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FILE NO. 100-839

REPORT MADE AT <b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-6-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-17-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i> <b>DM</b>
TITLE <b>HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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The indices of the Oklahoma City Field Division failed to show the name of [REDACTED]. A review of the Internal security file of [REDACTED] fails to indicate whether he has a sister by the name of [REDACTED]. It also fails to show whether [REDACTED] ever stayed at the Highlander Folk School.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], Knoxville, dated 12-30-41.

**DETAILS:**

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A review of the card index files of the Oklahoma City Field Division fails to show the name of [REDACTED]. The Internal Security File listing [REDACTED] as a Subject, (Oklahoma City File No. 100-973) and various other files in which [REDACTED] is listed fails to show whether he has a sister by the name of [REDACTED].

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Boston, Massachusetts  
March 12, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

*b7c* Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted], Knoxville, Tennessee, dated December 30, 1941, in instant case, and particularly to the lead for the Boston Office to check its indices for the name of [redacted] *b7c* *41*

These indices reflect no information on this party and it is not believed desirable to conduct further investigation concerning her. Therefore, instant case is being referred upon completion to the Office of origin.

Very truly yours

*VW Peterson*  
V. W. PETERSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The publications which you so kindly forwarded under cover postmarked February 16, 1942, to Mr. L. R. Pennington of this Bureau have been referred to me.

Your cooperation in this matter is most appreciated. In order that your future cooperation in this matter might be obtained, I am instructing Mr. W. A. Murphy, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 407 Hamilton National Bank Building, Knoxville, Tennessee, to have a Special Agent of that office call on you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL  
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 24, 1942, Bureau letter dated February 27, 1942, Bureau file number 61-7511.

[REDACTED]  
was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] on March 10, 1942, at which time [REDACTED] advised that he does none of the printing for the HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL.

[REDACTED] copy of which was sent by him to the Bureau in care of Mr. L. R. PENNINGTON. The Knoxville Field Division has a copy of this report in its files and a summary was furnished the Bureau by letter dated January 28, 1942.

[REDACTED] was very cooperative and agreed to furnish the Knoxville Office with any other publication he might receive.

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It has been determined that [REDACTED] "The Highlander Fling" is printed by the DuBoise Publishing Company, Printers and Publishers, 1620 Third Avenue, North Birmingham, Alabama. This information will be furnished the Birmingham Office.

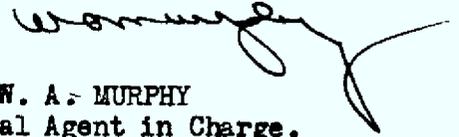
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with leads to endeavor to obtain back copies of this publication.

Very truly yours,



W. A. MURPHY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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ORIGINATED AT **KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

NY FILE NO. **100-9450**

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MADE AT <b>YORK, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/17/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/10/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Indices of the New York Field Division checked regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with negative results. Information identifying the International Students Service, PILOT, THE NEW LEADER, SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY and the American Russian Institute set forth. Indices checked for JESSICA SMITH. Information set forth.

*bx*

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**REFERENCE:**

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

**DETAILS:**

**AT NEW YORK CITY**

The indices of the New York Field Division were checked with respect to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with negative results.

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The NEW YORK TIMES under date of December 29, 1940 indicates that the International Students Service was originally founded to rival the American Students Union, an alleged Communist front organization.

In the case entitled THE NATIONAL MARITIME UNION; INTERNAL SECURITY - C, New York file #65-4632, it is indicated that the PILOT is an official publication of the National Maritime Union.

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As reflected in the indices of the New York Field Division JESSICA SMITH is sponsor of the American Council on Soviet Relations 1941.

The files of the New York Field Division indicate that the NEW LEADER is a publication of the Social Democratic Federation of America, which is opposed to Communism.

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SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY is published at 114 East 22d Street, New York City. This publication contains many articles extolling military, economic and political conditions in the U. S. S. R. SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY is the subject of an Internal Security case, New York file #100-6393.

The American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union according to the quarterly summary report for November 1941, page 140, is presently affiliated with the Russian War Relief, an alleged Communist front organization.

With respect to the lead in reference report to ascertain the person to whom New York telephone No. 2-2566 is listed, your attention is directed to the fact that no such number exists in New York City. All telephone numbers in New York City are preceded by an Exchange prefix. Any further investigation in this case by the New York Field Division would appear to be unproductive and accordingly this matter is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
March 18, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL  
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February  
24, 1942, your filed number 61-7511.

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[REDACTED] b7E

We are in receipt of a letter from Jonathan Daniels, Assistant  
Director in Charge of Civilian Mobilization for the OCD,  
stating that our proposal to use Highlander as a defense  
training center for southern workers will be given considera-  
tion as the general program for civilian defense training is  
developed.

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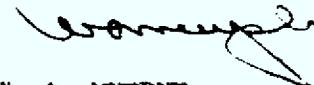
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If, after reading the material, you are prompted to ask questions, do not hesitate to write. We shall be glad to hear from you any time."

This letter served as a cover letter for enclosed literature, which is being submitted to the Bureau for your information.

The Knoxville Field Division is already in receipt of duplicates of all literature which is being submitted at the present time.

Very truly yours,

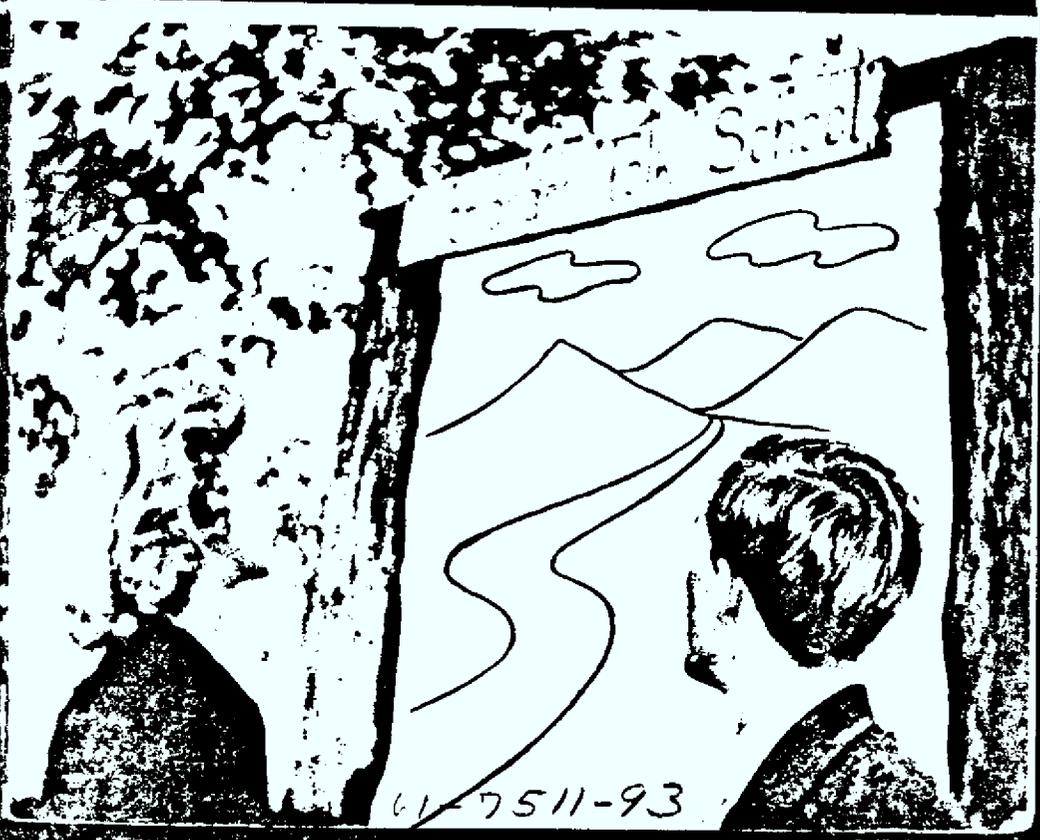


W. A. MURPHY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

The Story

of an

Educational

Center

for

Working

People



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The Highlander Folk School urgently needs the support of forward looking and progressive organizations and individuals. Those who believe with the School that a vital factor in making democracy work in America is the provision of enlightened and responsible labor leadership, are urged to lend both their moral and financial support.

