last meeting it was decided that the organisations involved would write a letter to the press (the letter was passed around GB) and would hold a picket protesting the childrens' detentions camps. The orgs have been asked to consider whether they will support the call for unity. A further suggestion has been that the Sash and UDF hold a workshop for the members of all the organisations participating in the group. The workshop could focus on local options, regional services councils and the rent boycotts, and it would be held towards the end of November. Reps from the GB were chosen for the next meeting.

12. Medical School Talk

The input at med. school went very well. It was a group of 20 to 30 people and there was the opportunity for lots of participation and discussion.

13. National Employees

We need to discuss the positions and the possibility of employing a second national organiser. We should also make suggestions for who would be suitable for the different positions.

14. Annual General Meeting

A group of people volunteered to start working out the timing and process of the AGM. They will report to the next GB.

15. Security

The exec felt that security had become far too lax, and a memo would be circulated to the subcomms dealing with the question.

16. Richard and Anita

They are both involved in Durban ECC and are celebrating their commitment. We decided to congratulate them and to send them a telegram.

17. General

The next GB will be in two weeks time

MINUTES OF THE th MEETING OF THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN HELD ON
THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 1986

Present: Black Sash; CAG; UDF Obs and Claremont; UDF Gardens; WPCC;
BSR; CRL; Koeberg Alert; Society of Friends and representatives
of all sub-committees.

1. CAG requested a speaker from ECC for a lunchtime meeting on Fri 17 about the Mozambican situation. Matthew was suggested and accepted.
2. An ECC member who recently received a visit from the security police recounted the experience. Among issues raised during the visit were the Arts Festival and ECC's relation to it; and personal motivation for joining ECC and current events such as sanctions.

Some discussion followed on how members should handle such possible situations. The overall feeling was that we should try and prepare ourselves, particularly in discussion within sub-comms, and we should remember that the only information one is obliged to provide in such a situation is your name and address. Discussion in smaller groups would probably allow for freer discussion of our responses to similar situations, and equip us to try and handle them appropriately.

3. Organisational report-backs:

- * Gardens UDF reported on the series of lunchtime talks they have launched at St Georges Cathedral Hall. (The first talk was the first public UDF meeting in Cape Town since the S of E.)
- * Obs/Claremont UDF invited ECC members to join their new branch structures.
- * MERGE - a public meeting on the University to be addressed by Jakes Gerwel is being organised for Monday 20.

4. Sub-committee report-backs:

- * CULTURE: have been discussing their relationship to the campaign and the cultural festival. They are working on a fanzine (sp?).
- * MEDIA: are expanding rapidly. In the process of circulating lists of media production to all sub-comms. Have just produced (and unveiled) a new designer t-shirt.
- * CONTACT: Are working on the Advice Bureau Open Forum for the 4 November. Contact held its first house meeting.
- * CHURCHES: is also expanding.
- * SCHOOLS: is working with PAAG and another youth group, hoping to make contact with pupils through this work.
- * CREATIVE ACTION: baked the Castle cake for ECC's birthday, and sold pieces of cake under the slogan, "Chow the castle - Happy Birthday ECC".
- * CAG: is in the process of consulting with organisations and individuals about becoming a campus ECC.

5. PFP YOUTH VOTE: Voting took place and the result was: 1 abstention; 1 against; and 8 for. The result will be conveyed by the executive to the PFP Youth, in a formal letter.
6. CAMPAIGN REPORT: The theme for the campaign is "WAR IS NO SOLUTION". The campaign group has drawn up a comprehensive report on plans thus far. The central action is to be a walk to an area affected by SADF actions. The destination and planning of the walk is to be done in consultation with organisations in the area, through UDF. The question of possible sponsorship for the walk was raised. Some discussion ensued around the likelihood of the walk being banned - and this question is to be more thoroughly discussed. Other ideas for campaign activities include a symposium (lunchtime talks); a mass rally; peace/mothers' picnic; peace wall and media etc. If possible, the focus of the campaign would be on a specific township, to raise the issues in a concrete way, linked to conditions in the area concerned.
- In discussion on the report back, everyone was asked to look for walls for murals. The question of applying for permission for the walk was raised, as was the issue of 'protection' for participants. These questions will be discussed in depth by the campaign group and reported back to the next GB.
7. AGM/EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS: A report on the electoral process and an executive report were tabled, detailing the procedure for discussion up until the AGM on 27/11/86. Any amendments to the executive structure to be proposed by next Thursday to the Executive.
8. NATIONAL PAMPHLETS: Distribution lists to go through sub-comms. Organisations are encouraged to assist in distribution through own channels.
9. ORGANISATIONAL FORUM: This idea was suggested by Contact as a monthly get-together for ECC organisations. Feedback was invited and it was generally thought to be a good idea. The first is to take place on Friday 24 and will discuss the campaign.
10. STELLENBOSCH COURT INTERDICT: Stellenbosch ECC is taking the university administration to court about its banning from the campus. It was agreed that this was a useful move, provided the funds are available for the court action.
11. DOMINIC SOUCHON: Anyone interested in working on support group for Dom to contact Penny. Everyone was reminded to write letters as he can now receive as many letters as we write.
12. IVAN: has been invited to speak in Durban at a fundraising dinner for ECC's birthday. It was agreed that he should go.
13. JANET CHERRY: Appeal for financial assistance to help her family to go and visit her. Contributions to Alastair.
14. General/Any Other Business:
- * A report was handed out on the office/office worker. To be discussed by all sub-comms and the question of the definition of the job to be discussed further later.
 - * Dad's Army - many people receiving call up papers. The question of how to respond was discussed and a combined Advice Bureau Open Forum on Dad's Army too was suggested. It was also suggested that the parents group might look at issue and house meetings on it.
 - * On finances, we were all exhorted to be careful in our spending, and to be thorough in our records thereof.

