

THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

(EUROPEAN OFFICE)

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Dear friends,

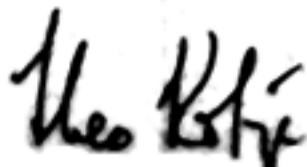
I wish to inform you that at the 31st March 1979, the European office of the Christian Institute of Southern Africa will close. This decision was taken after months of consultation with the staff and support groups particularly in the Netherlands and England.

As is generally known, the office originally opened shortly after ~~Heret Kleinschmidt~~ arrived in Utrecht in April 1976. Mrs Oshedi Phakathi subsequently joined the staff in April 1977 and I arrived in July 1978 to take over as director.

On October 19th 1977 the Christian Institute of Southern Africa and senior staff members were banned by the South African government. This action created a whole new set of circumstances, the most serious of which was the enforced termination of all C.I. projects and meetings in South Africa (it is illegal to continue the activities, aims and objects of any banned organisation).

With the resultant complete cessation of communication, it has become increasingly clear that it is impossible to function as an external arm of an organisation which in South Africa has been legislated out of existence.

The staff wish to affirm that in their respective personal capacities they are not abandoning the struggle to liberate Southern Africa and that they will continue to seek to pursue the high goals for which the Christian Institute has always stood.



Rev. dr Theo Kotze