Inquiries for further information are welcomed at all times and, should you be in the vicinity of the School, a visit to it will prove to be a thrilling and exciting experience.

Please make checks or contributions payable to the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee.

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**The Setting.** The Highlander Folk School is located on the tip of the Cumberland Mountains in the Tennessee Valley Authority region. The School is centrally situated in the southern industrial area.

**The Need.** The people of the South lack experience in industrial organization. They want to learn how to adjust to the change from rural to industrial life, and how to face the problem of improving their economic and social conditions.

In these times, when all the enlightened forces of capital and labor are needed to "make democracy work," the building of responsible labor leadership is imperative. Southern workers in particular have lacked opportunities for education. By becoming informed and trained union members they can help achieve in the South the industrial democracy so vital to the progress of the whole country.

**Founding of the School.** In 1932, Myles Horton, a native Tennessean educated at Cumberland University and the University of Chicago, returned to Tennessee to help provide Southern workers with an opportunity for an education fitted to their practical needs.

Highlander Folk School was therefore 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 mountain."

Throughout the eight years of the school's existence, it has functioned along these broad lines: it is a local rural settlement house serving the community and county; and it is a center for the education and development of intelligent labor leadership throughout the entire South. Through this program, the school hopes to assist in bringing about the economic and political democracy that is the heritage of the finest American tradition.

*Mountaineer student now active in community cooperative.*

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*Discussion Group in Front of Main School Building*

**Early Years.** When Doctor Lillian Johnson, pioneer southern educator, gave her frame house and farm land to the new School, the founders resolved not to create another formal institution, but to develop an educational and cultural center to meet the needs of the students themselves, and of the community. Hence, during the first few weeks, the house served chiefly as a community center, where neighbors dropped in for a social evening of songs and friendly discussion with the teachers.

Later, a few of the neighbors asked for a discussion class, and during the first winter, evening classes dealing with psychology, economics, and current events, grew naturally out of the interests of the community folk.

A few resident students began to live at the school and to be given individual instruction in writing and speaking. In addition, each selected a community activity ranging from music classes and a dramatics club to educational meetings among the miners and relief workers in neighboring communities. Thus, the three aspects of interrelated activity which the school now carries on, grew out of the demands of the first year:

- I—the residence program of short courses and weekend conferences for workers.
- II—the work in the community.
- III—the extension program, in which students and staff carry the educational work to other rural and industrial areas.

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### PRESENT PROGRAM

**1. Resident Courses.** *Resident Terms for Workers* are the backbone of the year-round program. In the summer and in the spring, the six weeks term of intensive resident courses is conducted for trade-union students. Students are drawn from Southern labor unions, with an occasional student from outside of the South. The qualifications for admission are: the ability to read and write and devotion to the labor movement. No student is accepted without the recommendation of his or her union.

The purpose of all the courses is to provide factual information bearing on the practical problems faced by the students in their unions. Sharing of experiences and discussions enables students to meet their local situations more constructively.

Classes are always informal, and draw from and relate back to, the students' experiences. In addition to discussions led by the regular staff members, leading experts from the field of organized labor and from Federal and State agencies frequently contribute to the classes as visiting lecturers. The School's library of six thousand books and pamphlets, built up by the gifts of friends, is eagerly drawn on by the students to supplement their class work.

*The courses include the following subjects:*

**Union Problems:** discussion of definite problems of the students as labor unionists.

Methods of organizing, dues collecting, and making the meetings interesting; fundamentals of collective bargaining, negotiating contracts, and Labor Board procedure.

Class in union poster-making.



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**American History:** the story of the growth of the labor movement in America from Colonial days to the present, with an examination of labor's rights under New Deal legislation.

**Economics:** an introductory course dealing with the way people make a living; the development of the industrial era and its effect upon the welfare of working people; and the economic background of the union movement.

**Union Publicity:** practice in the basic elements of a news story, related to reporting for labor papers. The mechanics of editing a paper or pamphlet; mimeographing methods; and the creating of charts and posters for publicity uses. Students write their own life stories and publish them in mimeographed form.

**Parliamentary Law and Public Speaking:** designed to show students how to run business-like meetings, and how to get across ideas in an effective manner. Class is conducted as a regular union meeting, giving students practice in speaking and in parliamentary law.

**Dramatics:** training in the improvisation of plays based on actual situations suggested, acted out and produced by the students. Finished product is often taken on tour to union locals.

**Music and Recreation:** learning labor and folk songs; practice in leading group singing, and methods of setting up a recreational program in a union.

Equally as important as the course of studies is the experience of cooperative living. The students contribute two hours a day to the running of the household, and have the opportunity of sharing work and play with other students and the staff.

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**Institutes and Extra Sessions.** In addition to its regular recid-ent terms, Highlander holds frequent weekend institutes throughout the year, for unions, teachers, and social workers. For example, during 1940, institutes were held at the school for the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, for the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, and for Labor's Non-Partisan League. Informal week-end gatherings were held for leaders of co-operatives, and for southern business and professional, and industrial Y. W. C. A. secretaries.

Other special sessions have included such varied projects as: a week's Summer camp for the children of union members; a writers' workshop at which prominent writers and young students from all parts of the country discussed together the problems of writing; and two work camps for college students.

*After-supper singing of labor and folk songs.*



**2. The Community Program.** The problem of earning a living in Grundy County is acute. Since the soil is not suitable for productive farming, the natural resources of the land—coal mining and lumbering—have been exploited until the timber is gone and only a few mines are in operation.



*Square dancing at the camp for junior unionists.*

The American Public Welfare Association has made a study of the county; it is one of the poorest in the South, with over eighty percent of the residents certified for relief.

An important part of Highlanders' all-year-round activities is the School's work with community organizations in

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joint efforts to solve community and county problems. Leadership has been furnished for Cooperatives in gardening, canning, pottery and quilt-making, and in such organizations as a Community Council, local unions, and a Parent-Teacher Association.

In the community work, the School also assists in developing local leadership by providing for Young Peoples Clubs and Study Groups for Adults. The cultural and recreational life of the community has been stimulated by the School's free music lessons, and by the encouragement of the traditional songs and fine old square dances of the region.

Perhaps the most outstanding recent example of the School's community projects is a progressive nursery school, taught by a member of the Highlander staff, who is a graduate of the Bank Street Cooperative School for Teachers, and who acts as director, janitor, parent-worker, and school-bus driver. The parents of the fifteen children make their contribution by helping supply hot lunches and fuel for the nursery building.