END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

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27 October 1986

Dear

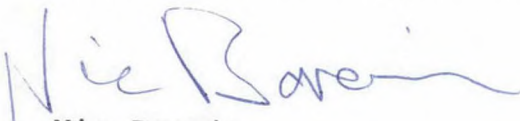
On Thursday 27 November the Cape Town Branch of the End Conscription Committee is holding its second Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be at the Rondebosch Congregational Church Hall from 7pm. The purpose will be to reflect on the past year and to look forward to 1987.

We have been encouraged by organisations such as yours, which while not directly part of ECC, have given us invaluable support throughout the year.

We invite your organisation to send representatives to participate in our AGM as observers. The AGM will also provide an opportunity to meet members of ECC subcommittees over supper.

If you are able to send representatives to the AGM please contact Paula at the ECC office (479170). The office is open between 12 noon and 2pm daily.

Yours in the struggle for peace and justice


Nic Borain

Chairperson, Cape Town ECC Branch



MINUTES OF THE 13rd MEETING OF THE END CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 1986

PRESENT: Black Sash, WYMP, Young Progressives, CAG, PAAG, GAYP, KA, CRL, Quakers, UDF Gardens, UDF Obs and Claremont

1. WELCOME: The Young Progressives, and GAYP and PAAG were heartily welcomed to their first ECC General Body meeting.

2. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS:

- * Black Sash - Morning Market on 1 November
- * UDF Claremont/Obs - work continues on national united action call. Rummage for sale to office, and a new edition of Upfront on sale.
- * UDF Gardens - next meeting Wed 5 Nov, WECTU speaker in St Georges Cathedral
- * GAYP - started about a month ago, has 30 members in Pinelands, and works with ECC schools group. Has held 3 meetings thusfar.
- * PAAG - is running welfare campaign, and a social day on Sunday
- * Young Progressives - delighted to be part of ECC at last. Federal Congress is on 21/22 November, where they are taking up call for party to leave Presidents Council. Also, all day annual workshop on 16 November, to which ECC is invited, to plan their activities for next year.
- * CAG - announced that process of reforming as an ECC front on campus, rather than a small NUSAS sub committee was underway. They feel there are benefits to be gained from constituting a front, and are consulting with campus organisations and individuals presently.

3. SUB-COMM REPORTS

* SCHOOLS - have set up a forum with PAAG and GAYP over 3 weeks, running various activities. A workshop is scheduled for 4 November to plan a permanent ongoing forum for schools. Great excitement about schools's progress and contact being made with other organisations working in the area.

The schools' committee's draft of a submission to the education charter was read out and will be circulated to other sub comms for discussion. (It will form part of a submission by a number of organisations - EDASA, GAYP, PAAG).

* CULTURE - are producing a fanzine and would welcome input from schools and PAAG/GAYP. Also, any contributions to the roadshow for the campaign welcomed, and to the concert planned for 22 November.

* CONTACT: Held a pilot house meeting and are planning another with the Black Sash. Raised the question of Dad's Army, and the meeting of academics on campus to discuss the issue, and reported on the meeting. Proposal for a meeting on Thurs 6 November - was discussed and accepted. Advertising was debated (press ad?) and it was decided to go for a press ad if there was insufficient coverage by next week for meeting. Idea of soliciting letters to press from speakers and prominent people. Contact also announced an Open Forum (during campaign) on 12 November in Roncon at 8 pm for everyone to advertise.

* MEDIA: is screening a t-shirt for the campaign. Also a statement poster, and badges to be produced. Media gave feedback on the office job and felt that the office worker should not be from the executive as this affected the job and relations with sub comms and their work.

4. NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT BACK

Two key issues emerged which need discussion and decisions by next GB. These were: the request that ECC nationally endorse the UDF national call; and the question of international tours and whether ECC should accept the US invitation for next year. On both issues, it was decided that subcomms and organisations must discuss, and the relevant documents would be circulated to facilitate these discussions and enable us to decide at next GB. At next GB we would take a consensus vote.

National employees - 2 national organisers and a national secretary - need nominations from Cape Town soon! The problem of overlap with ECC local executive elections was discussed. It was decided, after much discussion, that all nominations by sub comms would be submitted with motivations, and that discussion could take place later with nominees about their availability or reasons for not standing.

The nominations were:

National organisers - Nic, Ali, Vaun, Laurie, Paula

National secretary - Vaun, Ali

Front organisations requested a national committee report back which was arranged.

5. AGM: Nominations for the 5 elected executive positions opened tonight. By the next GB all nominations to have been submitted to Nic. The agenda for the AGM was read out and approved. Organisations and subcomms were requested to prepare written reports for consolidation. The AGM is on 27 November at 7 pm.

6. CULTURAL FESTIVAL:

ECC will be having a stall at the inauguration on 1 November. Other announcements were: "Bop until you drop" at Space Odyssey to fund raise; Sunday 2 Nov - "Creative Space". A meeting for all involved and interested in cultural festival on Sunday at 5pm to discuss ECC's participation.

7. CAMPAIGN REPORT:

A campaign report was presented. The campaign has a strong informative thrust, and a 5 week symposium from Wed 12 at St Georges Cathedral will be held. Various work groups have been set up and everyone is welcome to join these: They are: * Peace picnic (30 Nov) * Tabloid new campaign newsletter * Walk still being consulted details at next GB

The meeting with member organisations was productive, and resulted in discussion on ways organisations could participate in the campaign.

