

### 3. THE MORAL DILEMMA

Many of those conscripted face profound moral, religious, humanitarian and political dilemmas. Trained and skilled people are choosing to leave South Africa rather than serve in the army against their consciences.

Reasons given for failing to render military service include :

- \* South Africa's involvement in Angola's civil war and its support for the rebel Unita movement is morally indefensible and wasteful of this country's resources;
- \* In view of South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia no moral justification can be found for the SADF's military rule of the north of Namibia and South Africa's hindering of Namibian independence;
- \* The SADF's involvement in townships in South Africa actively associates it, and the conscripts it uses, with the maintenance of the morally abhorrent system of apartheid, increases polarization between black and white South Africans and deepens the conflict in our country.