*Nursery School brings New Opportunities to Community Children*



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**3. Extension Work.** The third aspect of Highlander's program is its field work. Staff members serve as a resource which unions and cooperatives all over the South can call upon for guidance or assistance in worker's education. At the request of the local unions for example, members of the staff go out between resident sessions to conduct educational programs. Instruction is given in setting up mimeographed newspapers, and in the organization of dramatics clubs, singing and study groups.

Finally, the staff is always available by correspondence or visit, to assist graduates of the School in their educational and cultural activities. There are 180 alumni from 24 states and from 30 different unions. Some of the typical progressive positions held by former students are: union educational director, manager of cooperative store, organizers for the C.I.O. and for the A.F. of L., recreational director for union, Y.M.C.A. administrator, labor news service editor, member of county school board, publicity director for union, editor of labor song book, teachers and directors for workers' service projects, W.P.A.; and officers of local unions.

*Learning to Edit a Shop Newspaper.*



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### ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT

**Administration:** The Executive Council of the Highlander Folk School consists of leading representatives of both the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O., and the teaching staff. The teaching, direction, and control of the school are in the hands of the staff and of labor representatives committed to the idea that democracy can best be achieved through a strong, intelligent labor movement. The School is not, and never has been, affiliated with any political organization or party.

Members of the Executive Council are: Albert Barnett, Professor of Old Testament Literature, Scarritt College; Miss Lucy Randolph Mason, Southern Publicity Representative for the C.I.O.; Edward F. Callaghan, Vice-President of the American Federation Hosiery Workers; George Titler, Secretary, District 19, United Mine Workers of America; Matt Lynch, Representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers; Roy Reynolds, President Chattanooga Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union; Alton Lawrence, Southern Representative of Labor's Non-Partisan League; Paul R. Christopher, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council; Bernard Borah, Southern Representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

**Staff:** The staff bring to their teaching, in addition to college and professional training, their experience in the field of Southern labor as members of the American Federation of Teachers, and as organizers, writers and speakers. They receive no salaries, other than maintenance. The staff is cooperatively organized and shares equally in the control of the school.

The staff includes: Teachers; William Buttrick, College of the City of Nashville, Duke University; James Dombrowski, Emory University, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary; Myles Horton, Cumberland University, University of Chicago; Zilphia Horton, College of the Ozarks; Librarian, Leon Wilson; Nursery School Director, Claudia Lewis, Reed College, Bank Street Cooperative School for Teachers; Community Worker, Mary Lawrence, Duke University; Office Secretaries, Louise Dichman, Vassar College; Louise Conkling, Oberlin College.

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**Support:** The School is run on a cooperative basis. Students and staff share in the household work; hence, every penny of the yearly contributions is devoted to the actual maintenance of the School and its year-round program of residence terms, and community and extension work.

Contributors are unions, religious groups, student bodies, educational foundations, and over nine hundred liberal men and women throughout the country. Scholarships are maintained by several international unions; and by individual contributors, including Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The school work would be impossible without the moral and financial support of progressive citizens. They believe with the School that if democracy is to survive the onslaughts of the anti-democratic forces spreading in the world today, the great majority of our people must learn how to exercise their rights most capably and wisely through the democratic process.

**Endorsements.** The School is proud of the roster of illustrious leaders, both National and Southern, who endorse its work. Amongst the prominent representatives of organized labor —

Dr. George S. Counts; President, American Federation of Teachers, A.F. of L.:

"I have every confidence in the Highlander Folk School as an institution thoroughly devoted to the interests of working people and the cause of American democracy."

John L. Lewis; President, United Mine Workers of America, C.I.O.:

"I think that the School is performing a noteworthy task in the field of liberal and useful education, and that real recognition is due for the generous and effective support which it gives to the struggle of labor in the South."

*Amongst the well-known educators —*

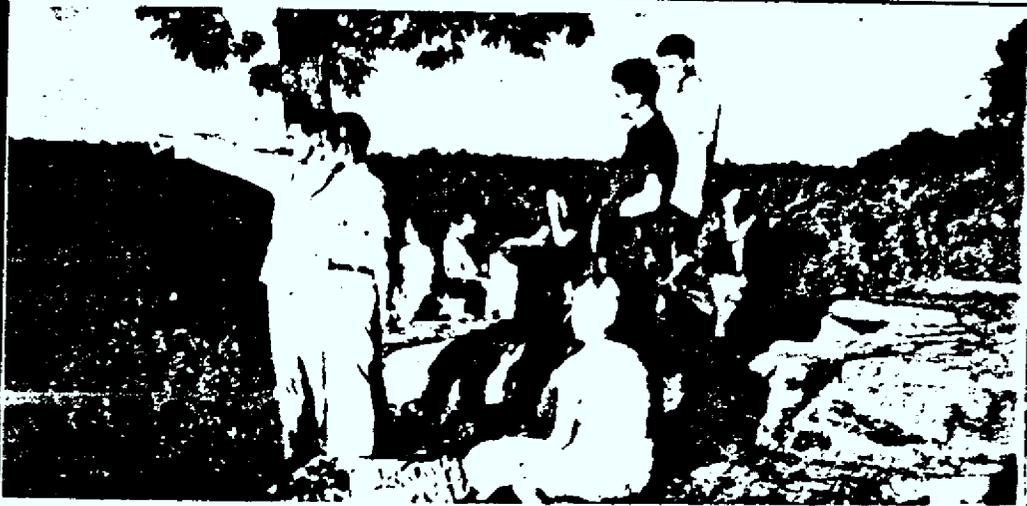
Dr. John Dewey:

"When the Highlander Folk School was founded, I wrote that I regarded it as one of the most important social-educational projects in America. The achievements of the School in the past eight years confirm my original judgment."

Dr. William S. Knickerbocker, Professor at the University of the South, and editor of the SEWANEE REVIEW:

"... the Highlander Folk School is rendering an important and indispensable service in its nursery school, its relief assistance, its intelligent scrutiny of political and social conditions, and in most of its proposals for the elimination of removable abuses and the introduction of more tolerable conditions of living."

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### *In the Church —*

Reverend Reinhold Niebuhr:

"One of the most interesting experiments in labor education in America."

Reverend Marshall Wingfield, Memphis Pastor, Moderator of the Tennessee Conference of Congregational Churches and Historian in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans:

" . . . I know the School is doing an excellent and much needed work in this area."

### *Amongst our neighbors —*

Miss May Justus, public school teacher, author, and holder of a Rosenwald Fellowship:

"I am glad to say that I know of much good the Highlander Folk School has done in our community, both in an educational and altruistic way. They have proved their friendship, especially to the poor and needy, rendering material assistance in many cases when none else was available."

Mrs. C. R. Starr, President of the P.T.A.:

" . . . they are an asset to this community."

### *In Workers Education —*

Mark Starr, Educational Director, International Ladies Garment Workers Union:

"The trade unions of the South need workers' education to increase their power and use it wisely. Highlander Folk School deserves support because it provides that workers' education."

Hilda Smith, Director Workers Service Program, Works Progress Administration.

"The Highlander Folk School is making an unusual contribution to workers' education. It has set a pattern in community relations through a workers' school and is doing much to give courage to industrial and rural workers who are concerned with raising standards of living and developing educational programs among workers' groups."

### *In Labor Organizations —*

1940 Annual Convention of the C.I.O.:

" . . . resolved that this organization endorse the ideas and program of the Highlander Folk School."

### RESOLUTION, NASHVILLE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL, (A. F. of L.)

" . . . the Council expresses confidence in the fundamental soundness of the objectives of this labor school."

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IT IS FOR THEM WE GIVE. .



