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[REDACTED] was interviewed at that she left [REDACTED]. She advised [REDACTED] to go to Monteagle, Tennessee, Highlander Folk School. She continued, furnishing the following information:

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[REDACTED] as she wanted to return to Flint as the position there did not pay enough for her to stay at the school and found that there was no future in the work.

[REDACTED] believed the school was wonderful and liked it there very much but was of the opinion that the school was very rare. According to [REDACTED] the teachers at the school were very well educated but the students were the children of union members from the factories in the south who were taught courses on how to train factory workers in unionism, the courses taught being Labor Study, Labor Economics, and Union Organizing. The school is supported largely by contributions from individuals rather than by contributions from labor organizations, one of the contributors being FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT who each year contributed \$100.00.

[REDACTED] feels that she was not well adapted to the type of work which she had to do at the school although she felt that she had received considerable experience from the position. According to [REDACTED] a group of Grundy County crusaders have attempted to brand the school as Communistic, the President of this group being the President of the bank at Tracy City, Tennessee. No colored students are allowed in the school as the community will not permit them to attend.

According to [REDACTED] the school was originally founded by a Mrs. JOHNSON, a former school teacher whose home was in Tennessee. [REDACTED] stated Mrs. JOHNSON founded the school for the purpose of promoting conditions favorable to farm people; that for most of the year the school directs its activities towards assisting the community folk; and that in addition to this the school has two sessions of about one month each, one in the spring and one in the fall. At these sessions there are approximately 30 students who are taught

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Unionism along the lines previously mentioned, there being both male and female students. The male students stay in one cabin and the female students stay in another cabin. The school ordinarily refuses northern students as it was organized for the purpose of assisting the people in the south.

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The social life of the school, according to [REDACTED] consists largely of Saturday night square dances which are attended by members of the student body and persons in the community. [REDACTED] advises that she is not union-minded herself but that the school is progressive in the labor movement but certainly not Communistic. She advised that the records of the school are open for inspection to anyone at any time. This interview was conducted under a pretext so that [REDACTED] would not be advised of the purpose of its investigation.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

**[REDACTED] Danbury, Ct., listed to
New Fairfield, [REDACTED] b7c**

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References:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated Knoxville, Tennessee, December 30, 1941.

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REPORT MADE AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 7/9/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/11, 20, 25/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c LMF
TITLE HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject **[REDACTED]** resided at **[REDACTED]** Michigan September, 1940 to February, 1941. She was employed as **[REDACTED]**. Persons interviewed advised that Subject is a loyal American citizen. No Communist tendencies. Membership in Highlander Folk School unknown. Subject presently residing at **[REDACTED]**.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated December 30, 1941 at Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Report Made At KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	Date Made 7-9-42	Period 7-2-42	Report Made By [REDACTED] <i>ACAT</i>
Title HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL		Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis of Facts:

Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tenn. continues to operate under the direction of MYLES HORTON, has sponsored concert in Washington by PAUL ROBESON. Highlander Folk School members were active in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Tenn. State Convention of the CIO. The program of the school at the present time is stated to be strongly in favor of the war effort. Next regular course to be held August 3 to September 13.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 4-1-42 at Knoxville, Tennessee; *b7c*

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 5-4-42 at Birmingham, Alabama. *b7c*

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DETAILS:

This report reflects information received from publications received from the Highlander Folk School; and information obtained from MYLES HORTON, Director of the School. The following topics will be covered: Activities of the Washington Committee of the Highlander Folk School; Highlander Folk School and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Highlander Folk School participation in the Tennessee State CIO Convention; Report of the New Orleans Extension Program made by MARY LAWRENCE, Extension Director for the Highlander Folk School; New staff members of the Highlander Folk School; Members of the School's Executive Council; Past and contemplated school activities. There is also included a brief statement concerning RICHARD GOTHE, former member of the Highlander Folk School staff who has been reported as a possible German sympathizer.

ACTIVITIES OF THE WASHINGTON COMMITTEE OF THE HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL:

The following information was obtained from a publication put out by the Highlander Folk School quoting newspaper articles appearing in the Washington Times Herald, the Washington News, and the Washington Star under date of May 11, 1942:

The first big event in the celebration of Highlander's Tenth Anniversary was a concert by PAUL ROBESON given at Riverside Stadium on May 10, 1942 sponsored by Highlander's Washington Committee for benefit of the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee. The concert had an underlying note of patriotism and contained such songs as "The Bill of Rights," a song of the Soviet Red Army and another from workers in a German concentration camp. ROBESON sang in Russian, German, and Hebrew, as well as English. Washington sponsors for the ROBESON concert included: Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Mrs. AGNES H. STONE, Justice and Mrs. STANLEY F. REED, Mrs. HUGO L. BLACK, Mrs. FRANCIS BIDDLE, Senator ABE MURDOCK, Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD KEATING, Mr. JAMES B. CAREY, Mr. and Mrs. GIFFORD PINCHOT, Mr. CLARENCE PICKETT, Mr. FRED S. WALKER, Dr. FRANK P. GRAHAM, Mr. and Mrs. GERARD D. REILLY, Mr. MAURY MAVERICK, Mr. WALTER BRUCE HOWE, Hon. THOMAS H. ELIOT, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. FILLMAN, Mrs. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, Mrs. GANSON PURCELL, Mrs. CLARK FOREMAN, Mrs. CHARLES EDWARD RHETTS, Mr. and Mrs. CLIFFORD J. DURR, Mr. and Mrs. DAVID R. WILLIAMS, Hon. J. WARREN MADDEN, Mr. TELFORD TAYLOR, Lieut. BARRY BINGHAM, Mr. DAVID E. LILIENTHAL, Miss HILDA SMITH, Mrs. DECCA ROBBLY, Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL STRAIGHT.

MYLES HORTON, of the Highlander Folk School, advised that MALCOLM ROSS, former member of the Highlander Folk School, who is now a Publicity Director for the National Labor Relations Board, and CHARLIE HANDY, who is engaged in the Research Department of the Butchers' Union, MICHAEL STRAIGHT, who is in the Washington Bureau of the New Republic, and

Rev. MULLIGAN, an Episcopalian minister residing at Alexandria, Virginia, were the most active members of the Washington Committee of the Highlander Folk School and should be given the most credit for the success of the concert. MYLES HORTON further advised that, since this is Highlander's tenth anniversary, an effort is being made by the school to obtain national sponsors, and in this connection letters have been written to many prominent political figures in Washington and throughout the country; that so far FRANK GRAHAM, Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, and JAMES CAREY have given oral consent to have their names used as sponsors for the school; that written consent has been obtained from ROGER BALDWIN, President ANDERSON of Antioch College, GEORGE MAYHEW of Vanderbilt University, Dr. LILLIAN JOHNSON and CARRIE McWILLIAMS. MYLES HORTON expected to have an imposing list of celebrities to sponsor the school in the near future.

HORTON further advised that many of the sponsors of the school were not personally familiar with the school or members of the faculty, but gave their support to the school because they believed in the program as outlined by publications issued by the school.

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL AND THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE:

The Highlander Fling published by the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee for June, 1942 contains an article which states that at the third Conference for Human Welfare held in Nashville, Tennessee on April 19-21, 1942, JAMES DOMBROWSKI served as executive secretary and has been given a leave of absence and will continue with the conference throughout the year. The article further states that all of the school staff took part in the conference as panel leaders, office workers or delegates; that a large number of former students who were present at the conference as delegates met with the staff for dinner. Following the conference, some forty friends visited Highlander Folk School, among whom were RALPH TEPFERTELLER, CLARK FOREMAN of Washington, ETHEL CLYDE and EDITH FIELD of New York, and several carloads of Black Mountain and University of Oklahoma students. The present address of JAMES DOMBROWSKI as obtained from [REDACTED] Postmaster at Monteagle, Tennessee, is Room 202, Presbyterian Building, Nashville, Tennessee. It is believed that this is the present headquarters for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IN THE TENNESSEE STATE CIO CONVENTION:

The following publication indicates that the Highlander Folk School was active at the Tennessee State CIO Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee June 12, 13, 1942:

Highlander is ready to assume its increasing responsibilities and urges every local in Tennessee to follow out the policy laid by the convention, and send students to our summer term, August 3 - September 12, which has been especially planned to meet the new problems caused by the war."

REPORT OF THE NEW ORLEANS EXTENSION PROGRAM:

The following report was received from a confidential source:

"THE NEW ORLEANS EXTENSION PROGRAM
Mary Lawrance, Extension Director
for Highlander Folk School

(For the information of Highlander's contributors and friends, we have asked Mary Lawrance to prepare the following brief report of the educational program conducted by her for the past year in New Orleans, working in conjunction with the New Orleans Industrial Union Council.)

The objective of the educational program in New Orleans was to take over the newly organized locals and help the organizers in servicing and educating the membership. The most successful results were had with the Reserve Sugar Local, because this approach was used. Several months intervened between the time of organization, and negotiation of a contract, which provided time to train officers and stewards to run their own union, and the rank and file to speak in meetings and follow the rules of meetings, and enabled the local to discuss and write its own contract. This local knew what it was fighting for; it is ready to swing behind its new contract and make it work.

The educational program was divided into four logical periods--although not intentionally. The first three months were spent mainly in the training of officers and committeemen to do their jobs properly and to build their organization. The second period was devoted mainly to the stewards--training them to take up grievances and to build the union in their department. During the third session, emphasis was put on picking the unions in the greatest need of help, and running a program individually for each of them, with the assistance of the officers and stewards who had attended the earlier classes. The final session was an effort to train as many as possible of the rank and file in the fundamentals of unionism at general meetings, departmental meetings, stewards' meetings, executive board meetings, and so forth. It was felt important to activate more and more people as leadership was rapidly being drained off. Special emphasis was

given the work of the steward, whose job has increased because of added responsibilities brought on by the war.

The work at New Orleans proved to me that an educational program with southern locals must be simple and practical. In other words, Union Problems and not Labor History; pamphlets and charts, not books and speeches. Because I could find no book on union problems simple and practical enough for my purpose, I wrote one, with advice from the CIO Regional Director entitled, "How to Build Your Union", which we at first mimeographed and later printed.

What was accomplished by the educational program? Presidents learned to conduct meetings speedily and interestingly according to the rules of parliamentary law; more members were taking the floor in meetings and expressing themselves intelligently; more members had an idea of what their contracts covered; stewards and committeemen learned how to streamline this business of taking up grievances and getting results; stewards came to realize the importance of their job of building the union in their department; an educational column (to be continued by Highlander Folk School) appeared in the new labor paper, NEW ORLEANS NEWS DIGEST; some few of the better members began to vision the importance and possibilities of the labor movement beyond their own local union.

