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We'll use the army again — Le Grange

Opposit to call-ups declared

THE END CONSCRIPTION campaign has been given added momentum by the launch in October of a Declaration to End Conscription. The declaration rejects conscription into an army which upholds apartheid and is used as a weapon against the people of South Africa.

Campaign committees in Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg organised public events to release the Declaration, and collected endorsements from many organisations, including the United Democratic Front (UDF), the South African Council of Churches (SACC), the National Union of South African Students (Nusas), and the Black

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Sebokeng, October 22 was the first such occupation. 'Operation Palmiet' had been planned for over two weeks. Just before midnight, 7 000 troops — mostly National Service-men — and a large number of police

Food and Allied Workers' (SFAWU) called a boycott of Simba goods. Their call found support from trade unions and student and community groups throughout the country.

Simba management called off talks with SFAWU and faced with the workers' determination and growing support for the boycott,

IT'S unbelievable to be told Driefontein community leader Saul Mkhize was an "arrogant" man — the description given by Judge J P O de Villiers this week when he acquitted Centenaldo Johannesen Hlambeni.

But my memory goes back some three years or so, when I first met Mr Mkhize.

This imposing, close-shaven, well-

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Driefontein wasn't hot news then. But after Mr Mkhize addressed us, there was no doubt a volcano was about to erupt. Mr Mkhize and his colleagues from the Driefontein Board of Directors, the group which enjoyed grassroots support, told of this threatening Mount Etna.

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● Simba would pay off the present workers and close for Christmas.

● All the workers dismissed in January would be taken back, at the same wages, grades and conditions of service as before;

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