## A Good School Under Fire

ONE OF our favorite educational institutions in the whole United States is the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee. Highlander is a labor school; its chief purpose is to take promising trade-union members and equip them better to help their organizations fight for improved conditions for the working man. No student is taken unless he is endorsed by a local union. No distinction is made between AFL and CIO, both of which cooperate with the school.

In addition to this primary purpose, the school has two others. It attempts to aid the people of the little community where it is located; it conducts a nursery school for people nearby and has sponsored several cooperative undertakings for them. It also has an extension division which does field work of several kinds in cities near and far.

The direct support of labor is indicated by representation on its executive council. This body includes a vice-president and another representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers; the Southern director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; the president of the Chattanooga Printing Pressmen, and a local secretary from the United Mine Workers. Among many labor groups supporting the school is the Nashville Trades and Labor Council, AFL.

The school has friends in other quarters than the organized labor movement. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is keenly interested and maintains a scholarship there. The benefit this month in the national capital is sponsored by a Justice of the Supreme Court, members of the Cabinet and of Congress, a former governor, administrators of leading federal agencies, two members of the National Defense Advisory Commission and other prominent persons. Mr. J. W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, wrote the committee on arrangements: "Although I am asked every week to lend my name for the sponsorship of many undertakings and naturally find it necessary to decline, I am willing to be one of the sponsors of your benefit."

Why do we go into such detail about the support the Highlander Folk School receives? Because there has been a long continued, vicious campaign in Tennessee to destroy this institution. Most of the newspapers of the entire surrounding territory have repeatedly lied about the school, on such a scale that the falsification cannot be attributed to an innocent misunderstanding. The charges have been that the school was "communistic," that it was misleading the young people, and so on. Dr. James Dombrowski, director of the school, has denied all these charges and has indicated his willingness, if it could be proved that the school is un-American or is detrimental to the community and to the people it serves, to put an end to its work. Nobody has ever brought forward even a fragment of evidence that the charges are true.

Who is behind the attempt to destroy the Highlander Folk School? First of all, it is reactionary employers throughout the entire South, men who object to the school because it trains people to become successful leaders of strong trade unions. Locally, there is reason to believe that the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company has had a good deal to do with the attack. This company has for years dominated Grundy County. In 1938, for the first time, a group of county officials were elected who were not subservient to the coal company, and the school faculty was active during the campaign in support of these candidates.

A few weeks ago, feeling was stirred up to such a pitch that a vigilante group calling themselves the Grundy County Crusaders planned to march against the school. If this had been done, blood would certainly have been shed. At the last minute, the vigilante leaders were persuaded instead to confer with the school officials. As a result of this five-hour conference, the tension was relieved somewhat. But there is danger that it will rise again; there are plenty of people in Tennessee who don't want a school that prepares efficient spokesmen for labor, and will stoop to almost anything to destroy it.

# HIGHLANDER ENDORSED BY CIO

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council in constitutional convention assembled, in Knoxville, Tenn., on May 25, 1940, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the aim of the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee, is to aid in the fight for complete political and economic democracy in the South, and

WHEREAS the school conducts a year round educational, recreational and organizational program made up of six weeks residence terms, institutes and conferences, and field work with unions, and

WHEREAS teachers and a number of former students are organizers and officials of CIO unions, and

WHEREAS such labor activities have made the school a target for attacks from anti-labor forces,

THEREFORE be it resolved that this organization endorse the aims and program of the Highlander Folk School and that the efforts to discredit and defame the school be condemned as an attack on the progressive labor movement of the South.

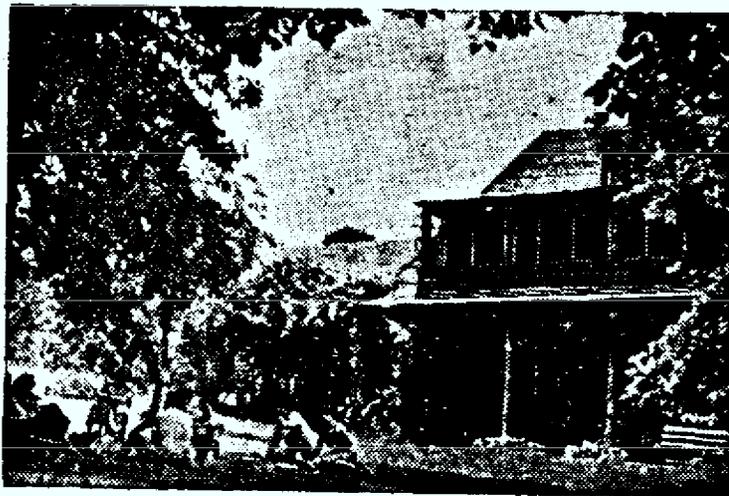
THEREFORE be it resolved that the third annual convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, assembled in Atlantic City, N.J., concur in this action by the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council.

### SUBMITTED BY:

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.
I.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, ACPWA.
F.C. Pieper,	Regional CIO Director, New Orleans.
John J. Schalter,	Southern Director, United Retail & Wholesale Employees.

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MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE



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Study

# Highlander Offers

Play

Eagle Bluff (right), Foster Falls, and Saltpeter Cave are among the scenic spots visited by the students.



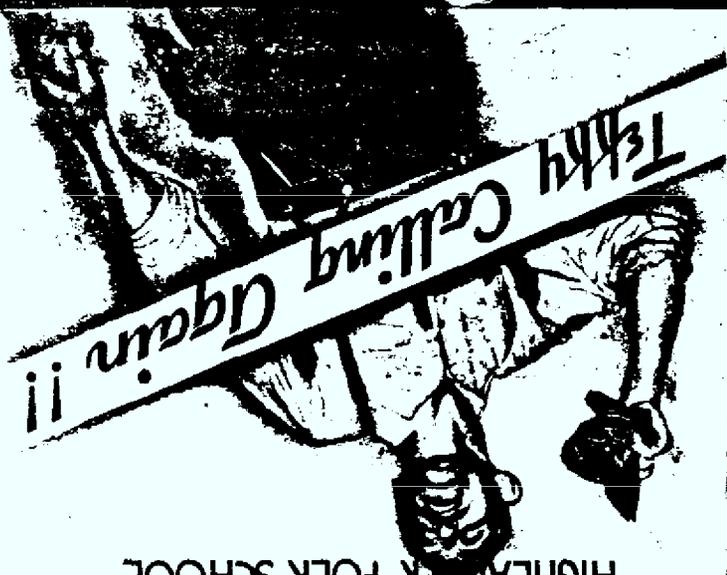
## EXPENSES

A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS COVERING ALL OR PART OF THE STUDENT'S EXPENSES ARE AVAILABLE. WHEN POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THE STUDENT OR HIS OR HER LOCAL ORGANIZATION IS ASKED TO PAY \$50. THIS IS ONLY HALF OF THE ACTUAL COST PER STUDENT.

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The Highlander Folk School was started to provide a cultural center in the south where rural and industrial people could find a practical education, helpful recreation, and obtain training to take a more active and intelligent part in trade unions, farmers organizations, and cooperatives.

"For a majority of the working class of folks everywhere living has been reduced to existing. Supplying food, clothing and shelter, and worry about the future has sapped most people of any apparent interest in cultural things. However, when given a ray of hope for a solution to their economic problems, and an opportunity to participate in cultural activities, people awaken; living and existing are worked out side by side. If the economic and cultural problems are worked out together in everyday life, they must not be separated in education."