Much of the success of the program was the result of the working relationship with Highlander Folk School. I returned to the school for each term bringing four or five of the likeliest candidates for leadership up for intensive training. Two of these students who attended Highlander's summer term are now back in New Orleans working as organizers. During the summer term, the CIO Regional Director from New Orleans and several of the organizers helped lead a week-end conference on Negotiating and other union problems at the school."

NEW STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL:

On March 11, 1942 a letter was received from the Highlander Folk School showing the following persons as members of the staff as of that date: WILLIAM BUTTRICK, JAMES E. DOLBROWSKI, MYLES HORTON, ZILPHIA MAE HORTON, MARY LAWRENCE, DURWARD K. McDANIEL, LOUISE McDANIEL, MARIA STENZEL, LEON WILSON. The Highlander Fling of June, 1942 indicates that the following changes have been made: WILLIAM BUTTRICK and JAMES DOLBROWSKI should be deleted from the staff, BUTTRICK having died at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee on April 15, and JAMES DOLBROWSKI having been given a leave of absence for the coming year. The following additions should be made: CAROLINE FINKELSTEIN, graduate of Smith College, 1941, joined the staff as office secretary in April, 1942. DOROTHY ELIASIS, Antioch College student, is working at the Highlander Folk School as office secretary as a part of her college training.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The present members of the school's executive council are: E. S. GALLAGHAN, Southern Director of American Federation of Hosiery Workers; BERNARD BORAH, Southern Director of District 50, UMW; PAUL CHRISTOPHER, President of the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council; F. C. PIEPER, Louisiana CIO Regional Director; JOE DOBES, Chattanooga Central Labor Union; MATT LYNCH, Tri-State Director, AFL; ALTON LAWRENCE, Regional Director, Mine, Mill and Smelters Workers; LUCY MASON, Public Relations representative of the CIO; HOLLIS REID, Legislative representative of the Railroad Brotherhood; LEWIS JONES, Fisk University; GEORGE MAYHEW, Vanderbilt University. It will be noted that F. C. PIEPER, HOLLIS REID, LEWIS JONES, and GEORGE MAYHEW are new members, while the former members, ALBERT BARNETT, Professor of Old Testament Literature, Scarritt College, GEORGE TITLER, Secretary of District 19, UMW, and ROY REYNOLDS, President of the Chattanooga Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union, have been dropped from the council.

PAST AND CONTEMPLATED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

The Highlander Folk School has carried on comparatively few activities during the spring and early summer of 1942. A Junior Camp was held at the school from June 1 to June 7, 1942 which was attended by workers' children, age eight to fifteen, cost to the camper three dollars. The camp was under the supervision of MARGARET BRYAN and ZILPHIA HORTON, who were assisted by MARIA STENZEL, LEON WILSON, CAROL FINKELSTEIN, and BILL ELKUSS. The program included indoor and outdoor recreation, hiking, folk dancing, singing, dramatics, art and crafts. The camp was designed to encourage the physical, personal and group development of workers' children and to help make unionism a more effective part of family and community life. The majority of the campers were from Grundy County, Tennessee. Representation was about equally divided between AF of L, CIO, and farm families.

The Writer's Workshop was held at the school from June 15 to June 27, 1942. At the present time, no information is available concerning the activity carried on at this period. Previous Writer Workshops have been under the direction of LEON WILSON, at which time various writers, editors, college professors have instructed a small number of students from Southern states in the technique of writing fiction and discussing the South as source material for contemporary articles. Future activities as outlined in the schedule published in the Highlander Fling indicate that a second Junior Union Camp will be held at the school from July 5 to July 12; that a summer term for workers will be held from August 3 to September 13; that a special two-weeks term will be given from September 1 to September 13, and that the tenth anniversary celebration and student reunion will be held at the school on September 12 and September 13. The Highlander Fling states that the courses are planned to help the students carry out the daily job

of running their organizations and to meet the new problems caused by the war. Special courses in labor problems in war time, new labor legislation and techniques of setting up educational programs have been added to the usual courses in public speaking, parliamentary law, union publicity, labor history, economics, current events, dramatics and singing. The Highlander Fling further states that the course should stress labor's part in winning the war as the theme for special emphasis. This should be taught under the various headings and sub-headings:

- "1. Increasing Production
 - WPB - Wartime Planning
 - CIO Industry Plan
 - Conversion Plans
 - Labor-Management Committee
 - AFL-CIO Victory Committee
 - Labor Supply

2. Labor's Sacrifices
 - The Right to Strike
 - Doubletime
 - UAW "Equality of Sacrifice"
 - Function of WLB

3. Labor's Economic Problems
 - OPI-Inflation
 - Consumer Programs
 - Taxation
 - Priority Unemployment
 - Housing

4. New Union Problems
 - Organizing in War Time
 - Training New Leadership
 - Fighting Anti-Union Propaganda
 - Training Skilled Workers

5. Winning the War
 - Being Informed
 - Building the Peace
 - No Discrimination
 - Civilian Defence

6. Planning for Action at Home
 - Educational Programs
 - Plant Committees
 - Publicity Program"

MYLES HORTON, in a general conversation with the reporting Agent, stated that the Highlander Folk School has obtained many of its ideas and progressive programs from MARK STARR, Educational Director of the International Labor Garment Workers Union, from GEORGE COUNTS, National President of the American Federation of Teachers, and from JOHN BENEY. Although it is noted in previous reports that a great deal of the funds furnished to the Highlander Folk School come from Annapolis Bank of New York, which is controlled by the ILGWU, MYLES HORTON denied that there was any strong connection between the Highlander Folk School and the ILGWU, and stated that, although the ILGWU backed the school as did many other affiliates of the CIO and AF of L, the school was not controlled by any one group. HORTON further stated that at the present time the policy of the school and for labor organization activity in general was to get maximum production to aid the war effort. He further stated that in connection with this program, the school was advocating that all labor unions as a matter of right and duty should organize production committees and to meet with management and demand that all possible action should be taken in order to secure maximum production. HORTON stated that to a certain extent this was a reversal of the previous program in which workers had been urged to organize for the protection of their own rights to secure higher wages, shorter working hours, better working conditions, and avoid unnecessary speed-up or stretch-out programs on the part of the management in connection with which the right to strike was vigorously advocated. HORTON advised that, although the Highlander Folk School had been constantly referred to as controlled by Communists and to have followed the Communist Party line, every effort had been made to conduct the school strictly along lines advocated by organized labor, and that any correspondence between the policies advocated by the Communist Party and those advocated by the Highlander Folk School were purely coincidental.

HORTON stated that, if the present policy of the school were carried out to a large extent that he expected to receive complaints in the future to the effect that the Highlander Folk School was advocating the control of industrial plants by production committees composed of labor which would in fact appear that the Folk School was advocating the establishment of manufacturing Soviets. HORTON further stated that he had tried unsuccessfully to have the Highlander Folk School accepted as a training ground for labor under the direction of the OCD; that recently he had been to Washington and spent one whole day speaking with Mr. DANIELS and other members of the OCD in an effort to promulgate his plan, but that he had received the answer that if labor were given representation in the OCD that other groups such as Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Kiwanis Club, manufacturers' associations, etc. would demand the same right and equal representation. HORTON further stated that in his trip to Washington he had talked with a member of the Department of Justice who was in the Civil Liberties Division, and had asked this person when the investigation of the Highlander Folk School would be completed. Mr. HORTON stated that the

Department of Justice official had stated that the FBI, having received complaints that the Highlander Folk School was engaged in subversive activities, had of necessity conducted an investigation; that this investigation would probably continue as long as long as complaints concerning the school were received. The official further stated that no statement would be made concerning the Highlander Folk School that it had been investigated and found not to be engaged in subversive activities. HORTON then stated that, since the Highlander Folk School is being investigated, he would make every effort to cooperate with the FBI or any other investigative body who was seeking information. However, it was thought that a cross-examination of HORTON would not be appropriate at this time.

The reporting Agent noted that a great many magazines and recent publications, as well as posters which decorated the walls of the school, contained slogans that were extremely anti-Fascist and anti-Nazi, that everywhere democracy and war effort was stressed. HORTON further stated that in his conversation with the Departmental official, he advised that if the school continued to be investigated by the FBI, certain local groups, primarily the Grundy County Crusaders, would use this point to stir up activity and criticism of the school pointing to the fact that it must be subversive if it were investigated by the FBI. Mr. HORTON was advised by the member of the Department of Justice that, if any action were taken by such a group which infringed upon the civil rights and liberties of the Highlander Folk School or any members of its staff, he should immediately telephone Washington and a speedy investigation of such infringement of their rights and liberties would be speedily and thoroughly investigated.

It will be noted that, although the Grundy County Crusaders were very active in Monteagle at the time the school was being investigated by C. H. KILBY of the Consolidated Coal Company, since investigation has been taken over by the FBI, no complaints have been received that any mob action is contemplated against the school.

MYLES HORTON was questioned concerning RICHARD GOTHE, who was formerly a member of the staff of the Highlander Folk School. HORTON stated that he was not positive as to dates and circumstances, but that to the best of his knowledge, GOTHE was a German, was educated in Germany, came over to this country for a short time, returned to Germany, was active in the pre-Hitler German Work Camp program, that he returned to America in 1938, and was affiliated with the American Youth Commission, the International Student Service at 8 West Fortieth Street, New York City, with the NYA and with the Work Camp of America. HORTON stated that GOTHE had written a thesis entitled "Introduction to Work Camps" while he was working for the American Youth Commission; that as a result of this he had come to the Highlander Folk School highly recommended by the American Youth Commission and the

International Student Service. HORTON stated that GOTHE had been affiliated with the Highlander Folk School in 1940; that during this time, he was very much opposed to Fascism and Nazism and at all times had leaned over backwards to express his disapproval of HITLER and HITLER program; that he had impressed him as being very democratic. HORTON stated, however, that GOTHE did not bear the sentiments out in his daily life and had at times been very dictatorial in the setting up of his various work camps. HORTON stated that he had examined GOTHE's papers from the State Department, the Bureau of Immigration and the various credentials he had carried, indicating his activities from 1938 to 1940; that all of these had been in perfect order. HORTON stated that GOTHE, after leaving the Highlander Folk School, had taught sociology one year at Black Mountain College in North Carolina in 1941; that the last he had heard of GOTHE was that he was somewhere on the West Coast. HORTON further advised that GOTHE had been a machinist in Germany; that he believed his wife was still living in Germany.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU:

1 Publication, Highlander Fling, for June, 1942.

1 Memo "To All the Friends and Supporters of Highlander" concerning PAUL ROBESON concert given at Riverside Stadium, Washington, D. C., 5-10-42.