Everyone was urged to get excited and involved in campaign. ECC LIVES!!

8. FINANCES Treasurer tabled a financial report.

9. STALL Volunteers were called on for Sat's stall at Arts Festival launch.

10. PFP RONDEBOSCH ECC was invited to a PFP meeting but because there was no general body meeting before date, the executive refused, as unable to make a decision. It was agreed that in cases such as this, the executive should be able to make a decision as it did not entail a policy change.

11. OFFICE JOB The office worker reported on a job offer she had received, and for various reasons would like to take, but which would entail resigning in mid-November. It was agreed that the exec should have a mandate to discuss this, and ECC must look for a stand in for the job from mid November till the end of the year. At next GB, we would discuss the job assessment and the process of employing an office worker for next year.

12. JOINT WHITE AREAS MEETING; An additional volunteer was needed and decided on for next meeting.

13. GENERAL

* An item from the Business Day of 29/10 on ECC Joburg members arrested was circulated

* Volunteers to help silkscreen were called for

* Joburg proposal for diary - volunteer volunteered to consult David Philip

* ECC ties on sale again at R10

* A brief report on Dominic's support group and ideas for action was tabled. It was reported that the issue should be linked to broader detention and deportation wherever possible. Ideas for action include an international package and a local pamphlet with a tearoff strip to send to Mauritian government. Possibly a local petition.

* Fund raising - an impassioned plea from the treasurer for a fund raising group led to the establishment of a committee to investigate. Further volunteers always welcome!

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 13 November, meet at 7.45

ECC minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 1986.

Present: UDF obs, UDF Gardens, Anglican Board for Social Responsibility, Koebeg Alert, Quakers, Black Sash, ~~FF~~ Young Progressives, Media sub comm, churches comm, schools, contact.

1. Reports.

- a) UDF: the ~~white~~ obs and gardens area committees are taking up a campaign over Christmas through which they will highlight the plight of people in detention.
- b) Koebeg Alert: It was reported that Eskom is doing research for potential nuclear power stations.
- c) churches subcommittee: they are going to a youth group next week and invited the ECC members to attend.

2. WAR IS NO SOLUTION CAMPAIGN.

- a) Booths - these have been an exciting point of contact with the public and will continue to ~~be~~ happen on Saturday morning until the end of the campaign.
- b) Symposium - ~~at~~ the Rhodesian war session was attended by approx. 110 people and went very well.
- c) Campaign meeting - the questions and discussion about the slogan of the campaign ~~at~~ and ~~the~~ ~~with~~ ECC's position on violence was handled very well. We need to discuss some of the issues in greater depth. Quite a few people joined ~~the~~ ECC at the meeting.

- d) Picnic - the planning is going very well, with other organisations carrying most of the load. It will be from 11-4 at Bishopscourt and with non-competitive games, anti-war colouring in books and many other activities.
- e) City Hall meeting - The city council won't give us permission to bill the meeting as we would have liked, so it is an "ECC Rally". We will have an ECC speaking chair, a veteran, a Rhodesian, a wof speaker. ~~David Kramer, Beyers Naudé~~ we hope Beyers Naudé will be able to speak.
- f) Film festival - from 1st to 5th December in the Leslie at UCT: The War series.
- g) The walk - we are seeking permission from to walk from Rondebosch to Guguletu. If the walk is banned we will have a small symbolic deputation.
- h) Carols by candlelight - plan ~~on~~ probably on wed 10 Dec
- i) Issues: the city council is starting to be threatening about our posters on walls. We felt that we are reliant on the council for permission for various things and should try and ~~not~~ appease them, so for the rest of the campaign we won't do poster placking.

3. Office job.

- a) Mandy Taylor's appointment as the temporary office worker was ratified.
- b) It was felt we should continue to employ an office worker next year, and an appointments committee was established.

4. Arts Festival - ~~Cultural festival~~

ECC is holding a concert on Dec 19 as part of the ~~Cultural~~ Arts Festival, as well as 2 sessions of the 'noise and smoke' cabaret. Many ECC people are coming to CT for the festival and we will have

to plan 'social integration', as well as accommodation.

5. AGM.

The AGM is going ahead on 27th November. People were urged to help with catering. Organisations and subcomms must ~~com~~ write reports.

6. Any other Business

- a) Human Rights Day - ECC National wanted to know if we were doing anything on Dec 10. We are having the candlelight vigil.
- b) Nic ~~is~~ has withdrawn his nomination for the CT exec, as it seems he will probably be one of the national organisers.
- c) The Sash rep. expressed concern about the military and its role in political decision making. Some suggestions were made about contacts and research.
- d) Nic was thanked for chairing GB's + ECC for a year and wished well for the future.

AGENDA




- 1) Welcome
- 2) Guest speaker: Mary Burton, National President of the Black Sash
- 3) Reports:
 - (a) Vice-Chairperson
 - (b) Secretary General
 - (c) Press Officer
 - (d) Treasurer

SUPPER

- 4) Address by the Cape Town ECC Chairperson, Nic Borain
- 5) Election of a new executive
- 6) Closure

Annual General Meeting of the End Conscription Campaign (Cape Town)

27 November 1986


End Conscription Campaign

Messages of Support for the AGM

Catholic Institute of International Relations

CIIR sends warm greetings to Cape Town ECC for your Annual meeting. We believe your deliberations will continue to show the spirited commitment to justice and democracy which has characterised the work of ECC. Our thoughts are with those of you who have, along with many thousands of fellow South Africans, been detained and persecuted. We think especially of Dominique Souchon, that dedicated South African who now faces deportation. Your call for an end to conscription focuses attention on the role of the SADF in enforcing apartheid. Now, your "War is no solution" campaign will help point the way positively to the united democratic and non-racial South Africa which is emerging.