## THE SCHOOL

A place where children may come to play with other children whom they ordinarily do not see. Here they learn the ways of getting along together.

With their teacher they go on walks and rides to see the things they like to see--the big bus in Monteagle, the grocery store, the well-digger in Buddy's yard.

At school they have orange crates and boards to build their own "well diggers". They have hammers and nails, crayons, paints (mostly made from poke-berries and roots) and clay (which they themselves can dig).

The teacher sings with the children, and tells them stories. For some of the children, it is the first time that anyone has ever told them stories.

There are trees to climb, swings to push, ropes to jump. These things help to build stronger bodies.

### Director and Teacher:

Miss Claudia Lewis, formerly with the Bank Street Schools, New York City.

### The Program:

Mid-morning lunch of crackers and fruit juice; noon lunch of hot soup and milk; cod liver oil during the winter.

Play outdoors all day during the warm months.

An hour's rest after lunch has just been made possible by the donation of cots.

### Housing and Equipment:

The nursery school is temporarily located in one of the two rooms of the public elementary school building. The room is large and light, heated by a coal stove. Water comes from a well in the school yard.

When this well is dry, the water must be carried from a spring a quarter of a mile away.

Play equipment consists chiefly of what can be secured at no cost--acorns, sticks and stones; cornstalks and orange crates.

## HOW IS THE SCHOOL SUPPLIED

Highlander Folk School  
Provides maintenance for the teacher, and a car for collecting the children each day.

Public Welfare Dept.  
supplies surplus commodities, which go into the hot soup.

National Youth Administration  
pays for two assistants, mountain girls, who are receiving nursery school training from Miss Lewis.

The Community People  
donate all they can in the way of milk, coal labor. It is their interest and cooperation which have made the school a real community nursery school.

### WE NEED

Medical care, cots and blankets, play equipment, stove, supplies, an adequate salary for the teacher, a permanent building for the school.

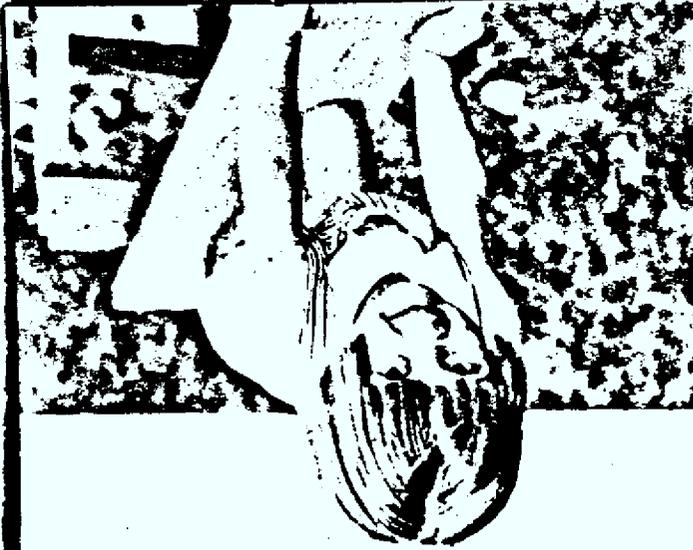
Please help us meet our budget and needs by sending your contribution to the chairman of our Finance Committee:

Mr. Lionel C. Perera  
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FOR A NORMAL LIFE

*Give this child  
the chance*

The Summerfield Nursery School, on the Cumberland Plateau, Monteagle, Tennessee, is doing it's best

#### BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP

The Summerfield Nursery School, which has operated with the help of the Highlander Folk School since June, 1938, cares for about 20 children, aged 3-5. The school is open the year round, and welcomes all children free of charge.

The parents of these children once worked in coal and timber. But now that the coal is used up and the timber is stripped, WPA road work is all there is to turn to. Summerfield's 60 families live on barren land, housed in the shacks their grandfathers built--still without electricity, without plumbing.

In this community, children are the only riches. These Bonnie Carols and Johnnie Maes are indeed well loved. Their isolated life has made them excessively shy, but they are happy and bright.



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## FIELD PROGRAM BROADENS

With the exception of the eight weeks she spent teaching at Highlander, Mary Lawrance has been in New Orleans since April first. Her program of workers' education, sponsored by the New Orleans Industrial Union Council, will continue until the end of the year.

Special classes have been held for three unions: the Furniture Workers, the Inland Boatmen, the Transport Workers. In addition there have been classes for officers, stewards, and committeemen of five large locals. This part of the program has resulted in the starting of departmental meetings in the unions, an increased attendance at general meetings, increase in membership and dues collection, publication of a mimeographed paper by one of the unions. Between seventy-five and a hundred members attend class each week.

A number of Highlander alumni are helping with the program by devoting full time to it.

Activities have been carried on by means of posters, news sheets, leaflets, legislative bulletins, establishment of a reading room in the C. I. O. office, and the holding of a Day parade, the first in New Orleans in many years.

The book "HOW TO BUILD YOUR UNION" based on the findings of the current program, has been printed and is available from the C. I. O. office.

Commenting Fred Pieper, regional C. I. O. director, says, "We see practical results of the program in the fact that we are determined to see that it is continued."

Following the heels of the conference...

staff began an educational program under the auspices of the New Orleans Industrial Council. Programs are being held at C. I. O. locals in the city. There are ten C. I. O. members there, and organization is continuing rapidly. Ford workers, woodworkers, chemical workers, steel workers, maritime workers, and...

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## United Auto Workers At Highlander



Members of Ford local 903, Memphis, took part in classes, singing, square dancing, September 5, 6, 7, and made plans for the Memphis conference described on this page. In the group are Richard Deverall, U. A. W. educational director; Bethel Judd, International Representative; Ben McCullough, local president; T. G. Vanlandingham, financial secretary. The latter attended the summer term on the scholarship given by Mrs. Roosevelt.

## AUTO WORKERS CONFER ON EDUCATION

Carrying out plans formulated at Highlander by Richard Deverall, U. A. W. Educational Director, Bethel Judd, International Representative, and members of Memphis Ford Local 903, The UNITED AUTO WORKERS, C. I. O., held a three day educational conference at the Hotel Chisca, Memphis, the 24th, 25th and 26th of October. A large number of delegates were present from Detroit, Baltimore, Louisville, Atlanta, Dallas, Memphis.

"The union," said Deverall, "is more than simply a slot machine for wages and hours. We can make it the cultural, democratic means of life for the American worker." Special study was given the Ford grievance procedure, setting up of local union educational and recreational programs, publicity and journalism, and housing, rents, and prices.

Principal speakers were T. J. Starling, U. A. W. southern board member; Richard Deverall; Frank Marquart, educational director of Ford Local 600, Detroit; John Edelman, Office of Price Administration, Washington.

### Right To Strike

"When management waives the right to profit," Deverall said, "unions will waive the right to strike." Brother Marquart spoke forcefully for adoption of the Murray Industrial Council Plan as the one means in sight for putting the National Defense Program on a sound basis.

### HFS Staff Members

Myles Horton, Harry Lasker, Maria Stenzel, Leon Wilson were delegates from Highlander and took active parts in the program. The Highlander film "PEOPLE OF THE CUMBERLAND" was shown with U. A. W. movies and drew a fine response. Plans were announced for a week's school at Highlander for southern Auto Workers, to be held early in 1942.

A number of Highlander Alumni attended the conference, including T. G. Vanlandingham, financial secretary of Ford Local 903, who was awarded the second scholarship provided by Eleanor Roosevelt.