1 Report of the activity of the Highlander Folk School at the Tennessee State CIO Convention.

1 Mimeographed sheet entitled "Junior Union Camp, Highlander Folk School."

One copy "The New Orleans Extension Program"

1 Mimeographed letter dated May 30, 1942 from MYLES HORTON.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Knoxville and Monteagle, Tennessee, will maintain contact with confidential informants and sources of information in order to report present and future activities of the Highlander Folk School.

Will furnish copies of the Highlander Fling and other publications obtained through Box 1545, Knoxville, Tennessee, to the Bureau.

The first big event in the celebration of Highlander's Tenth Anniversary is something to brag about and is reason enough why you should receive the clippings below. Sponsored by Highlander's Washington Committee the affair is a challenge to all the friends of Highlander everywhere to go out and do likewise or at least as near likewise as possible.

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Washington Times-Herald
May 11, 1942

Washington News
May 11, 1942

5,000 Hear Paul Robeson In Folk Songs

Program Includes Foreign Compositions

By GLENN DILLARD GUNN

Five thousand music lovers gathered in the Riverside Stadium last night to hear Paul Robeson in a program of folk songs.

For many years it has been the practice of this great artist to limit his recitals to the songs of his own race. Having the greatest voice of the present in point of sonority and a gift for the lyric address that is notably eloquent, Robeson has done his share to make this simple and moving art loved by all the peoples of the world.

Washington sponsors for the Robeson concert included: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Agnes H. Stone, Justice and Mrs. Stanley F. Reed, Mrs. Hugo L. Black, Mrs. Francis Biddle, Senator Abe Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keating, Mr. James B. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Burchett, Mr. Clarence Pickett, Mr. Fred S. Walker, Dr. Frank P. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard D. Reilly, Mr. Maury Maverick, Mrs. Walter Bruce Howe, Honorable Thomas H. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fillman, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Ganson Purcell, Mrs. Clark Foreman, Mrs. Charles Edward Rhetts, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Durr, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Williams, Honorable J. Warren Madden, Mr. Telford Taylor, Lieut. Barry Bingham, Mr. David E. Lienthal, Miss Hilda Smith, Mrs. Decca Rommily, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Straight.

Robeson Great in Riverside Benefit Show

That was more than a recital at Riverside Stadium last night. It was a revival meeting, a country hoe-down and a Basin-st blues session all rolled up in one bundle.

Paul Robeson not only gave magnificently of his talents, but also acted as master of ceremonies for a trio of Negro folk artists. The whole thing was a benefit for the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn.

Robeson sang gently and beautifully the folk songs of his own and other people, but it was when he slipped into the role he glories in—the artist of the oppressed, that he evoked wild enthusiasm. Fiercely, savagely he sang songs of the southern Negro, the Chinese soldier, the legionnaire of besieged Madrid, the German of the concentration camp, the Red Army—each in English first, then in its native tongue.

Inescapably, of course, he encoored once with "Old Man River," again with "Taint Necessarily So" from Porgy and Bess. Accompanist Lawrence Brown added his voice in his own arrangements of "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel" and "Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho."

For the three lesser artists who shared the stage with him, it was a night of nights. And well they held up their end of the show.

Houdie Leadbetter (Leadbetter, who seems to have no mean personal following of his own, drew the most enthusiastic response, including a bit of community singing, with his work songs, ballads and blues. A 12-string guitar with voice to match were his instruments. Blind Saunders Terry made a 50-cent harmonica do incredible things and was ably assisted by Brownie McGee from Tennessee and his guitar. All three ganged up in an extra-special jam session before they went home.

It was a big night for a big man and for the people he's proud to fight for. —O. R. D.

Paul Robeson Concert Has Homey Touch

Concert Repertoire Is Laid Aside for Old Folk Tunes

By ALICE EVERSMAN.

Paul Robeson, famous Negro baritone, packed Riverside Stadium last night in the benefit concert he gave for the Highlander Folk School of Monteagle, Tenn. Mr. Robeson and his audience always have a friendly relationship and the artist talked to them last night of the songs he would sing as if it all were a homey gathering. Assisting on the program were Houdie Leadbetter with his guitar, Saunders Terry, the blind harmonica player, and Brownie McGee.

As originally announced, Mr. Robeson's program was to have contained arias and songs from his concert repertoire in addition to groups of spirituals. As it turned out, however, it was purely a folk program both by Mr. Robeson and the other performers. Yet his numbers had more significance since they represented the oppressed people of the world as well as the principal nations now struggling for liberty in the war.

Russian Folk Songs.

In the first group he placed the Russian folk song "Night" arranged by Alexandroff and the English folk song "Oh, No, John," together with the Burleigh arrangement of "Go Down Moses" and Robinson's "Water Boy." Later he sang Mendelssohn's "Lord God of Abraham," Parry's "Jerusalem," with the words of the last verse changed by Mr. Robeson to apply to this country, and Engel's "Chassidic Chant." The final numbers were Ross' "Tennessee Valley," "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel" and "Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho" arranged by his accompanist, Lawrence Brown, and Burleigh's arrangement of "Balm in Gilead."

A note of patriotism underlay Mr. Robeson's talk about these songs and was carried out further in his encores which consisted of a stirring setting of "The Bill of Rights," a song of the Soviet Red Army soldiers, and another from workers in a German concentration camp. With his great dramatic ability, Mr. Robeson aroused his audience to cheers and wild applause.

Voice Fills Arena.

His magnificent voice with its organlike quality and resonant depth filled the large arena assisted little by the amplification system which was not clear or powerful. The genuine feeling which he puts into his singing is doubly effective because of its naturalness and the strong personality of the artist. His versatility as a linguist was demonstrated when he sang in Russian, German and Hebrew.

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STATE CIO CONVENTION URGES ALL TENNESSEE UNIONS SEND STUDENTS TO HIGHLANDER

HIGHLANDER STUDENTS ARE CONVENTION LEADERS

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School's Help Requested in Publicity Work and Education in the Field

The labor movement can derive great advantage from a school of its own. This was amply shown at the Tennessee State CIO Convention by the participation of Highlander students and by demands upon the school for help. Locals were urged to make full use of the school.

Theo Van Landingham, UAW #903 (summer '41) presided over the opening session of the convention in his capacity as President of the Memphis Industrial Union Council and had the rare privilege of introducing the Mayor of Memphis, a city which has long resisted the coming of the CIO. Matt Lynch, AFIM Director of the Tri-State Area, (summer '35 and President of the HFS Alumni Association) responded to the mayor's address. Matt and Van were also on the arrangements committee. Emil Willmetz, CIO Representative and Chairman of the Knoxville IUC (Fall '40) and Ed Blair, ACWA organizer (Fall '40) were chairmen of committees. Ed and Matt were elected Vice Presidents of the State Council for the coming year.

Members of the school's Executive Council were very much in evidence - Fred Pieper, Regional Director from Louisiana, representing Allan Heywood, Alton Lawrence, Hollis Reid, Miss Lucy Mason, Ed Callaghan, Matt Lynch, and Paul Christopher who was elected the new President of the State Council. The program of the school was discussed with James Carey, Secretary, CIO.

The following excerpt from the report of the Education Committee illustrates the growing realization of the use which the labor movement in Tennessee can make of the resident workers school right in the heart of the state:

"In addition to giving organized labor its rightful place in public education, unions should promote their own educational programs. Such educational programs are becoming increasingly important to hold our gains and to organize during a war situation. The labor movement in Tennessee should make full use of the resident workers school in Tennessee, the Highlander Folk School, and Southern School for Workers, sending members to attend the two and six weeks terms for intensive training, using the schools for institutes and conferences, and calling on the staff for extension programs in various cities."

The report of the publicity committee also called on locals to use Highlander's help in getting out circulars and pamphlets, and labor plays.

Highlander is ready to assume its increasing responsibilities and urges every local in Tennessee to follow out the policy laid by the convention, and send students to our summer term, August 3 - September 12, which has been especially planned to meet the new problems caused by the war.

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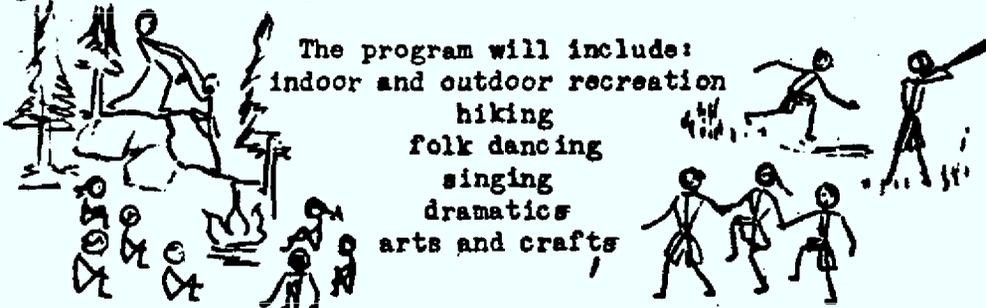
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JUNIOR UNION CAMP

Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tenn.

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Highlander is holding its third JUNIOR CAMP from June 1st-- 7th.



The camp will be under the supervision of Margaret Bryan and Zilphia Horton. They will be assisted by Maria Stenzel, Leon Wilson, Carolyn Finkelstein and Bill Elkuss of the Highlander staff. All have had experience in working with children. The different activities of the program have been carefully worked out to provide the maximum of healthy outdoor activity with nourishing food and ample rest. There will be a trained nurse available at all times.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND? Children of workers - children 8 to 15.

COST OF THE CAMP. The entire cost to the camper will be \$3.

WHAT TO BRING. Campers should bring comfortable clothing, heavy shoes, swimming suits. Those who have whittling knives are urged to bring them for use in the craft classes.

Betty Jean Sargent and Claudera Williams, two of last summer's campers, say:

"This camp is a nice place, but the days are just zip, zip, zippin' by. I thought they'd go slow, but they just whizz by. I like to folk dance best, and then swimming and baseball. I like the campfires and hikes. And I like the singing. I like what they say---the words."

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ROBESON SINGS FOR HIGHLANDER

Paul Robeson's benefit concert in Washington, May 11, was the first major event celebrating Highlander's Tenth Anniversary Year. The concert was sponsored by the school's Washington Committee, of which Malcolm Ross is chairman, and a notable list of friends including Mrs. Roosevelt.

Some four or five thousand people filled the Riverside Stadium to hear the world famous Negro baritone sing for the school. "Robeson," said the Washington News, "sang gently and beautifully the folk songs of his own and other people, but it was when he slipped into the role he glories in—the artist of the oppressed—that he evoked wild enthusiasm. It was a big night for a big man and for the people he's proud to fight for."

Assisting on the program were Houdie Leadbetter and Brownie McGee with guitars, and Saunders Terry, blind harmonica player. Robeson was accompanied by Lawrence Brown.