Love and strength for the year ahead.

CIIR, London.

War Resisters International

WRI congratulates Cape Town ECC on surviving another year and on your creative campaign in the face of the South African government's attempts to crush democratic opposition. The ECC can count on the support of the WRI and its sections (branches). You have a vital role to play in creating a just peace in South Africa. Your example in the "Working for a Just Peace" campaign and your courage in holding a "Let ECC speak" meeting are an inspiration to us all.

Love and strength.

WRI

ECC activities and events over the past twelve months

OCTOBER (1985)

- * Ivan Toms detained briefly for a few hours.

NOVEMBER

- * 23 Organizations, including ECC, protest against the emergency regulations. Protest includes pickets, pamphlets and a City Hall meeting which is banned.

DECEMBER

- * Open Forum panel discussion on conscription banned under emergency regulations.
- * Police break up 23 Organizations' candlelight procession in Sea Point.

JANUARY (1986)

* JANUARY CALL UP CAMPAIGN

- Pickets, sandcastle and Fun Run.
- Pamphlet and statement poster produced.
- * Open Forum: Pete Hathorn and Laurie Nathan report back on their overseas tour.
- * ECC wins Media Council hearing after Rapport newspaper published article, "Die ECC se politiek skyn rooi deur".

FEBRUARY

* CADETS CAMPAIGN

- Pickets, meeting, Open Forum, concert
- 2 pamphlets, flyer, sticker and a time table produced.

MARCH

- * Fun Run: 15 End Communism Campaign runners participate.
- * WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE CAMPAIGN begins.

APRIL

* WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE CAMPAIGN

- 26 Alternative Service Projects, involving over 250 people, include litter drives, building a tricycle track, painting murals, sewing a peace ribbon and clearing building sites.
- Open Forum and Campaign meetings
- a Fair visited by 5 000 people
- City Hall meeting addressed by Di Bishop, Trevor Manuel, Jaco Malan, Nic Borain and Archbishop Tutu, attendee by 3 500 people.
- Media produced included 3 pamphlets, 2 stickers, 2 T-shirts, Fair poster and flyer, Public meeting poster and flyer.

- * Anti-War Film Festival at the Baxter as part of the Cape Town Film Festival. Film Festival was opened by Dr Alex Boraine.
- * Photographic Exhibition at the Baxter, opened by Prof. Colin Bundy.
- * Live Jive concert at the Baxter.

MAY

- * SADF Raids protest meeting hosted by ECC, Black Sash and UDF Claremont and Observatory area committees. Meeting addressed by Prof. Mike Savage, Rev. Syd Lucket, Philip Wilkinson and Cheryl Carolus.
- * ECC attacked by Malan, Myburgh and Conservative Party in Parliament on several occasions.

JUNE

- * ECC, together with 26 other organizations, form part of ad hoc Committee against New Repression Bills.
- * JULY CALL UP CAMPAIGN plans thwarted by the second declaration of a state of emergency in a year.
- * ECC prevented from calling to an end to conscription by emergency regulations.
- * ECC, together with 199 organizations in the Western Cape, gagged by Brig. Swart.
- * Mike Evans detained under emergency regulations.

JULY

- * Gag orders in Western Cape lifted.

AUGUST

- * 8 ECC Cape Town members detained for a few hours for producing stickers.
- * Janet Cherry detained in Cape Town after being in hiding since 12th June.
- * LET ECC SPEAK CAMPAIGN
 - Public meeting addressed by Dr. Alex Boraine, Maulana Faried Esack, Sir Richard Luyt and Nic Borain.
 - Concert
 - 10 000 post cards sent to P W Botha and Colin Eglin
 - 2 pamphlets, 1 poster, concert poster and flyer.

SEPTEMBER

- * Media council hearing dismisses Adia Parker Newsletter allegations about ECC as "false" and "misleading".
- * ECC's birthday! A cake in the shape of the castle is eaten.

NOVEMBER

- * Dad's Army meeting addressed by Prof. Denis Davis and Dr Alex Boraine.
- * WAR IS NO SOLUTION CAMPAIGN



PROGRESS REPORT

The year began with many of Media's trusty and more skilled die-harders making an exit and left us a smallish group not very confident in its skills or analysis.

The W.J.P. campaign consolidated the group by giving a focus to our work in producing the legendary WJP banner, some posters, pamphlets etc. However after this period the group decided that it should focus on its own work and not be automatically expected to work exclusively on campaign media. We planned a number of exciting projects and skills workshops but were stomped on by the state....of emergency.

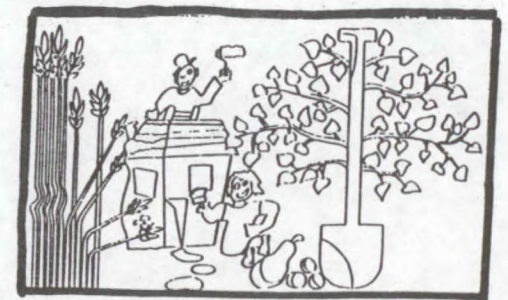
The S.O.E. initially helped media to consolidate itself as a support structure for activists within it and created a strong security consciousness. But it has limited what ECC as a whole can say and many of Media's own initiatives were shelved until the gagging orders were lifted and stickers blitzed Cape Town. Our participation in the Right to Speak campaign produced the famous pseudo-velvet-black-green-&-pink banner.

At this point after a group assessment proposed that we adopt the theme of campaigns by taking up related media projects as creatively as possible and by being part of the conceptualizing process and that our work between campaigns would focus on finding alternative avenues of exposure for our media and on more intensive skills training for our members and other subcomms.