The conference concluded with a mass meeting for Memphis C. I. O. workers, held in Edgewood Park.

## Summer Term Features Labor Conferences

One hundred and fifty-six representatives of A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions attended the five week-end conferences held at the school during the regular six week's summer term, August 18 to September 27.

The conference dealt with problems of organizing, education for union members, political action for unions, and labor's part in the National Defense Program. Regular students and visitors alike took part in the discussions. Leaders of the conferences were Richard Deverall, International Educational Director of the United Auto Workers; Yelverton Cowherd, regional C. I. O. director, Birmingham; Alton Lawrence southern representative Labor's Non-Partisan League; Fred Pieper, regional C. I. O. director, New Orleans; Allen McNeil, southern representative Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

### Speakers

Other speakers and discussion leaders were William Eaves, regional Wage and Hour director;

Paul Christopher, Tennessee State C. I. O. Secretary; Fleming James, Dean of the Theological Seminary, University of the South, Sewanee; George Stoney, Farm Security Administration; Frank Coffee, Social Security Board; Joe Dobbs, Chairman Organizing Committee Chattanooga Central Labor Union; O. A. Baxter, sub-regional director Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Chattanooga; Rosanne Walker, Retail and Wholesale Clerks representative, Philadelphia; M. C. Anderson and Frank Allen, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers representatives; Edward Woods, American Newspaper Guild representative; Mike Smith, Tennessee director Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Bethel Judd, United (Continued on P. 2, Col. 3)

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**"Circle Four And Do-Si-Do!"**



Work Campers couldn't do square dancing alone. The 1941 Work Camp, jointly conducted by Highlander and the International Student Service, had for its main project the clearing of a tract for reforestation. Other projects included repairs to the Nursery School, construction of a potter's wheel. Observation trips to T. V. A. areas, the Cherokee National Forest, and an Alabama textile center were important features of the program.

**COMMUNITY AND COUNTY NEWS**

With the summer program of residence terms completed, classes are now in progress for the Summerfield Community.

The locally found clay has been analyzed by T. V. A. technicians; the summer's Work Camp built the school a pottery wheel; the kiln has been fired experimentally. Members of the Summerfield Cooperative are working again at pottery making and hope to come out in the spring with a marketable product.

Dillard King and Maria Stenzel are continuing the whittling class of last winter, when the young people of the community learned to carve on rabbits, horses, dogs, and dogs with their pocket knives.

Square dancing is again the highlight of the nights.

The pottery class in pottery at Laager, near the end of Grundy county, is continuing.

In addition to her other activities, Joan Payne is now handling the traveling library. The library is shortly complete a full year of service in circulation to adults and children out in the county.

**Nursery School**

Joan Payne plans to keep the Nursery School going until the weather is so severe that it has been necessary to have weekly meetings for the teenage girls of the community and they will help her

parliamentary law, public speaking, publicity.

**In Clinton**

Maria Stenzel, Highlander community worker, spent the week of October 27th in Clinton, Tennessee, where she organized a recreational program for the Hosiery Workers. The violently anti-union Magnet Mills recently defeated the union in their efforts to become bargaining agent for the Magnet workers. The union spirit is undaunted; organization continues.

Impetus for the program came out of the post-election rally, at which Myles Horton and Maria Stenzel had charge of recreation. Program included decorating of the union hall, poster making, group singing, committee work, start of a square dancing group and organization of a string band.

A Hallowe'en party was the high spot of Sister Maria's week.

**Grundy-Marion Conference**

Officers and members of two Grundy County UNITED MINE WORKER locals met with Hugh Rankin, UMWA district representative, at the school, October the 18th, and worked out plans for an organization campaign among the truckers and sawmill workers of Grundy and Marion counties.

conduct the children's Christmas party at which forty or fifty Summerfield children will say "howdy" to a guaranteed genuine Santa Claus and carry off presents sent by friends of the community and of the school.

**PAMPHLET ON ROANE COUNTY**

On September 25th two C. I. O. organizers were extended the gracious hospitality of Roane County, Tennessee, company thugs and police. Climax to the brutal torturing was the application to naked flesh of free-flowing Southern tar.

Despite the nationwide publicity given the affair and the C. I. O.'s posted offer of a thousand dollars, county of Roane and state of Tennessee have so far succeeded in failing to make any arrests. Commemorating the county employers' careers of anti-union outlawry (the present case is part of a rich tradition) Paul Christopher, state C. I. O. secretary, is getting out a pamphlet entitled "TERROR IN ROANE COUNTY." Text is the work of Horace Bryan, writer and former Highlander student; the cover is by Maria Stenzel.

**(Summer Term Continued)**

Auto Workers representative, Memphis; John Bouche, C. I. O. representative, New Orleans; Keng Li, rural Y. W. C. A. secretary from China.

**Student Activities**

During the fifth and sixth week, on request of the students, a special study was made of state and federal labor legislation. Students made two field trips to take part in union meetings: one to the Retail Clerks of Whitwell,

**HFS ALUMNI TO CONVENE**

A Thanksgiving banquet will climax the third annual reunion of the Highlander Alumni, November 28th, 29th and 30th. Maria Stenzel, alumni secretary, has received letters from many former students planning to be here for the big week-end. The schedule says discussions, volley ball, dancing.

In response to our call, activity reports are now coming in from all alumni. These will be used in working up a detailed survey of Highlander's first ten years in labor education. The tenth year, 1942, is coming at us head on.

Handle Workers of Sequatchie, Tennessee.

"WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO," a play written by the students to show labor's role in the defense emergency, and calling for acceptance of the Murray Defense Plan, was performed twice for enthusiastic audiences.

Among the full-time students were hosiery workers, inland boatmen, construction workers, a newspaper employee, an auto worker, a postal worker, a federal employee, a student of labor law. Students came from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, Washington, D. C. For the second time the Pan-American Union sent a Latin American worker who came this year from Colombia, South America.



CHARLES W. FERGUSON, an associate editor of the READER'S DIGEST, discusses the 'think-piece' with Kate Bradford Stockton, onetime candidate for governor of Tennessee. Highlander held its third annual WRITERS WORKSHOP this summer. Other teachers were Novelist Mary Lapsley, Playwright Lealon Jones of Missouri State Teachers College. Guest speakers included H. C. Nixon of Vanderbilt University; Henry Zon, Washington Bureau of the Federated Press; William R. McDaniel, director Tennessee Federal Writers Program. Students were writers, school teachers, college students, trade unionists.

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## Executive Council Meets

The first Executive Council meeting of the new year took place at the school January 11. Principal discussion was on how Highlander can most effectively continue with its services to workers during the war.

### OCD PROPOSAL

Outcome of the deliberation was the proposal submitted to, and now being considered by the Office of Civilian Defense in Wash-

ington. The proposal indicates how the facilities of the school could be used by the OCD in a program of training union members for responsibilities in their local situations. It is suggested that OCD officials would provide instruction in: (1) the prevention of sabotage to plant and mine equipment and defense materials; (2) the use of emergency methods; (3) air raid defense; (4) improvement and maintenance of morale.

The proposal aroused much favorable comment from labor representatives. It was first endorsed by the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council.

### TENTH YEAR

The Council set the weekend of September 12-13 for the Tenth Anniversary Celebration to be held at the school. This weekend will be the last one of the regular six weeks summer term, and will be a climax of a drive for new contributors to the school to be directed by two members of the Council: Miss Lucy Randolph Mason and Paul R. Christopher.