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Southern Conference For Human Welfare

"The South's Part in Winning the War for Democracy" was the theme of the third Southern Conference for Human Welfare, held in Nashville April 19-21. James Dombrowski served as executive secretary. He has been given a leave of absence and will continue with the Conference throughout the year.

All the school staff took part in the Conference as panel leaders, office workers, or delegates. A large number of former students, present as delegates, met with the staff for dinner. Highlander songs were sung and exciting experiences were exchanged.

Following the Conference some forty friends visited the school. Among those who square-danced to Uncle Willie Marlowe's fiddling and Ralph Tefferteller's calling were Clark Foreman of Washington, Ethel Clyde and Edith Field of New York, and several carloads of Black Mountain and University of Oklahoma students.

Clark Foreman is the new chairman of the Southern Conference.

A. F. L. Convention

The Highlander Teachers Union (Local 261) was represented at the Tennessee State Convention of the American Federation of Labor, meeting in Chattanooga, June 1-2. Myles Horton was the delegate. The teachers' local is affiliated with Chattanooga Central Labor Union.

New Staff Members

Durward and Louise McDaniel joined the staff in February. Durward, our Executive Secretary, came from Norman, Oklahoma, and Louise from Chattanooga. Both are Highlander alumni.

Carolyn Finkelstein, Smith College, '41, joined the staff as office secretary in April.

Dorothy Haasis, Antioch College student, put in her ten weeks' work quarter as a Highlander office secretary.

William Buttrick Passes Away



William Buttrick, Highlander staff member since January, 1938, economics teacher and editor of the FLING, died at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, April 15. He had been in failing health for several months.

Bill's death is a great loss for Highlander and for his many friends throughout the South. He was one of the most popular members of the staff.

THIRD JUNIOR UNION CAMP

Climaxed by an all-day program of games, dramatics, folk dancing and singing, an exhibition of the children's craftwork, and an old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds," our third annual Junior Union Camp closed June 7th.

The camp was designed to encourage the physical, personal, and group development of workers' children, and to help make unionism a more effective part of family and community life. The majority of the campers this year were Grundy County children, 8 to 15 years. Representation was from A. F. of L., CIO, and farm families, about equally divided.

Daily activities included a morning assembly, clay modeling, painting, puppet making, ball games, hikes, singing and story telling around an evening campfire. Families of the children came from all parts of the county to take part in the final program.

A COOPERATIVE VENTURE

You, as a part of Highlander, should know exactly how the school is run.

The staff cooperatively owns property, cooperatively carries the program planned by the Executive Council, which consists of staff and eleven labor, student and public representatives. They are elected chairman, or co-chairman. The Executive Council assumes responsibility for the activities of the school and takes part in financing them. Throughout the year scores of union and government officials assist in the company's residence, and extension work at the school.

There is an old mountain saying that "It takes oats to make a mare go." In a real sense we are contributors to Highlander. Additional funds enable us to reach more people and to improve our work. Your contribution makes you a co-worker. Your interest in you share our feeling that Highlander must work overtime during wartime needs. The staff, on a maintenance basis, with enthusiasm and experience, tributions are no less making the mare go.

New H. F. S. Publication

A 27-page mimeographed pamphlet describing teaching methods of a year's education program in New Orleans has been published by the school.

F. C. Pieper, CIO Regional Director in Louisiana, under whose direction the program was conducted have written introductions. Call "UNDERSTANDING UNIONISM" the pamphlet is full of timely useful ideas for local unions ready to launch educational programs. Added attraction is a four-page outline, with charts, for a class taking up grievances and union-building.

The pamphlet was written by Mary Lawrence, Highlander Extension Director, and illustrated by Maria Stenzel of the school staff. It can be purchased for 15 by writing the school. Additional copies of the outline for class discussion on grievances and union-building can be had for 5c.

RESIDENCE SCHEDULE	
Junior Union Camp—June 1-7.	Writers' Workshop—June 15-27.
Second Junior Union Camp—July 5-12.	Summer Term for Workers—August 3-September 13.
Tenth Anniversary Celebration and Student Reunion—Sept. 12-13.	

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SIX WEEKS SUMMER TERM FOR SOUTHERN WORKERS

August 3

to

September 13

1942



Special

2-Weeks Term

September

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Education

Understander is not like other schools. The teacher's job at a labor school is to discuss situations in which everyone takes part to acquaint students with facts of the labor movement which will help them solve their union problems. You need not attend much regular schooling or buy many clothes to attend—just a good sound belief in organization.

Courses

The courses this term are planned to help you in the daily job of running our organizations and to meet the new problems caused by the war. Special courses on labor problems in war time, new labor legislation, and techniques of teaching and setting up educational programs have been added to the usual courses in public speaking, parliamentary law, union publicity, labor history, economics, current events, dramatics and singing.

"LABOR'S PART IN WINNING THE WAR"

Theme for Special Emphasis

1. Increasing Production
 - WPB—Wartime Planning
 - CIO Industry Plan
 - Conversion Plans
 - Labor-Management Committee
 - AFL-CIO Victory Committee
 - Labor Supply
2. Labor's Sacrifices
 - The Right to Strike
 - Doubletime
 - UAW "Equality of Sacrifice"
 - Function of WLB
3. Labor's Economic Problems
 - OPA—Inflation
 - Consumer Programs
 - Taxation
 - Priority Unemployment
 - Housing
4. New Union Problems
 - Organizing in War Time
 - Training New Leadership
 - Fighting Anti-Union Propaganda
 - Training Skilled Workers
5. Winning the War
 - Being Informed
 - Building the Peace
 - No Discrimination
 - Civilian Defence
6. Planning for Action at Home
 - Educational Programs
 - Plant Committees
 - Publicity Program

Backing of Labor

Highlander is endorsed by leading labor unions. Many union leaders and government officials are scheduled to help lead discussions on the special theme of the term. Special assistance is given by the members of the school's Executive Council:

E. S. Callaghan, Southern Director, American Federation of Hosiery Workers;
 Bernard Borah, Southern Director, District 50, UMWA;
 Paul Cristopher, President Tennessee State Industrial Union Council;
 F. C. Pieper, Louisiana CIO Regional Director;
 Joe Dobbs, Chattanooga Central Labor Union;
 Matt Lynch, TriState Director, AFHW;
 Alton Lawrence, Regional Director, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers;
 Lucy Mason, Public Relations Representative, CIO;
 Hollis Reid, Legislative Representative, Railroad Brotherhoods;
 Lewis Jones, Fisk University;
 George Mayhew, Vanderbilt University.

Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

May 30, 1942

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Dear Friend;

Highlander is celebrating its tenth anniversary with an enlarged program geared to the new problems growing out of the war. The demands for our services are greater than at any other time in our history. The effectiveness with which we meet these urgent demands depends upon you.

The school has an experienced staff and the active cooperation of an executive council composed of representatives of all branches of organized labor. We have a plant and 200 acres of land free from indebtedness. The expenditures for running the school have never exceeded our income, although last year it was necessary to use up our small reserve to balance the budget. This means that we must find now contributors in 1942 even to raise the equivalent of last year's income. Yet we need to enlarge our budget to meet the increased demands for our services.

The future of the school is bright. Friends of Highlander are rallying to our support, as can be seen by the enclosed press clippings on the Robeson concert in Washington. There is a special reason for urging you to help us at this time. Jim Dombrowski, who has been in charge of fund raising for the last eight years, has been given a year's leave of absence to serve as secretary for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which is doing a very important job in the South.

We know that you would rather have the Highlander staff spending its time in carrying out the school's program than in raising the budget. Accordingly, there are two ways in which you can be of great help: first, by making a special contribution immediately of at least \$1.00; second, by sending us a list of names of people who might contribute, and telling us if we may use your name in asking for contributions.

Sincerely yours,

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

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THE NEW ORLEANS EXTENSION PROGRAM
Mary Lawrence, Extension Director
for Highlander Folk School

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(For the information of Highlander's contributors and friends, we have asked Mary Lawrence to prepare the following brief report of the educational program conducted by her for the past year in New Orleans, working in conjunction with the New Orleans Industrial Union Council.)

The objective of the educational program in New Orleans was to take over the newly organized locals and help the organizers in servicing and educating the membership. The most successful results were had with the Reserve Sugar Local, because this approach was used. Several months intervened between the time of organization, and negotiation of a contract, which provided time to train officers and stewards to run their own union, and the rank and file to speak in meetings and follow the rules of meetings, and enabled the local to discuss and write its own contract. This local knew what it was fighting for; it is ready to swing behind its new contract and make it work.

The educational program was divided into four logical periods--although not intentionally. The first three months were spent mainly in the training of officers and committeemen to do their jobs properly and to build their organization. The second period was devoted mainly to the stewards--training them to take up grievances and to build the union in their department. During the third session, emphasis was put on picking the unions in the greatest need of help, and running a program individually for each of them, with the assistance of the officers and stewards who had attended the earlier classes. The final session was an effort to train as many as possible of the rank and file in the fundamentals of unionism at general meetings, departmental meetings, stewards' meetings, and so forth. It was felt important to

July 14, 1942

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
MONTEAGLE, TENN.

Winters

It seems as though New Deal officials have the happy habit of selecting radical spots as a place to create a sounding board to expose their theories. This time they are cooperating with this well known radical school for a 6 weeks course from August 3 to September 12. The purpose is to decide on Labor's part in winning the war against Fascism.

This short course will have as instructors government and union officials.

The OPA will be represented by Prof. R.R.R. Brooks and Edith Christensen. T.F. Burns will represent the WPB. Edwin S. Smith, national director of the Oil Workers Organizing Campaign (CIO), Editor Len deCaux of The CIO News and Robert L. Cruden of the United Rubber Workers (CIO) will be among labor's lecturers.

Applications may be made to Myles Horton, director of the school, Monteagle, Tenn.

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Special Agent in Charge
Knoxville, Tennessee

RE: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

You are requested to make a comprehensive review of the file in the captioned matter and submit to the Bureau in the near future a summary report reflecting all information contained in the files wherein there are indications of Communist control or influence in the administration of the Highlander Folk School.

You are also requested to report those indications of Communist affiliations or connections on the part of this School and those individuals responsible for its administration.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[Redacted] employed [Redacted] Birmingham, Alabama. Indices checked and sources of information contacted as to possible communist or subversive activities with negative results. *b7c*

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [Redacted] at Knoxville, Tenn., dated June 1, 1941. *b7c*

Report of Special Agent [Redacted] at Savannah, Ga., dated May 30, 1942. *b7c*

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DETAILS:

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

By virtue of an anonymous telephone call to [Redacted] it was ascertained that [Redacted] is employed there in a traveling capacity, and that he resides at the [Redacted].

b7c A check of the indices of the Birmingham Field Division regarding [Redacted] was made with negative results. Confidential informants [Redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, were contacted in regard to any communist or subversive activities on the part of [Redacted] with negative results.

