

Opposition to militarisation and militarism was identified as important in our struggle for a non-racial and democratic South Africa. The aggression of the SADF in the past has shown it to be acting directly in the interests of the apartheid system. This means that we can not have just peace or free society in South Africa until the SADF has been dismantled.

It was however noted that militarisation affects different areas in different ways - townships have been invaded, whites are conscripted into the SADF and coloured and indian communities face similar fates in the future. Hence the opposition to militarisation will be taken up in each area according to the conditions and effects experienced there.

Campaigns/focuses can therefore range from solidarity protests with township residents, a national campaign to end conscription and a preparative and educative campaign, around the extension of conscription, in the coloured and indian areas. Also, broader focuses could unify organisations across areas, eg. Focus on Namibia or Focus on the Militarism in the schools.

The IYY campaign was identified as an important campaign for 1985 and it was felt that a militarisation focus should be included. This would be discussed with the IYY committee by UDF militarisation committee reps. This has given rise to the suggestion that the IYY committee be approached on the possibility for representation on their structure by rep(s) from the UDF militarisation committee.

Structures: It was suggested that there be a standing militarisation committee to monitor the region with respect to anti-militarisation activity. The following suggestions were made:

- 1) One rep per area on the committee.
- 2) The committee would coordinate broad regional events.
- 3) Rep's from the committee will visit other organisations viz. ECC, CCSC and others, to explain the UDF position on this matter and collect feed-back for the coordination purposes of the committee.
- 4) Non-UDF groups may send observers to the committee meetings.
- 5) The committee would initiate national contact and stimulate involvement in national events.

Program:

- a) Seminars - Militarisation
 - The role of the SADF in the defence of Apartheid
 - Conscription
 - History of Conscientious Objection.
 - Militarisation in the schools (Kom speel saam Hearts and Minds Cadets etc.)
- b) Media - Committee assigned to keep records of SADF activity in different areas viz. Photos, Affidavits etc.
 - Compile a booklet of affidavits.
 - Monitor military propaganda in the commercial media.
 - Distribute 'Objector'
 - Collect all media relating to the SADF viz. Paratus etc. as resources for the seminars.
 - Organise the media to advertise events.
 - Put out a regional newsletter.
 - Draw up a calendar showing historic events pertaining to the SADF and Militarisation. eg. Kassinga etc.
 - Coordinate the production of stickers and T-shirts etc.

c) General - Look into setting up of peace camps for children of supportive parents.

- Organise church group seminars.

- Coordinate the following regional focuses

* Sharpville	21/3
* Namibia Day	26/8
* Sebokeng Day	./10
* Kassinga Day	26/5

d) Fund raising - Culture shows (shows, plays, poetry, etc.)

- Video evenings

- Progressive jorls

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