The WINS campaign has been a testing of this new approach and will be thoroughly assessed at the end of the campaign.



CADETS IS NOT COMPULSORY!



media report

POLITICAL STUDIES

As a single issue group our broader education has been limited, but extensive analysis of ECC's role and strategy has developed and has been worked through in practise. We would like to have education internal to Media relating specifically to our role, so that we can strategise more carefully about the work we produce. It is important though, that this analysis should carry across sub-coms so that these issues are open to debate by all of ECC.

PARTICIPATION

The tension between the domination by loudmouths and passiveness of newer or quieter members has been raised. One solution is that we assess more carefully who gets involved with which projects and that more confident people work with others to spread their skills. Being a work-orientated group, there is often not enough time to debate all issues fully - the work must get out! Those who speak ECC lingo need to be aware of excluding people who don't yet understand the jargon. It has been noted that the S.O.E. had initially limited our ability to be as open as we would have liked.

INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS

It was felt that we relate almost exclusively in a work context, and more time should be spent getting to know each other better via social evenings etc. SOE brought us closer initially and Media was an area of support and warmth, which should be maintained if possible. Smaller cliques in Media have been noted - firstly, as a strong point where good friendships help to bind the group by creating a good vibe - secondly, as a potential problem of excluding some people, or a particular 'sub-culture' coming to dominate others, breaking down communication and openness to new members.

IN CONCLUSION

The New Year and February call-up loom. We intend revitalising our creativity and resources after a well deserved holiday - to return with gusto!

Viva Media Sub committee!

Viva ECC!

CULTURE COMMITTEE

Culture committee had a busy year taking the ECC message to the public in a range of exciting ways. Various cultural channels were explored that reached a broad spectrum of people. Cultural events were part of campaigns, or planned to take advantage of other cultural happenings in Cape Town.

1) CULTURAL COMMODITIES

Culture provided six new T-shirt designs, as well as buttons and media, and very energetically took these to every possible outlet. Our stall has always been a colourful attraction at political meetings, concerts, nightclubs, jols and even the beach! Some of last years T-shirt designs were in constant demand and sold as quickly as we could reprint them.

National distribution worked better this year, with our T-shirts being sent to other centres, and us receiving and selling buttons, and the Forces Favourites records and tapes. The Loosely Affiliated Grouping (LAG) designed most of our T-shirts this year, and worked hard producing them.



2) CONCERTS AND GIGS

ECC concerts always attract a lot of attention, and have proved to be highlights in Cape Town's social calendar. Our concerts have specific targets, with venues, bands and inputs chosen to most effectively draw in people and expose them to the call to end conscription., (in other words, they weren't just jols).

There were three concerts, all in different parts of town, and attracting different kinds of people. There was one on UCT campus, a hugely successful concert at the Baxter, and a gig at the venue.

Ways of injecting anti-conscription input at concerts have been explored, and there have been banners, media, videos and stalls.

ECC FAIR
Rondebosch
Congregational
Church hall
Belmont Road
SAT 5 April
8:30am-3pm
WORKING FOR A JUST PEACE

ECC DEMANDS
The Right to Speak

**WAR IS
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SOLUTION**



3) ANTI-WAR FILM FESTIVAL

ECC had an anti-war component in the 1986 Cape Town International Film Festival in April. There were 22 screenings altogether, of which 13 were free, and these took place on UCT campus, the Baxter, the Labia and the Luxurama. Speakers introduced some of the films, and facilitated discussion afterwards. The South African premier of "The War at Home" opened the Anti-War Film Festival, and Dr Alex Boraine addressed the audience. While some of our commercial screenings were poorly attended, the free screenings proved to be popular. On campus especially, the lunchtime screenings were packed out.

4) PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION: "South Africa in Conflict: Protest, Resistance, Power"

LAG did an enormous amount of work under extreme time pressures to get all this together. The exhibition was displayed in the Baxter foyer, and was up throughout the Cape Town Film Festival, which a large number of people came to see. The exhibition was opened with a well-attended cheese and wine, and Prof Colin Bundy spoke to an enthralled and impressed audience. Over 300 photographs were submitted, of which about 200 were put on display. Because of the title, much of the work submitted was journalistic in content, and reflected the social and political upheaval in South Africa.

Plans to take the exhibition to other centres around the country, and to produce a book, were thwarted by the imposition of the second state of emergency.

5) MEDIA

Culture produced its own concert posters and handbills, and these have been colourful and popular collectors items. For the photographic exhibition and the anti-war film festival, three posters and a programme were brought out.

A "fanzine" was produced, targeted at white teenagers and school-leavers, faced with the immediate dilemma of conscription. People liked the fanzine so much that we're bringing out another one soon. The aim of the fanzine is to be as readable as possible, and to use powerful images that will encourage people to read what's inside.

FUTURE PLANS.....

Next year Culture Committee plans to explore new forms of cultural expression - with ideas for a comic-book, a drama group, lots of cultural commodities, and much more. Immediate work is to ensure an exciting and dynamic ECC input into the planned Arts' Festival '86. This will include a huge concert, caberets and gigs, and a travelling stall with all sorts of commodities. There will also be planned inputs into specific festival events.

SCHOOLS SUB COMMITTEE

At the beginning of the year schools group launch a "Cadets Campaign". The campaign consisted of the distribution of two pamphlets about cadets, a sticker and a time table with the slogan "Schoolyards today, Townships tomorrow", and pickets outside school gates. We also held a concert and an open forum for pupils, held in conjunction with PAAG.