The Council approved revision of the school's statement of purpose. The revised version appears

Council members at the meeting in addition to Miss Mason and Mr. Christopher and the Highlander staff, were Matt Lynch, American Federation of Machinery Workers organizer; Joe Dobbs, chairman Organizing Committee, Chattanooga Central Labor Union; Bernard Borah, Southern District 50, UMWA.

Those who were elected: Secretary, Highlander Folk University, American Federation of Teachers, A. F. of L. and F. C. Pieper, regional CIO director, New Orleans.

## Statement of Purpose, Program and Policy

The purpose of the Highlander Folk School is to assist in the defense and expansion of political and economic democracy.

Since unions are basic to the achievement of democracy, the strengthening of unions through education is the school's primary task.

The program is determined by the needs and policies of the unions from which the students are sent and with which the school works. These needs are served through resident classes, conferences, extension work, and recreational activities.

In the community in which it is located the school functions as a rural settlement house, providing social, educational, and recreational services.

The school's influence is southwide; its program trains southern rural and industrial leaders for a democratic society.

The school is cooperatively owned and managed by the teaching staff. It is affiliated with no group or organization. Its policies are wholly determined by an executive council composed of outstanding southern labor leaders, educators and members of the staff.

Financial support of the school comes from small contributions by friends and members of the labor movement throughout the country.



**A PICNIC DISCUSSION at Sunset Point,  
Not Far From The School**

## Alumni Notes

Cecil Pegues represented the Mine Mill & Smelter Workers in the Rockwood labor board election at the Tennessee Products Corporation. The IUMM&SWA won 323 to 1. Matt Lynch, Tri-State AFHW director and Alumni Chairman, was kidnapped in Rockwood in 1936.

Billye Bailey is educational director for the ILGWU in Atlanta.

Emil Willmetz is on the Tennessee CIO staff under Paul Christopher. He is editor of the monthly Tennessee CIO News.

Bernie Schmidt, SWOC, Covington, Kentucky, originated the FRIENDS OF HIGHLANDER idea: cards to be sold by the alumni at a dollar as a means of raising scholarship funds for 1942.

Charles Handy is active in the Washington Committee of Highlander. He is completing his law studies. Handy is research director for the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, A. F. of L.

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

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

Thelma Hunter, Lynchburg, Virginia, represented her Boot and Shoe Workers local at the state A. F. of L. convention and Central Labor Union.

Bob Hall is an official of the A. F. of L. Building Trades Council of Lexington, Kentucky.

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

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

Mr. Anthony Hunt, 91, died January 19. He was the oldest student on Highlander's rolls. Mr. Hunt attended night classes held for the community people the school's first winter, 1932-33.

# NINTH ANNUAL REPORT - 1941

## THE YEAR AT A GLANCE:

252 students took part in the school's 5 resident terms and 7 week-end conferences.

223 students were served by community and extension classes in Grundy County, Memphis, and New Orleans.

Carrying a bigger program than ever before, the school ended the year with a deficit of expenditure over income of \$1,281.24.

## The Resident Terms

The **SPRING TERM**, held May 12-24, was attended by fourteen full time and fourteen part time students from five southern states, representing eight international unions. Numerous labor and government officials helped with the discussions and classes.

The **SUMMER TERM**, held August 18 to September 24, was attended by sixteen students from seven states and one from Colombia, South America. Ten unions were represented.

The five week-end conferences held during this term were attended by 156 people, representing six A. F. of L. unions, three independent unions, and seven CIO.

Daily schedule included classes and discussions led by the Highlander staff, the students, and visiting union and government officials. Democratic living and cooperation were stressed and practical experience was afforded in student-staff committees on classes, recreation, and house maintenance.

The **WRITERS WORKSHOP** was held July 28 to August 9 for twelve student writers from six southern states, New York, Illinois, and the District of Columbia. Classes in fiction, journalism, and playwriting were taught by Mary Lapeley, novelist and magazine writer; Charles Ferguson, an associate editor of the *Missouri State Teachers College*.

Visiting authorities held special sessions on labor journalism, regional fiction, the Federal writers' project, and mountain "tall stories."

**WORK CAMP:** The International Student Service sponsored the fourth summer Work Camp at Highlander. Seventeen college students spent July in hard manual labor and intensive study of the socio-economic problems of the south. Field trips were made

to industry centers and various Federal projects. The campers ran a consumers' co-op and cleared enough to produce a colored motion picture of the camp.

The **JUNIOR UNION CAMP**, June 9-23, enrolled 13 children of A. F. of L. families, 7 of C. I. O. and 3 of unemployed. For the majority, this was the first experience with mountain life, the first real trip away from home. Classes were held in unionsim, singing, dancing, handcrafts, puppetry. Maintenance of the camp was co-operatively in the hands of the children and the staff.

## The Extension Program

**NEW ORLEANS.** Staff member Mary Lawrence began her program in April with an **OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL**. 120 officers of CIO locals attended the first meeting. Sixteen different groups were taught during the year. Average weekly attendance was close to a hundred. The program has increased attendance at union meetings, payment of dues, and measurably heightened loyalty to the cause of labor. One striking result was a gigantic Labor Day parade, New Orleans' first in many years.

**MEMPHIS.** The Industrial Union Council, chaired by the winner of the 1941 Roosevelt student scholarship, inaugurated an educational program for its affiliated locals. By mid-November seven classes were going under the leadership of Harry Lasker, HFS staff member. Average attendance per week: 60. Services rendered to 3 international unions.

**CLINTON.** Maria Stenzel conducted a week's program at Clinton, Tenn., for member of the Hosiery Workers local. Demonstrations were given in group singing, square dancing, dramatics, posters, decoration of the local hall.

**AUTO WORKERS' CONFERENCE.** Four staff members were discussion leaders in the 3-day UAW-CIO Educational Conference held in Memphis in October. "PEOPLE OF THE CUMBERLAND," the Highlander film, was shown with the UAW films and drew a fine response.

**MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES** rendered by staff members included participation in many important political and educational conferences; visits to local unions, conferences with organizers; research in local labor history. Many labor representatives made use of information collected by the school and used the school as an impromptu conference center.

## Community And County Program

The **NURSERY SCHOOL** was this year under the direction of Joan Payne, of Sarah Lawrence college. Seventeen Summerfield families had children at the school at some time during the season. Daily attendance: eight to fifteen. Miss Payne also conducted a number of weekly meetings for the older girls of the community. Total number of families served in the two programs: twenty-two.

The **SUMMERFIELD COOPERATIVE** met weekly throughout the year in the homes of its members. Rummage sales were held in Summerfield, Laager, and Pelham Valley; old clothes were contributed by friends of the co-op and of Highlander.

**HANDCRAFTS.** Maria Stenzel held classes in wood carving, clay modeling, pottery, drawing, dress-making, puppetry. The classes were mostly during the first six months. Average attendance for all classes: fifty per week.

**TRAVELING LIBRARY.** Every week the school's car carried assorted books—children's to adults—to one or more of the six major communities of the county. Circulation for the year: 1,113 books to seventy-four families.

**SACRED HARP SINGING CLASS.** A community chorus, singing the traditional "white" spirituals of the south, met once a week for sixteen weeks. The final session was a day-long sing with "dinner on the grounds."

**SQUARE DANCING** was the recreation of a large group of Summerfield young folk every Saturday night, January to May, and periodically from then on.

At the **CHRISTMAS PARTY** 62 children of all ages took part in the program worked up by Joan Payne and her girls' club, and received gifts contributed by friends of the school.