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August 22, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On August 20, 1942, Special Agent [redacted] of the Knoxville Field Division telephonically advised that a review of the file captioned "Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee," reveals the Knoxville Field Office is in need of additional coverage at the next session of this school, to be held commencing September 1, 1942.

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

I refer to your communication of June 11, 1942 concerning the visa application of [redacted] *b7c* wherein it is stated that the applicant is presently the subject of an internal security investigation being conducted by your Bureau and in which it is further stated that the Highlander Folk School with which the sponsor, *b7c*

[redacted] New York, New York, has been in correspondence, is also the subject of an internal security investigation being conducted by your Bureau. It is requested that you notify this Division upon the completion of the above-mentioned investigations and the results thereof.

Consideration of the above-mentioned visa case has been suspended pending the receipt of a letter from you concerning these matters.

Sincerely yours,

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SUMMARY REPORT

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FOUNDING OF HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

The Highlander Folk School which is located on the highway between Monteagle, Tennessee, and Tracy City, Tennessee, was founded on a plot of land donated by LILLIAN JOHNSON, Ph. D. in 1932. Dr. JOHNSON came to Monteagle in the early 1920's at which time she showed a great deal of interest in the community of Summerfield, Tennessee, which is located very near Monteagle, especially in the school system and the public health of the community. She was elected to the County Board of Education and soon became chairman of that board. She was very much interested in the Women's Christian Temperance Union and attempted to help the underprivileged class of people who resided in Grundy County.

To this end she donated the tract of land which is now used by the Highlander Folk School. The two people she chose to establish the school were MYLES HORTON and DON WEST. HORTON had been the State Chairman of the Socialist Committee in Tennessee for the campaign of 1932, while DON WEST was reported to openly state that he was a Communist.

On July 31, 1934, the Highlander Folk School took out a Charter of Incorporation under the Code of Tennessee of 1932. This charter states that the particular purpose for which this charter is sought was the support of the Highlander Folk School Adult Education, the training of rural and industrial leaders and general academic education. The charter is recorded in Book Number "MISC", Page 141, in the Registrar's Office of Fentress County. The Incorporators were MYLES HORTON, ELIZABETH HAWES, JAMES DOMBROWSKI, RUPERT HAMPTON and MALCOLM CHRIS-HOLM.

EARLY SPONSORS

The school at its inception was supported by members of the

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Socialist Party of national prominence, such as: NORMAN THOMAS, BEURHOLD RUBUHR, STEWART CHASE, and KIRBY PAGE. It was also backed by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, and the school has always drawn approximately one-third of its funds from the Amalgamated Bank of New York, which is owned and controlled by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. X

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE SCHOOL

In a pamphlet published by the Highlander Folk School it is stated that the school was founded "to provide an educational center in the South for the training of rural and industrial leaders and for the conservation and enrichment of the indigenous cultural values of the mountains." Activities of the school have been primarily in the education of labor organizers. The school conducts two six weeks' courses per year, known as the spring and fall terms. At these sessions, workers who have been selected by their various unions are given courses in history, economics, union publicity, parliamentary law and public speaking, dramatics, and are taught how to organize a union, conduct union meetings, present grievances, how to call and organize strikes, and to effectively bargain with employers.

The school also conducts a nursery for farm and workers' children and sponsors a lending library, conducts what is known as a writer's workshop, gives square dances, and endeavors to help and gain the confidence of the community surrounding the school. In this connection it has on occasions held rummage sales, aided in obtaining WPA sewing projects, and encouraged handicraft work in the community.

The Highlander Folk School also conducts an extension program by sending various members of its faculty to any union who asks for their services to help them put on a drive for new membership or to more effectively bargain for wage increases and better working conditions.

ATTACKS MADE ON THE HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

When the Highlander Folk School first moved to Monteagle, Tennessee, MYLES HORTON and the rest of the Highlander Folk School staff were introduced to members of the community by Dr. LILLIAN JOHNSON, who asked that they help them in their endeavors. The Highlander Folk School staff for the most part are well educated individuals who seem to have a sincere desire to help the people of the South. In this connection they strongly followed the Socialist-Communist United Front Program of the early 1930's. Most of the literature passed out by the school at that time was of a Socialistic nature. In connection with their program, however, they soon developed a theory of

using militant labor strikes in an effort to solidify the workers in a common cause and to impress upon them the necessity of organizing in order to gain the powers of numbers. In this connection the school issued pamphlets entitled, "Why We Need the Union." These pamphlets state that there is always a conflict between labor and capital and that what is good for the management and capital must of necessity be bad for labor.

Many of the strikes that were either called by or supported by members of the faculty of the Highlander Folk School in the 1930's were called on industries, which because of the depression were not in a position to accede to the labor's demand, and since the workers were in no position to lose their wages during a protracted strike their efforts were in many cases unsuccessful. Thus the Highlander Folk School gained the enmity of both the local community and the companies which they opposed.

The Highlander Folk School was also instrumental in organizing the Workers Alliance in Grundy County, which was later declared by its President and Secretary, DAVID LASSER and HERBERT BENJAMIN, to be controlled by the Communist Party. In connection with the Workers Alliance, MYLES HORTON, JAMES DOMBROWSKI, and the Highlander Folk School faculty encouraged the sit-down strike at Monteagle, Tennessee, in February of 1939. This strike was one of the factors which brought the growing resentment of the community to a head and which brought into prominence an organization known as the Grundy County Crusaders who bitterly opposed the school and made every effort to drive it from the community.

The Grundy County Crusaders were headed by C. H. KILBY who acted in the capacity of secretary. The Highlander Folk School had already been under fire from the American Legion in Chattanooga and was opposed by ministers in the community as being a school which encouraged atheism, drunkenness, and immorality. Mr. KILBY, capitalizing on this ill feeling, secured various affidavits and resolutions from individuals and organizations who were willing to put themselves on record as denouncing the Highlander Folk School and amassed a great deal of material in an effort to secure legislative action in the state courts which would cause a revocation of the school charter and drive it from the community. To this end, resolutions were passed by the Sewanee Lodge Number 405 of the Free and Accepted Masons, by the Grundy County Educational Association, by the Bakers and Confectionary Workers Local Number 25, Tracy City, by various American Legion Posts, and by a local branch of the United Mine Workers located at Palmer, Tennessee.

Affidavits were obtained from twenty odd persons living in and near Monteagle who stated that they had attended the Highlander Folk School or been affected by the school in some way. These affidavits were for

the most part concerned with statements made by HORTON or DOMBROWSKI to the effect that they were either Communists or favored the Russian form of government or advocated revolution. None of these statements, however, could definitely be placed to specific times nor corroborated by additional testimony. The statements also contained references to persons having observed either the hammer or sickle or a red flag at the school and being forced to give a Russian salute and sing Russian songs. An examination of these affidavits indicate that they were in all probability dictated by C. K. KILBY and that the persons making them were irresponsible. The affidavits do, however, contain statements that BILL MARLOW and MYLES HORTON advocated and attempted to organize a local chapter of the Young Communist League.

In the early fall of 1939 JOHN MCDOUGAL BURNS, a reporter for the Nashville Tennessean newspaper, visited the Highlander Folk School for approximately one week at which time he also talked with residents in the community in an effort to determine whether the school was Communistic or Communist controlled. BURNS reported that: The Highlander Folk School is the center for spreading Communist doctrines in thirteen southeastern states; that connected with its leadership are persons who have either been charged with being Communists or who have been linked definitely with Moscow; its faculty spreads Communism, approves this Red doctrine, and sends its alumni into labor organizations where they maintain contact with their alma mater and spread its teachings over a wide area; holds conferences at the school between regular sessions where it teaches Communist theories to labor leaders and others; it has used Grundy County as a laboratory and organized the Workers Alliance, staged strikes, elected the county sheriff, and intends to gain control of the county school system; it is recognized by State Communist Headquarters in Nashville and among its guests are many Leftists of national reputation, including CLIFFORD ODETS, the playwright, and ANNA LOUISE STRONG, editor of the Moscow Daily News in Soviet Russia for several years; it has kept in close touch with Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas; it distributes Communist literature, including the Daily Worker; it is the source of eplays for use by "progressive labor groups", the plays including Communist propaganda; the school with its controlled County of Grundy serves as a clinic for labor problems, giving instructions on strike methods, et cetera, but not overlooking these further opportunities to spread the Leftist doctrine.

A complete review of the articles written by BURNS indicates that he has no basis on which to base these conclusions unless he considers that the pressure brought by union leaders, Leftist intellectuals, and various radical labor factions who were organizing labor in the South and participating in the United Front Movement were all affiliated with the members of the Communist Party and that the entire United Front and labor programs were Communist doctrines.

The Highlander Folk School also applied for a \$7,000 subsidy from the Federal government which had been granted by the government but was held up by Governor COOPER of Tennessee pending an investigation by JACK SCANDLYN, Inspector of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Inspector SCANDLYN also reported that the Highlander Folk School was controlled by Communists and spreading Communist doctrines, however, he had no evidence to back his findings. SCANDLYN in his report placed a great deal of stress on immorality surrounding the school, stating that the students believed in free love and drank to excess.

The file of the Highlander Folk School also contains numerous newspaper clippings from the Chattanooga and Nashville papers which indicate that the school was to be investigated by the Dies Committee, however, there is no information in the file which would indicate the results of the Dies Committee's investigation if, in fact, one was made.

As a result of the consolidating of all these reports into the hands of the Grundy County Crusaders, together with material which was collected by them, there was a proposed march on the Highlander Folk School by the Crusaders at which time it was planned that the members of the faculty be forcibly ejected from the county. On November 13, 1940, a march on the Highlander Folk School was averted by holding a meeting of the representatives of the Grundy County Crusaders and members of the faculty in a session held at Sewanee University. At this time the Grundy County Crusaders hurled accusations at the Highlander Folk School, stating that it was a "hot bed of Communism." JAMES DOMBROWSKI, Highlander Folk School faculty, answered for the school and explained that the school was purely a labor school and stated that in the event that the Crusaders could prove the school was Communistic that it would immediately move from the county. The Grundy County Crusaders, however, were unable to produce any evidence which would indicate that the school was controlled by the Communist Party.

INDICATIONS OF COMMUNIST CONTROL OR INFLUENCE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

CHARTER MEMBERS

The Highlander Folk School at its inception was founded by LEE HORTON who was known to be a Socialist at that time and by DON WEST who had openly stated that he was a Communist. In the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 26, 1942, at Atlanta, Georgia, it is stated that WEST attended the Berry School at Rome, Georgia, and quit because he was not in sympathy with the school system. He later returned and endeavored to organize the students of the school in a strike because the school charged tuition and received help from HENRY FORD, a capitalist.