A short while afterwards, the Social Issues Group (SIG) held a day long cultural forum at which schools group had a booth and sold media.

We then assessed our successes and failures of our work in schools and decided to change our strategy, especially in the light of campaigning for the "Working for a Just Peace" campaign. We phoned the principals of a number of schools and requested an opportunity to speak to pupils either at assembly or during a Youth Preparedness period. We did get opportunities to speak at Waldorf, St. Josephs and Cape Town High. We also designed a cartoon-type pamphlet and distributed these in schools.

When the State of Emergency was declared, we had already received favourable responses from the principals of Rondebosch and Bishops to our request to speak there. However, we were then denied access to the schools on the grounds that the situation was too sensitive. We also had been working on a detailed proposal for a 'War Symposium' and an inter-schools debate. These two projects were then shelved on consultation with PAAG and EDASA.

During the State of Emergency we spent a lot of time on assessment and internal education around schools work. We established very good working relations with PAAG and EDASA, EDASA having a representative working in the schools group. On consultation with PAAG and EDASA we began working on smaller house meetings. These have not been successful despite requests from PAAG to hold them. However, we did give an input at a PFP youth meeting; again house meetings were requested.

When the Group Action for Youth in Pinelands (GAYP) was formed ECC schools met with representatives from GAYP and PAAG. It was decided to set up three weekly forums. The aims of these forums would be to facilitate our working together on campaigns, to pass on skills and provide an internal education forum - in short an answer to the problems posed by the ever-elusive house meetings. The first of these has been held and was extremely well attended and extremely productive. We are currently planning a joint campaign for the beginning of the year.

ECC schools had also set up a large workshop for all organizations working in white schools or connected with white schools. This workshop would help us to co-ordinate our work and prevent the dividing of energies. Organizations include ECC schools, PAAG, GAYP, EDASA, SIG, Blach Sash, PFP youth, Jews for Justice, Nusas Education Charter Committee and UDF area committees.

Finally, in close consultation with GAYP, PAAG and EDASA, schools group will be doing advertising for a film festival aiming particularly at schools. This film festival forms part of the "War is no solution Campaign".

CHURCHES SUB-COMMITTEE - 1986 Report

Churches sub-comm has had something of a "re-birth" in the last short while, following a rather bleak initial S.O.E. period when our inspiration, our numbers and our energy reached a rather low ebb. However with the addition of a few new members as well as having had a fairly constructive time of reassessment and redefinition of our role, we are ending the year on a very positive note and so entering the new year with a very firm basis for growth and action.

As a relatively new sub-comm, Churches has had to spend a lot of this year establishing itself, drawing in new members, and growing it its understanding of its role and potential. We have always seen the potential support within the Churches for the work of ECC, as being very great, and have thus been motivated by the crucial role the sub-comm could play in making the work and message of ECC accessible to people in the churches.

Particular projects during the year have been:

- drawing up a memorandum around the WJP campaign demands, and getting it signed by Cape Town church leaders.
- sending out a letter and ECC Churches pamphlet to CT churches about our sub-comm and following this up by visiting a number of ministers about ECC generally, and the WJP campaign in particular.
- making and distributing "barbed wire candles" to churches and campus societies, accompanied by a prayer drawn up by us.
- Our most recent project has been revamping a Youth Group programme we were drawing up prior to the S.O.E. This involves an evening with a Youth Group introducing military and conscription issues to them in an accessible and creative way. By assessing the response of different Youth Groups to the evenings spent with them, we hope to be continually developing and changing the programme so that it can become a resource to be used by our group next year and possibly could also be used by other church sub-commes elsewhere.

In looking ahead, we are very positive about the potential of Churches sub-comm. However, given that the church is such a large, varied and often inaccessible body, we feel that we need to be continually growing both in our numbers and in our understanding of how we can be most effective. Such a process is quite demanding and thus unfortunately, but perhaps inevitably over the last year we have been fairly isolated from the rest of ECC, because in prioritising our work within churches, we have been too small a sub-comm to be very involved elsewhere. Hopefully next year would see Churches sub-comm both growing in its own role and becoming more integrated into the broader body of ECC.

CONTACT REPORT

1. ROLE OF THE CONTACT SUB-COMMITTEE

The vice-chairperson is responsible for this sub-committee in that its functions overlap a great deal with his/her responsibilities. As the name suggests it is primarily responsible for maintaining, strengthening and broadening ECC's contact with regard to the front and the wider constituency. In this regard most of its work is of a bureaucratic and "schlepp" nature.

It is a small committee consisting of the portfolios of chair, vice-chair and press officer as well as 3 other activists. It does not meet every week, but rather paces its meetings to work that has to be done. So that if an ECC Calendar needs to be produced it might meet twice a week or else only once a fortnight or so.

2. CONTACT WITH THE FRONT

Looking back on the year it would seem as if this function has been dealt with fairly well with regard to active front organizations - but not all that effectively with "nominal" front organizations. We have felt that it is a good idea to try and broaden the front and there are a number of organizations where this is likely to happen in the near future. Already EDASA has an observer at General Body meetings.

Recently contact has run a forum meeting for the front reps in ECC. It is envisaged that this might become a monthly meeting where the reps from front organizations can specifically discuss how their organization can take up the ECC issues within their own organization. Also as a time of discussion and feedback to ECC on where their membership is and what that implies for ECC's way of approaching them. So far we have had one meeting to discuss the present campaign and a number of very exciting ideas came from the group which have been taken up by the campaign group.

3. ECC CALENDAR

This local ECC newsletter has come out approximately every 6 - 8 weeks. It has continued to be a glossy publication, usually one folded A4. With the present "war is no solution" campaign, this has been dropped for the latest approach of a tabloid format housed in the campaign group rather than with contact.

