

The Voices of Youth from Inside South Africa Resisting Apartheid and War



Organizing in the Townships

When the South African police detained 2,000 children in Ciskei in 1984, Victor Lala, now age 20, was among them. He was detained again during 1985 and held for 20 days during which time his family was severely harrassed. An active participant in the youth movement in Soweto, and a powerful voice for justice and peace in South Africa, Victor is speaking in communities across the country with the Children of War Tour.

Refusing the Call Up

Resistance to war among the white community of South Africa has become a major form of opposition to apartheid. As south African Defense troops have increasingly been used to defend minority rule, more and more conscripts have refused to serve. While 1589 people refused induction in 1984, the number rose to nearly 8,000 for the first half of 1985. Under the state of emergency, this call is now illegal. The End Conscription Campaign, the coalition behind this call has now been forced almost entirely underground. A leader of the ECC on National Tour for the War Resisters League will speak on war resistance in South Africa.



Wednesday, April 8th

7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church

362 State St., Albany

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