WEST later attended Vanderbilt University and won a scholarship to study abroad and is reported to have extensively in Europe. In 1934, WEST was active in the Communist Party in Atlanta in connection with the Angelo Herndon case. WEST later founded and was a director in the Southern Folk School at Kennesaw, Georgia. WEST was reported by MICHAEL GOLD in an article which appeared in the Daily Worker to be a young mountaineer poet who became revolutionary and studied Marx and Lenin for the purpose of organizing negroes and white farmers in Georgia. WEST was also active in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Kentucky.

WEST returned to Georgia in November, 1940, where he spent a year as a congregational minister in Meansville, Georgia, resigning in September, 1941.

MALCOLM CHISHOLM, a charter member of the school, was killed fighting for the Spanish Loyalists. (Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 12-30-41 at Knoxville, Tennessee).

ZILLA HAWES alias Elizabeth Hawes, also a charter member of the Highlander Folk School, was known to be an organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and a member of the Socialist Party at the time she joined the staff of the school. She later married FRANZ DANIEL, also an organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, and was a leader in many militant labor strikes, both in Tennessee and in North Carolina.

This fact was substantiated by no other evidence or corroborated by no other statements.

JAMES DOMBROWSKI was also a charter member of the Highlander Folk School and a faculty member of the school until the Spring of 1942 when he resigned his position to become secretary for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare with headquarters at 202 Presbyterian Building, Nashville, Tennessee. Many of the affidavits which are on file in the Knoxville Field Division contain statements that DOMBROWSKI had expressed himself as being in sympathy with the Russian form of government, that he thought that revolution was inevitable, and that the capitalistic system should be overthrown.

DOMBROWSKI is reported to be imbued with a philosophy of saving mankind and has been particularly interested in helping southern labor and attempting to improve working and living conditions in the South. There is no indication that he would blindly follow the Communist Party lines or that he is influenced by any foreign power.

MYLES HORTON, a founder and present director of the Highlander Folk School, has stated that he was a Socialist, but he later forsook the Socialist Party to devote his interest to labor and has on many occasions

professed an intense dislike for the Communists, stating that they infiltrate into labor unions and choke and strangle them by neglecting the primary interest of labor to further the ends of the Communist Party, and that the Communists also incur the wrath of politicians and law enforcement agencies and provide excuses for attacks on labor organizations. MYLES HORTON has been very careful during his administration at the Highlander Folk School to keep Communist propaganda and Communist control from appearing in the school program.

Most of the labor leaders in Tennessee endorse the Highlander Folk School and state that it is through HORTON's influence that the Communists have been unsuccessful in their attempts to obtain control of the school.

The files of the Knoxville Field Division contain very little information concerning RUPERT HAMPTON, the remaining charter member of the school. The information that is available indicate that he was a radical labor leader, and was active in the school for only a short period of time.

OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS

WILLIAM BUTTRICK attended the College of the City of Nashville and Duke University, where he was known to be an extreme Liberal and very sympathetic toward the working class of people and the southern farmer. BUTTRICK was at one time a teacher in the Commonwealth College at Mena, Arkansas. There is no indication that he was a member of the Communist Party. BUTTRICK died at the Highlander Folk School in the early part of 1942.

LEON WILSON, librarian at the Highlander Folk School, although strongly backing the Highlander Folk School's program, has never been known to be a member of the Communist Party. WILSON recently expressed himself as being a conscientious objector to the present war.

MARY LAWRENCE, LOUISE PICHMAN and LOUISE CONKLING, office secretaries from Duke University, Passar College and Overland College, respectively, have never been known to be members of the Communist Party. Of these three MARY LAWRENCE was by far the most militant and has been actively engaged in many strikes in East Tennessee during one of which she was shot in the leg. She was also an active participant in the sit-down strike which was held by the U.M.W. workers who were members of the Workers Alliance at Tracy City in February of 1939.

ZILPHIA HORTON, wife of MYLES HORTON, spends most of her time in nursing schools and working with the women and children in Monteagle

and the surrounding community in helping them in handicraft and doing research in folklore. Her beliefs mostly parallel those of her husband, MYLES HORTON.

CLAUDIA LEWIS, director of the Nursery School, has never been known to be a member of the Communist Party. JANE ALLEN, former secretary, Flint, Michigan, took a very small active part in the activities of the school and was not believed to be connected with the Communist Party. One of the most active members of the faculty in the 1930's was RALPH TAFFERTELLER who was reported to be a militant strike agitator and leader. Other members of the faculty served at the school for brief periods of time, consequently nothing was known about their activities, however, reports from other Field Divisions indicate that they are Liberals but not known to be Communists.

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Highlander Folk School for the years 1939 and 1940 was composed of ALBERT BARNETT, Professor of Old Testament literature at Scarritt College; Miss LUCY RANDOLPH MASON, Southern Publicity Representative of the CIO; EDWARD F. CALLAGHAN, Vice President of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers; GEORGE TITLER, Secretary, District 19, United Mine Workers; MAT LYNCH, Representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers; ROY REYNOLDS, President of Chattanooga Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union; ALTON LAWRENCE, Southern Representative of Labors Non-Partisan League; PAUL CHRISTOPHER, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council; BERNARD BORAH, Southern Representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Of these members only ALTON LAWRENCE and BERNARD BORAH were considered to be affiliated with Communist activities. BORAH left the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and became an organizer for the United Mine Workers. In the recent break between JOHN L. LEWIS and the CIO, BORAH forsook the United Mine Workers of America and is presently receiving instructions for a commission in the U. S. Army.

ALTON LAWRENCE is now an organizer for the International Union of Mill, Mine and Smelter Workers. LAWRENCE is a close associate of ROBERT HALL, Secretary of the Communist Party for the State of Alabama, and recently introduced Communist resolutions and tried to exert Communistic influence at the State Convention of the Tennessee State Industrial Council at Memphis, Tennessee.

Recent additions to the Executive Council are JOE DOBBS of the Chattanooga Central Labor Union, HOLLIS REID, Legislative Representative of the Railroad Brotherhood, LEWIS JONES of Fisk University, GEORGE MAYHEW, Vanderbilt University, and F. C. PIEPER, Louisiana CIO Regional Director. Of these additions JOE DOBBS has been reported to be active in the Communist Party at Chattanooga for the past four or five years while the others are known to be Liberals but not known to be connected with the Communist Party.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The school operates on a budget of approximately \$12,000 per year of which one-third comes from the bank account maintained in the Amalgamated Bank of New York, the source of which is unknown but believed to be from various benefits and concerts sponsored by the Highlander Folk School in Washington and New York City. Another one-third is derived from various foundations and prominent educators and political leaders among which are the W. C. Whitney Foundation, Robert Marshall Foundation, John Hammond, WALTER FRANK, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and MARY CRANE. The balance of the contributions comes from various Liberals, labor unions, front organizations, and persons interested in labor. Most of these latter donations are of \$10 or less. The total number of contributors is approximately five hundred persons.

INDICATIONS OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL

A study of the program of the Highlander Folk School indicates that the school followed the Communist Party line to a certain degree. The school was organized at a time when the Communists and Socialists had a program for united front organizations for persons who were dissatisfied with the country's political and economic conditions. At the time that the Communist Party advocated the policy of the United Front Program, it is impossible to determine how much influence the Party exerted over the school.

The members of the Highlander Folk School staff strongly backed front organizations such as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and the Tennessee Conference for Democracy, and individual members were active in Labor's Non-Partisan League, Southern Negro Youth Congress, and many other organizations. At this time the school was a meeting place for various persons who were employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority at Knoxville, Tennessee, and was frequently visited by such well-known Communists as ROBERT HALL of Birmingham, Alabama, and TED WELLMAN of Chattanooga, Tennessee. In Monteagle during this period there was formed a Young Communist League chapter.

WILLIAM MARLOW, an uneducated farmer in Monteagle, Tennessee, was an elector for EARL BROWDER in the Presidential campaign of 1936. The Workers Alliance was formed in Monteagle by the Highlander Folk School and the militant strike policy advocated by the Communists for the purpose of organizing labor was adopted by the school. It was during this period that JAMES DOMBROWSKI and MYLES HORTON were reported to have been seen with Young Communist League cards in their possession and to have made statements which would indicate their sympathy for the Russian form of government.

With the signing of the German-Russian Non-Aggression Pact when the Communist Party line shifted from collective preparedness to denouncing the war as imperialistic, there was little change in the program of the Highlander Folk School. JAMES DOMBROWSKI, however, was reported to have affiliated with the American League for Peace and Democracy, while MYLES HORTON denounced the war as imperialistic. The school at the present time is strongly backing the all-out war effort, but was not strongly advocating aid to Britain and Russia after the entry of Russia into the war but before war was declared by the United States.

Literature received by and distributed by the Highlander Folk School is a conglomeration of labor pamphlets and magazines, Socialistic literature, and to some extent Communistic literature. The Highlander Folk School has at no time passed out pamphlets of the Communist Party such as literature to free the Scottsboro Negroes, protested the deportation of Bridges, free EARL BROWDER, etc, but has contented itself with providing publications such as Soviet Power, Communist Manifesto, and literature which presents the broad picture of Communism rather than the smaller turnings of the Communist Party line.

ENDORSERS OF THE HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

The Highlander Folk School has been endorsed by Dr. GEORGE S. CLUNTS, President of the American Federation of Teachers, JOHN L. LEWIS, President of the United Mine Workers of America, JOHN DEWEY, MARK STARR, Educational Director of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, WILLIAM TURNBLAZER, Chairman, Tennessee Industrial Union Council; President of District 19, United Mine Workers, WILLIAM MITCH, Chairman, Alabama Industrial Union Council; Southern Director, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, EDWARD F. CALLAGHAN, Southern Director, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER, Secretary, Tennessee Industrial Union Council, R. C. THOMAS, International President, United Automobile Workers, N. A. ZONARICH, International President, Aluminum Workers of America, PAUL RAGON, Chairman, Chattanooga Industrial Union Council; Representative, SWOC, T. J. SMITH, Tennessee CIO Representative, W. H. CRAWFORD, Chairman,

Birmingham Industrial Union Council, JOHN GREEN, National President, Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America, GEORGE BALDANZI, Executive Vice-President, Textile Workers Union of America, HERBERT W. PAYNE, Director Rayon Division, Textile Workers Union of America, FRANZ DANIELS, National Organizer, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, PHILIP VAN GELDER, Secretary, Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, FRANK ROSENBLUM, Vice-President, CIO; Organizational Director, ACWA, F. C. PIEPER, Regional CIO Director, New Orleans, JOHN J. SCHULTER, Southern Director, United Retail & Wholesale Employees, REID ROBINSON, President, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, E. L. SANDEFUR, N. C. & S. C. Director, CIO, NORMAN G. TWIST, International Representative, United Retail & Wholesale Employees, SHERMAN DALRYMPLE, National President, United Rubber Workers of America.