4. OPEN FORUMS

We have organized a number of these medium sized meetings in the Rondebosch Congregational Church hall. Usually about 40

-60 people attend and the advertizing is fairly low key with it being advertised through the newsletter and with about 50 photostated posters. This is seen as a method of external education on ECC related issues as well as a low-key way of building support for ECC.

5. CONTACT WITH VIP'S

This has usually been done by the executive members of the sub-comm and happens often around campaigns to elicit their support for that particular campaign. ECC as a whole has twice helped initiate a VIP group to seek some action and support from them. This has always been a useful but not totally satisfying action.

6. CONTACT WITH CHURCH LEADERS

Lately this function has been transferred from the Churches sub-comm to contact. The motivation was that the churches sub-comm was small and finding it very difficult to handle all the work as well as the positive motivation that it would be good for this to be seen in the broader context of "contact" as it is a large constituency which strongly supports ECC. So far contact has not actually fulfilled this role.

7. CONTACT WITH STELLENBOSCH

This has been housed with contact as it did not seem to "fit" anywhere else! This link has mainly been a personal one and contact as a sub-comm hardly did anything in this regard.

8. FUNCTIONING DURING THE EMERGENCY

During the first month of the emergency, the executive took over the functions of the contact sub-comm and the sub-comm was disbanded. This made a lot of sense as the exec was meeting daily and needed to keep close contact with VIP's, front organizations etc.

9. THE WAY FORWARD

Contact's work is mainly bureaucratic and some of this has already moved off to another group - namely the tabloid in place of the ECC Calendar. The sub-comm in reviewing their function felt that it might possibly be a better idea to disband contact and to allow most of its functions to be housed in the exec. This would also mean that the experience of the "older" activists in contact could be utilized in other, bigger sub-coms.

Also the contact with Stellenbosch ECC has developed to the point where the link is mainly on a personal level. This does not need to be housed in any particular sub-com.

A very exciting development has been the initiation of ECC house meetings, the first of which happened this week. This way of functioning has many advantages such that supporters can be drawn more fully into ECC and develop a fuller understanding of ECC. This also allows the development of public speaking skills amongst activists and the informality of small groups as a way of reaching potential supporters through friends of present supporters.

All in all it has been a developing time for all in the sub-com but it does seem that a new structure like the one suggested above will be a better way forward in 1987.

CREATIVE ACTION

Creative Action is an offshoot of original Non-Violent Direct Action initiative which lasted for about a month late in 1985. Unlike NVDA, creative actions are less confrontational, and the emphasis is rather on creativity and originality.

C.A. got off the ground in January, 1986. There are approximately 6 core members and additional ECC people are recruited when we need personpower to carry off our actions. CA is a semi-formal body, as all its members have commitments in other subcoms and therefore we don't discuss formal administration and most of our meetings are spent eating, drinking and brainstorming.

Creative actions are generally either phenomenal successes or abysmal flops. Our biggest success was our famous sandcastle in January, which of all single ECC events probably got the most coverage with the most fun. Another castle--this time constructed of chocolate cakes--was served up to celebrate ECC's birthday and got its photo in the Weekly Mail. We had two fun runs, one of which was attended by SADF supporters in End Communism Campaign T-shirts. We had various kite-flying sessions with our Working for a Just Peace kites.

CA is a very exciting and entertaining area of work and generates useful media coverage in the local and national press.

PRESS

ECC: 'Working for a just peace'
ECC campaigns to fix, not fight

ECC appeal to Media Council

ECC article a 'big victory'

ECC fair starts peace campaign

Defence White Paper is arrogant, says ECC

ECC in anti-war move

ECC challenge to Minister

ECC moves in to enlist Matie support

Newsletter on ECC 'untrue'

Rewarding photo display by ECC

We've been singled out — ECC

An ECC spokeswoman said the films had not been cancelled and would be screened as advertised.

She said it was "destructive and cowardly to sneak out and put stickers on our posters". "If there are people who do not agree with the sentiments of some of the films, they are able to write to the newspaper or the ECC or they are welcome to attend our public meetings and speak out."

Symbolic protest drive by ECC



ECC help the people to prove a point

ECC wins newspaper battle

Don't attack us — seek solutions, ECC tells Govt

ECC in print

Financial Report (1 January 1986 - 30 September 1986)

INCOME

Bank balance (1/1/86)	2 511,83
National Account	30 209,00
Newsletter Subscriptions	485,00
Members subscriptions	2 895,62
Media sales	4 253,40
Forces Favoubrates	654,50
interest	66,67
Rent received	5 132,50
Film festival	1 408,76
Live Jive	3 038,93
Fair	4 877,31
Other	<u>7 550,77</u>
TOTAL	58 632,46

EXPENDITURE

Media	20 196,25
Administration	
- Stationary	120,06
- Postage	619,21
- Phone	856,93
- Rent	4 724,90
- other	453,65
Travel	
- National	3 924,99
- Local	350,00
Venues	2 655,00
Newsletter	666,52
Salary	2 100,00
Bank charges	411,72
Film festival	3 787,28
Photographic exhibition	1 086,60
Fair	2 774,53
Live Jive	2 401,53
Other	<u>8 722,81</u>
TOTAL	55 861,96

BALANCE: 2 770,50

MUST COME BACK TO AGM

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

This is an 'in process' summary of the state of exec nominations so far. It is divided into three sections. The first section records all the nominations received so far and where the nominations come from. There may be outstanding nominations, but these should be presented to this GB meeting, and the list should be finalised here. The second section lists those nominations that have been accepted, and at this stage is the short list from which we are going to draw our 1987 exec. The third section is a collation of the motivations for different people. All the motivations have been included, which means that they may have contradictory points of view in them, and all the points raised may not be applicable to any particular portfolio.