At a Highlander Folk School benefit given on December 6, 1940, the following prominent persons were listed as sponsors: Miss MARY ANDERSON, Secretary and Mrs. HAROLD ICKES, Hon. and Mrs. BENHAM BALDWIN, Dr. MORDECAI JOHNSON, Justice and Mrs. HUGO BLACK, Miss KATHRYN LEWIS, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN CARMODY, Mrs. HOWELL MOOREHEAD, Hon. and Mrs. JOHN COFFEE, Mr. and Mrs. DUNCAN PHILLIPS, Hon. and Mrs. JOHN COLLIER, Mr. and Mrs. GIFFORD PINCHOT, Miss HARRIET ELLIOTT, Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Hon. and Mrs. LEE GEYER, Miss HILDA SMITH, Hon. and Mrs. LEON HENDERSON, Mr. and Mrs. L. CORRIN STRONG, Mr. SIDNEY HILLMAN, Dr. and Mrs. JOHN STUDEBAKER, Secretary and Mrs. CORDELL HULL, Hon. and Mrs. JERRY VOORHIS.

At a concert by PAUL ROBESON presented at Riverside Stadium, Washington, D. C. on May 10, 1942, the following were listed as sponsors for the concert: Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Mrs. AGNES H. STONE, Justice and Mrs. STANLEY F. REED, Mrs. HUGO L. BLACK, Mrs. FRANCIS BIDDLE, Senator ABE MURDOCK, Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD KEATING, Mr. JAMES B. CAREY, Mr. and Mrs. GIFFORD PINCHOT, Mr. CLARENCE PICKETT, Mr. FRED S. WALKER, Dr. FRANK P. GRAHAM, Mr. and Mrs. GERARD D. REILLY, Mr. MAURY MAVERICK, Mr. WALTER BRUCE HOWE, Hon. THOMAS H. ELLIOT, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. FILLMAN, Mrs. MARY MILDRED BETHUNE, Mrs. GANSON PURCELL, Mrs. CLARK FOREMAN, Mrs. CHARLES EDWARD RHETTTS, Mr. and Mrs. CLIFFORD J. DURR, Mr. and Mrs. DAVID R. WILLIAMS, Hon. J. WARREN MADDEN, Mr. TELFORD TAYLOR, Lieut. BARRY BINGHAM, Mr. DAVID E. LILIENTHAL, Miss HILDA SMITH, Mrs. DECCA ROMMILY, and Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL STRAIGHT.

CONCLUSION

A review of the Highlander Folk School file indicates that the school has deviated little from its main program to educate and train labor representatives for labor organizing positions and to aid labor organizations in an educational program whenever the school has been called upon to do so, the main front organization backed by the school being the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

To raise funds for the School JAMES DOMBROWSKI and MYLES HORTON have spent a great deal of time in the north trying to enlist the aid of prominent educators and political figures. The school has also presented community programs and benefits in Monteagle in an effort to gain the support of the local citizens as well as to educate the persons in the surrounding community. Although the school has been branded by many as Communistic, there is very little indication of Communistic influence while there is abundant indications that the school is liberal and radical and, therefore, opposed by Conservatives.

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Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 12, 1942, concerning the captioned school. A review of this report fails to reflect Communist control or domination in the conduct of the Highlander Folk School, although there are many indications of liberal if not radical interests in it.

It is the Bureau's belief that further active investigation of this school is not warranted and you are, accordingly, requested to discontinue the same. It is pointed out, however, that you are requested to make appropriate arrangements to be kept advised of any change in the control or policy of the school as well as its activities, officers, and sponsors. In this connection your Field Division as Office of Origin is requested to instruct auxiliary Offices in which there are outstanding leads to bring investigation in this matter to a logical conclusion in the immediate future.

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Synopsis: Summer Session of Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee, held from 8-3-42 to 9-13-42, under direction of MYLES HORTON. Attended by 15 students, representing tobacco, sugar, textile and automobile industries. Program of school consisted principally of discussions of union organization, racial problems in South, and labor problems. Names of attending students, visitors and faculty set out. JAMES DOMBROWSKI, President, presently under leave of absence to serve as executive secretary of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

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[REDACTED] there were several small cabins occupied by students and faculty members, as well as a community lodge, which contained a dining room for the students and faculty of the school. During the first week, there was very little activity at the school, due to the disappointing attendance, and late arrival of several of the students, as well as late arrival of several of the faculty members, who were allegedly attending a CIO Union Convention held in Chicago, Illinois.

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Each student attending Highlander was assigned certain duties which he was to perform each day in connection with the operation of the school, [REDACTED]

Various entertainments were held during the week, such as theater parties, folk dances, etc., held in the community house each night, with Russian music being played almost exclusively. [REDACTED] observed that the policy of free love was a fully accepted doctrine at Highlander.

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Prior to enrollment at Highlander Folk School, [REDACTED] through circulars and literature furnished by the school, that regular classes would be held at the school, dealing with union problems, economics, parliamentary law, and labor. However, no regularly scheduled classes were held, and only a few lectures were given by MARY LAWRENCE, MYLES HORTON and LEON WILSON, at irregular intervals. The few invited speakers that visited the school also contributed three or four lectures. [REDACTED] that not more than six lectures were held during the entire school session by the regular faculty at Highlander, these being held in the evenings and were in the form of a general assembly. The lectures that were delivered covered general discussion of union organizations, the racial problem in the South, labor problems in strikes. In connection with the racial problem, it is interesting to note that Mrs. VIRGINIA DURR, sister-in-law of Associate Justice BLACK of the United States Supreme Court, spent two weeks at the school, in the interest of furthering and promoting the school's interest in the racial problem throughout the South.

Several round table discussions were held from time to time, dealing with union problems, in which each student was called upon to discuss the labor situation in his or her particular locality or plant, and strike tactics were dealt with. [REDACTED] MYLES HORTON mentioned the fact that the CIO had finally licked "BOSS" CRUMP and the Memphis situation, and now the Memphis Police Department was afraid to interfere; that CIO organizers in Memphis now have a free rein. In this case, it was also noted in the Ninth Annual Report of the Highlander Folk School, for the year 1941, an excerpt read as follows:

"MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tennessee, long a black page in labor's book, is another southern city where the workers are flocking into unions, after years of courageous struggle against a corrupt city administration dominated by boss Ed Crump. For years it was almost a certainty that any CIO organizer entering the city would be beaten unmercifully if not killed. The right to organize has not been completely established as yet, but labor has made great strides, and there is the beginning of a vigorous and strong movement. With thousands of new workers coming into the unions, almost all of them with no previous experience in the labor movement, the need for an educational program was obvious. The organizers had talked with Highlander for sometime about an extension program; plans were made with the assistance of Paul Christopher, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Industrial Union Council and member of Highlander executive council. With the enthusiastic support of Richard Deverall, educational director of the United Auto Workers Union, the program was launched at the southwide UAW-CIO educational conference in Memphis in October. Harry Lasker, of the Highlander staff, was placed in charge."

The aforementioned Ninth Annual Report is being retained in the files of this office.

The following invited speakers delivering lectures during the Summer Session were:

TILFORD DUDLEY, War Labor Board, Washington, D. C., who delivered one lecture of unionism and functions of War Labor Board. According to [REDACTED] he appeared to be very pro-CIO in his attitude. b7D

A. J. GOODRICK, Federal Conciliator, Washington, D. C., who delivered one lecture on the Federal Conciliation Service.

WILLIAM EAVES, Regional Director of Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor, Nashville, Tennessee, delivered a lecture on the Wage and Hour Act, said lecture being confined strictly to the act, with no exhibition of partiality regarding unions.

Although there was never any audible mention made of Communism, the discussions held by the faculty were 100 per cent in accord with the "all out aid" to Russia, strongly favoring the establishment of a Second Front, and regarding labor unions, were in accord with the CIO; however, upon the arrival

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of representatives of the AF of L, from Louisville, the discussions thereafter were confined to labor union in general, [REDACTED] the Daily Worker is a publication regularly received in Monteagle, at the Highlander Folk School.

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[REDACTED] MYLES HORTON exhibited much interest in the aircraft industry and stated that he was anxious to organize the aircraft workers in the Fisher Aircraft Plant in Memphis [REDACTED]

During discussion of racial problems, [REDACTED] was given the assignment, upon the completion of the Summer Session at Highlander, to go to Bessemer, Alabama, and interview the negro victims of the alleged race riot at Bessemer, obtaining signed statements and affidavits, which would then be forwarded to the White House by the Highlander Folk School.

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[REDACTED] VIRGINIA DURR, upon her visit to Highlander, seemed to be greatly interested in the poll tax bill which was pending in Congress at that time, and, as a matter of fact, stated that she had prior to her visit been in Washington lobbying for this particular bill. A further identification of VIRGINIA DURR is the fact that she is the wife of CLIFFORD DURR, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C. VIRGINIA DURR took no part in the assemblies or classes at the school, but attended the executive council meetings at the school, which was not open to the student body. JAMES DOMBROYSKI, Executive Secretary of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, LOUIS JONES, Professor at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, HOLLIS REID, Legislative Chairman of the Firemen and Engineers of Railroad Brotherhood of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee, were among those attending the executive council meeting. In this connection, it might be noted that HOLLIS REID was reported to be the newly elected member of the executive board at Highlander.

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[REDACTED] MARTY WATKINS, former United Mine Workers organizer, an alleged Communist now stationed at Camp Forrest, Tullahoma, Tennessee, spends a great many of his weekend furloughs at Highlander, and on many occasions brings another soldier with him. It was understood that WATKINS had engaged in an argument with an officer at Camp Forrest, regarding the use of tear gas in labor strikes, stating that "he felt it was unfair to permit the use of tear gas in labor strikes", and as a result of the argument, was detailed to KP duty.

[REDACTED]

Rev. OWEN WHITFIELD, alleged Communist and negro preacher, from Kirksville, Missouri, was scheduled to lecture at the school, but for some reason was unable to keep the engagement. Dr. FLEMING JAMES, Dean of Theology at Sewanee University, was a dinner guest on one occasion at Highlander, and [REDACTED] at one time acted as arbitrator between Highlander Folk School and the Grundy County Crusaders in stopping an altercation in which the Grundy County Crusaders were reported to be planning a march against Highlander.

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[REDACTED] the library material at Highlander, which is made available to the student group, sponsors the doctrine of Communism, and a large portion of the material is extremely liberal in substance.

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[REDACTED] the school is apparently very short of funds at the present time, as reflected by MYLES HORTON's constant attempts to reduce the operating expenses, and by the fact that the food rations were cut short during the last week of the school.

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The following is a list of students who attended the Summer Session at Highlander [REDACTED] including their home addresses and the union or industry which they represented:

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NAME	HOME ADDRESS	UNION OR INDUSTRY
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	United Auto Workers ✓
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sugar Worker
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sugar Worker
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	AF of L Tobacco Worker, Brown and Williamson.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tobacco
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tobacco-
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tobacco

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HOME ADDRESS

UNION OR INDUSTRY

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Teaches, Negro Grammar School
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Textile Workers Union
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Brown & Williamson, AF of L, Tobacco worker.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Tobacco
<i>etc</i> [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sugar Worker Union Organizer
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Professor from Black Mountain College, Black Mountain, North Carolina
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	AF of L
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Axon - Fischer Tobacco Co. AF of L.

The following is a list of some of the alumni of the Highlander Folk School, including a report on their present employment and activity in union work, this being taken from the Ninth Annual Report of the Highlander Folk School for the year 1941:

Ed Blair is now representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America in North Carolina.

J. D. Bradford was elected International Vice-president of the Lime, Gypsum and Cement Workers of the A. F. of L.

Maxton Champion was put in charge of work with Trade Unions in Atlanta for the NPA Workers' Service Program.

William Gillis helped negotiate a contract for textile mill workers where he is employed at High Point, N. C.

Betty Goldstein helped in organizational campaign of maintenance workers at Smith College.

Alvin Green taught workers' education classes during a strike of hosiery workers, New Orleans, and is now a CIO organizer.

Charles Handy is active in the Washington committee of Highlander, and has completed his law studies.

Dillard King was work supervisor for the summer work camp.

Matt Lynch is in charge of organization for the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Tri-State Area.

Durward McDaniel was elected to the Highlander staff and will serve as Executive Secretary for the school.

Don McKee represented the Industrial Leader at the national CIO convention.

Martin Knowlton received the Croix de Guerre for bravery under fire, as an ambulance driver in Syria and Africa.

Frances Moser was elected chairman of her hosiery workers local, Charlotte, N. C.

Barney Morel is a member of the CIO staff and gives half his time to the educational program in New Orleans, part of Highlander's extension service.

Bernie Schmidt has been active in educational work among the steel workers of Cincinnati. He is secretary of his SWOC local and edits a lively little shop paper. Bernie originated the idea of the Friends of Highlander membership cards to be sold by the alumni for \$1.00 as a means of raising scholarship funds.

Theo Vanlandingham was elected secretary of his Ford local in Memphis, and Chairman of the Industrial Union Council.

J. R. Watters has been elected recording secretary of his local of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Bessemer, Alabama.

Paul Winn is now president of his Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers local, Lyles, Tennessee.

Emil Willmetz is on the CIO staff under Paul Christopher, of the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council, and editor of the Tennessee CIO paper."

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[REDACTED] who is known to be opposed to Communism advised upon contact that he had consented to lecture on one occasion at the Highlander Folk School during the Summer Session, on the Wage and Hour Act; that it was the policy of the Department of Labor to interpret the Wage and Hour Act to a labor group whenever possible, and he knew that refusal on his part to address the group at Highlander would be "played up" by the school. [REDACTED] stated that he was acquainted with MYLES HORTON, present president of the school, and JAMES DOMBROWSKI, former president, and presently serving as executive secretary for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, with headquarters at Room 506 and 507, Presbyterian Building, Nashville, Tennessee. He believes both of them to be extreme liberals and entirely in sympathy with Communism; however, he doubts whether either of them are card bearing members of the Communist Party, inasmuch as both HORTON and DOMBROWSKI probably feel they have more to gain in their respective fields by remaining as fellow travelers instead of maintaining card bearing relationship with the Communist Party.

JAMES DOMBROWSKI presently maintains residence at the Noel Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, and has recently gone to Washington, D. C. and New York in an attempt to raise additional funds for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. No further information is being set forth in this report regarding DOMBROWSKI inasmuch as his activities are being covered in a separate case entitled "Southern Conference for Human Welfare", File 100-92, and an individual file on JAMES DOMBROWSKI, Internal Security - C, Memphis File 100-1293.

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Reference report contains a lead to contact Rev. JOHN C. ENSOR, Methodist Minister, 1203 Birdsell Street, Old Hickory, Tennessee, concerning the signed statements he is reported to have concerning the Highlander Folk School. Rev. ENSOR was contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] in an effort to obtain these 36 affidavits, and it was learned that they are presently in the possession of the chief attorney for the leading coal mine company in Tracy City, Tennessee. Rev. ENSOR was unable to furnish either the name of the company or the name of the attorney; however, it is believed that they can be obtained from this information. He indicated that these affidavits included photographic copies of cancelled checks mailed to Highlander Folk School from Russia, and one check from ADOLF HITLER in Germany.

JAMES HARDIN, Secretary to Governor PRENTICE COOPER, was contacted regarding the file compiled by the committee of American Legion for the State of Tennessee, alleged to have been placed in the custody of the Governor. HARDIN stated that this file was not presently in the custody of the

governor's office, but that he would make an attempt to locate it and would immediately advise the writer upon locating the same. He further advised that the file had not been kept up to date, and probably contained very little information subsequent to 1938.

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The following list [REDACTED] sets forth the faculty of the Highlander Folk School:

MYLES HORTON, President

DURWARD McDANIEL, Executive Secretary

LOUISE ~~Mc~~DANIEL, Secretary

MARY LAWRENCE

MARIA ~~STENZEL~~

LEON WILSON, Propaganda

ELIZABETH ~~TURNER~~, Librarian

OLIVE ~~CLACE~~, Assistant Librarian, 2323 Fortieth Place, NW,
Washington, D. C.

CAROLYN ~~PINKLESTEIN~~

WILLIAM ELKUS, Research

Visitors at the Highlander Folk School, [REDACTED] *b7D*
are set out below:

VIRGINIA DURR, Alexandria, Virginia (visitor for two weeks)

ALEXANDER ~~REED~~, River Road, Runson, N. J. (Professor at
Black Mountain College, Black Mountain, N. C.)

G. B. ~~MARLOWE~~, Jr. Route 1, Box 142, Tracy City, Tenn.

WALTER ~~NORTON~~, Louisville, Kentucky

LEONARD ~~LORING~~, CIO Organizer, Chicago, Illinois.

DILLIARD ~~KING~~, Monteagle, Tennessee

ERMON F. ~~JOHNSON~~, Carondelet Branch, YMCA, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. FLEMING JAMES, Dean from Sewanee University,
Sewanee, Tennessee

HOLLIS REID, Memphis, Tennessee

LUCY MASON, YWCA, Atlanta, Georgia (Public Relations Director
for CIO)

LEWIS JONES (Negro), Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

JAMES DOBROWSKI, Executive Secretary, Southern Conference
for Human Welfare, 506, 7 Presbyterian
Building, Nashville, Tennessee

MARTY WALKINS, Private, Camp Forrest, Tullahoma, Tennessee,
(Former CIO organizer)

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[REDACTED] effect that
the National Sponsoring Committee, headed by Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, is join-
ing the Executive Council and Staff of the Highlander Folk School in issuing
invitations to the 10th Anniversary Celebration, to be held Sunday, October
25, 1942 at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee. This celebra-
tion will include an address, "Unifying the Home Front for Victory," as well
as music, games and a barbecue, according to the invitation, and will be an
all day affair.

The National Sponsoring Committee is listed as follows, as set
out on the reverse side of the invitation to this celebration:

Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Mrs. HUGO BLACK

Mrs. MARY T. MORTON, Committee on Labor, House of
Representatives

Miss HILDA SMITH, Consultant in Labor Education,
Federal Works Agency

Senator ELBERT D. THOMAS

CLIFFORD DURR, Federal Communications Commission

VIRGINIA DURR, National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax

ROGER CALDWIN, American Civil Liberties Union

JAMES B. CAREY, Secretary, CIO

Mrs. ETHEL ~~X~~ BLYDE

WILLIAM F. ~~X~~ COCHRAN

GEORGE ~~X~~ EDWARDS, Detroit City Council

Mrs. EDITH ~~X~~ FIELD

Dr. GEORGE ~~X~~ GUEST, Past Pres. Society for Pediatric Research

Mrs. HARRY M. ~~X~~ BERSHON

FRANK P. ~~X~~ GRAHAM

A. D. ~~X~~ HENDERSON, Pres. Antioch College

Dr. LILLIAN W. ~~X~~ JOHNSON

CHARLES ~~X~~ JOHNSON, Fisk University

MARGARET ~~X~~ LAMONT

GEORGE ~~X~~ MARSHALL, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

Mrs. GEORGE ~~X~~ MARSHALL

GEORGE N. ~~X~~ MAYHEW, Vanderbilt University

WILMA ~~X~~ McFARLAND, Editor, Child Life

CAREY ~~X~~ McWILLIAMS

LUCY SPRAGUE ~~X~~ MITCHELL, Bank Street School

REINHOLD ~~X~~ NIEBUHR, Union Theological Seminary

JAMES G. ~~X~~ PATTON, Pres. National Farmers Union

MICHAEL ~~X~~ STRAIGHT

ALVA W. ~~X~~ TAYLOR

Mrs. HELEN W. ~~X~~ WILSON

The Executive Council of the Highlander Folk School, as listed on the aforementioned invitation is as follows:

BERNARD BORAH, Nat. Council Gas, Coke & Chemical Workers (*)
EDWARD S. CALLAGHAN, Vice-pres. & Southern Director AFHW
PAUL R. CRISTOPHER, Pres. Tennessee State IUC-CIO
WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, Dist. Dir. United Steelworkers of America
JOE DOBBS, Chairman Organizing Committee, Chattanooga
Central Labor Union
LEWIS JONES, Fisk University
MATT LYNCH, Tri-State Director AFHW
ALTON LAWRENCE, Regional Director IUMMSW-CIO
LUCY RANDOLPH GILSON, Public Relations Rep. CIO
GEORGE MAYHEW, Vanderbilt University
FRED C. PEIPER, Regional CIO Director, New Orleans
HOLLIS REID, Legislative Rep. Railroad Brotherhoods
(*) in the Army.

A copy of this invitation is being retained in the file of the Memphis Field Division.

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
Memphis, Tennessee, 10-22-42

Re: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

* Will conduct investigation to ascertain if Dr. ALBERT BARNETT, Professor of Theology, Scarritt College, and Dr. GEORGE MAYHEW, Professor of Religion, Vanderbilt University, who are members of the Executive Committee of the Highlander Folk School are engaged in any Communistic activities.

Will recontact JAMES HARDIN, Secretary to the Governor, relative to the file regarding Highlander Folk School, compiled by the Committee of the American Legion for the State of Tennessee.

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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he may have concerning the Highlander Folk School, and his present relationship with the school.

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