The process of discussion at the GB will be to firstly establish if there are any additional nominations, and to finalise the list. We will then go through the nominations and motivations as they are recorded here, and then allow people to ask questions of the candidates and of the people who are unavailable to stand. There will then be a chance to add motivations or to make any pertinent points about the candidates. At the end of this process we should have a final list of candidates with full motivations. Sub-coms and member organisations should then discuss this list and decide on their votes before the AGM on the 27th.

SECTION 1 - INITIAL NOMINATIONS

CHAIR:

Paula Hathorn - Media, Contact, Culture, Schools.
Alastair Teeling Smith - Media, Contact, Schools.
Ivan Toms - Schools, Culture, Contact.
Nic Borain - Contact, Media.
Chippy Olver - Media.
Mike Evans - Culture.

VICE-CHAIR:

Alastair Teeling Smith - Media, Culture, Schools.
Harold Winkler - Media.
Mike Rautenbach - Media, Contact.
Helen Zille - Media, Contact, Schools.
Ingrid Falk - Contact, Schools.
Angus Morton - Contact.

SEC. GEN.:

Therese Bouille - Media, Contact, Culture, Schools.
Josie Grinrod - Media, Contact, Culture, Schools.
Mike Rautenbach - Media.
Paula Hathorn - Contact.
Alistair Teeling Smith - Contact.
Mathew Blatchford - Schools.

TREASURER:

Dave Green - Schools, Contact.
Alastair Teeling Smith - Schools.
Josie Grinrod - Schools.
Andy Orpen - Schools.
Pete Judds - Culture.

Mandy Taylor - Contact.
Mary Ralphs - Contact, Media.
Harold Winkler - Contact.
Ingrid Falk - Media.

PRESS:

Josie Grinrod - Culture, Schools, Media.
Barbara Friedman - Culture.
Vaun Cornell - Schools.
Therese Boulle - Culture.
Paula Hathorn - Schools.
Tracy Clayton - Schools, Media.
Mandy Taylor - Contact
Mary Ralphs - Contact, Media.
Helen Zille - Media.

SECTION 2 - ACCEPTED NOMINATIONS

CHAIR:

Alastair Teeling Smith
Paula Hathorn
Nic Borain

VICE CHAIR:

Helen Zille
Alastair Teeling Smith.

SEC. GEN.:

Paula Hathorn
Mathew Blatchford
Alastair Teeling Smith

TREASURER:

Dave Green
Mandy Taylor
Mary Ralphs

PRESS:

Tracy Clayton
Mandy Taylor
Mary Ralphs

SECTION THREE - MOTIVATIONS

Alastair Teeling Smith

He has experience on the exec, and is familiar with all its functions. He speaks well, projects himself well and is articulate. He works well with people, is charming and affable and well liked. He is willing and capable in his leadership responsibilities and he exercises leadership without 'coming in from the top'. He has a good understanding of ECC and it's political arena and he has an ability to think about the overall direction of ECC. He handles panic situations well. He is very committed and works very hard. He has a good sense of humour.

Hesitation: He is not a very forceful speaker.

Paula Hathorn

She has two years experience on the exec, and is very familiar

with all aspects of ECCs history. She has a good general political understanding. She speaks well publically and also in smaller forums and comes across confidently. She is well liked and has a good ability to get on with people. She is very good at public relations. She is well known to the member organisations and the sub-coms. She is very hard working.

Hesitation: She raised a questionmark about her confidence and creativity.

Nic Borain

He has shown an ability to chair ECC over the last year. He is a good public speaker. He has developed good links with member organisations. Because of his particular style of leadership, and because he only joined ECC shortly before he was made chair, we still need time to reap the full benefits of him as chair. He has a good political understanding and knowledge.

Hesitation: He may be elected as a National Organiser.

Helen Zille

She is well known and well liked and respected within ECC and other organisations. She has an excellent feel for the constituency in which ECC works and she has insights that the rest of the organisation often overlooks. She has good public speaking skills and is very confident in discussion. She is from a member organisation and would bring a good balance to the executive. She has a good political understanding, both about member organisations and politics in the Western Cape.

Mathew Blatchford

He is a hard worker, and is reliable. He knows most of ECC very well. His political knowledge and his knowledge of the SADF is quite extensive - and would be useful with regard to internal education. He is good at organising and his enthusiasm motivates others. He is able to handle 'tricky' situations well and with tact. He has an ability to analyse problems and deal with situations objectively.

Dave Green

He has shown that he is enthusiastic, hard working and committed. He is competent, thorough and responsible. He works systematically, with the emphasis on quality. He has a lot of energy for ECC.

Hesitation: he will be a final year Medical Student next year, and will have time pressures.

Mandy Taylor

She has contributed well to the exec this year. She is articulate. She has a good understanding of ECC. She has a very good grasp of our constituency and know what issues are appropriate for that constituency. She gets on well with people. She is efficient.

Hesitation: she hasn't worked much on general ECC campaigns.

Mary Ralphs

She is well respected in ECC. She works well with people and is trusted and relied upon. She organises well and pays attention to

detail - she is thorough and efficient. She has a valuable perspective which would broaden discussion.

Hesitation: She does not come across very forcefully.

Tracy Clayton

She is dynamic, creative and imaginative. She speaks well, and comes across warmly. She has a good insight into ECC. She has creative, fresh ideas and is exciting and dynamic to work with. She has additional political experience i.e. she was involved in the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee.

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