## Financial Report:

Cost of this program, including maintenance of plant and teachers, was \$13,948.76. **INCOME**, contributed by a few funds and foundations, local and international unions, and may individual contributions was \$12,667.52. Deficit: \$1,281.24.

**NOTE:** This page is a condensation of the 26-page report which the school prepared for its contributors. A few copies of the full report remain. They may be had by addressing a request to the **OFFICE**.

## 1942 Schedule

### Special Terms:

**DISTRICT 50, UMWA**—Mar. 30 to April 12.

**UAW-CIO** school for southern members (date not set).

### Regular Sessions:

**WRITERS WORKSHOP**—June 15-June 27.

**WORK CAMP** or **JUNIOR UNION CAMP** in July.

**SUMMER TERM** August 3-September 13.

**TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** September 12 and 13.

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ORIGINATED AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

FILE NO. 100-1878

MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE, MARYLAND</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-21-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-4-42 3-15-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b> :FMS
TITLE <b>HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Baltimore indices negative as to reported names in Baltimore territory. **[REDACTED] b7c**

**[REDACTED]** scheduled for embarkation on November 13, 1941.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]**  
Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]**  
Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]**

Knoxville, Tenn., dated June 1, 1941  
Knoxville, Tenn., dated Nov. 26, 1941  
Knoxville, Tenn., dated Dec. 30, 1941

**DETAILS:**

The reference report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** requested that the names of persons in the Baltimore territory, as listed in the report, be checked against the indices. A search of the indices was made with negative results.

The reference report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** requested that **[REDACTED]** be interviewed.

**[REDACTED]** scheduled for embarkation on November 13, 1941. His address was stated to be **[REDACTED]**

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Port of Embarkation, San Francisco, California. Inasmuch as the address indicates [REDACTED] would not be available for interview by the San Francisco Field Division, a lead to interview [REDACTED] is not being set forth in this report.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION:

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will conduct investigation to ascertain if Mrs. ~~FRANZ DANIEL~~, with aliases ~~ELIZABETH HAWES~~; ~~ZILLA HAWES~~, who resides at the Madison, 817 to 825 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, is engaged in any un-American activities.

ORIGINATED AT **KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

FILE NO. **100-705**

MADE AT <b>CHARLOTTE, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-25-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-21-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] 35169 n</b>
HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

*bx* Results of investigation by **[REDACTED]** reflects telephone number **[REDACTED]** listed in name of **[REDACTED]** Spartanburg, S. C.

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**REFERENCE:**

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

**DETAILS:**

AT SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

*bx* **[REDACTED]** was requested to obtain the name in which telephone number **[REDACTED]** Spartanburg, South Carolina was listed. **[REDACTED]** advised that after conducting an investigation it was determined that the above number was listed in the name of **[REDACTED]** which is a small mill village on the outskirts of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

As no further investigation remains to be conducted by the Charlotte Field Division the case is being referred upon completion to the Office of Origin.

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Report Made at KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	Date When Made 4-1-42	Period for Which Made 1-5,6;2-10;3-9,10 18-42	Report Made by <i>bx</i> [REDACTED] JS
Title HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL		Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Changes in executive committee noted. HORTON interviewed concerning formation of Workers Alliance in Grundy County and organization of Young Communists League in Monteagle, Tennessee. [REDACTED] states Communist Party in Chattanooga endorses Highlander Folk School and counts on 25% of alumni being organizers for Communist Party. [REDACTED] Current literature obtained shows efforts to have school used as defense training center by OCD. No evidence that LATT LYNCH, ROY RYLANDS and PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER, members of the Executive Board of Highlander Folk School, are members of the Communist Party.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12-30-41 at Knoxville, Tennessee.

AT MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

LYLES HORTON was interviewed at the Highlander Folk School under pretext [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at which time HORTON stated that since the Highlander Folk School was a school of labor education that the school had a great many

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contacts with the heads of all types of labor organizations. Consequently, the members of the local labor unions around Grundy County were encouraged by him to seek his advice in the organization of any type of union. HORTON stated that in 1936 his advice about organizing the unemployed and WPA workers of Grundy County was sought by DOLF VAUGHN. HORTON stated that he advised VAUGHN that only two unions would be available for the workers, namely, the Hod Carriers Union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and the Workers Alliance. HORTON stated that in his opinion the Workers Alliance would be run autonomously, receiving very little support from national headquarters, and the activities in Tennessee could be directed by the Tennessee Council of the CIO from Chattanooga, Tennessee. HORTON further advised that at this time the Hod Carriers Union in the Chattanooga area was under the direct influence of TED WELLMAN, state secretary and organizer for the Communist Party. HORTON further advised that the Workers Alliance in Grundy County flourished until the latter part of 1939, at which time HERBERT BENJAMIN and DAVID LASSER disclosed to the Dies Committee that the Workers Alliance was dominated by the Communist Party. HORTON advised that he had a great deal of explaining to do, both to the Executive Board of the Highlander Folk School and to the local members of the Workers Alliance when this fact was disclosed. HORTON stated that he did not know of the existence of a chapter of the Young Communists League in Monteagle; that he had heard through various persons in the neighborhood that C. H. KILBY, secretary to the manager of the Consolidated Coal Company at Tracy City, Tennessee was showing a membership card for the Young Communists League around Monteagle and Tracy City in an effort to connect this organization with the Highlander Folk School. HORTON stated, however, that at no time had any member of the faculty or Executive Board of the school either organized or obtained memberships in the Young Communists League. It was HORTON's belief that if such a league were started and were in existence, it must have been the work of TED WELLMAN, who visited the community frequently from 1936 until 1939.

HORTON also was asked whether he had any information as to who had been responsible for the placing of the name of WILLIAM MARLOWE as a presidential elector for the Communist Party in 1936. It will be noted in reference report that WILLIAM MARLOWE stated that he believed he was running on the Socialist ticket and that it was his recollection that LYLES HORTON had first suggested putting his name on this ticket as a presidential elector. HORTON, however, denied any knowledge of the fact that MARLOWE's name had appeared on the ticket and could give no explanation concerning this fact.

Throughout the interview Agent expressed his interest in the work of the Highlander Folk School and LYLES HORTON explained the program of the school, showing the school plant, giving a

great deal of literature which the school had printed, and volunteered to answer any questions Agent might care to ask.

HORTON stated that the Executive Board of the school was to meet on January 12, 1942, at which time the following changes would probably be made in the board: ROY REYNOLDS, Chattanooga, and GEORGE TITLER, former secretary of the United Mine Workers, would be dropped and possible additions would be GEORGE MAYHEW, of Vanderbilt University, HOLLIS V. REED, legislative chairman of the Firemen and Engineers of the Railroad Brotherhoods of Tennessee, ROBERT HODGE and FRED PIEPER, CIO director of New Orleans.

The March edition of the "Highlander Fling" indicates that the new members who were elected to the board were LEWIS JONES, Fisk University, American Federation of Teachers, American Federation of Labor, and F. C. PIEPER, Regional CIO Director, New Orleans.

At this time HORTON volunteered information concerning the annual Thanksgiving alumni reunion held at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee, November 27, 1941, which information was reported in report of Special Agent [REDACTED] entitled "Communist Activities in the State of Tennessee (Highlander Folk School)" dated January 23, 1942 at Knoxville, Tennessee. At this time HORTON further stated that the Highlander Folk School was very much interested in the training of union officials and members for responsibilities in local situations involving the prevention of sabotage of plant and mine equipment and defense materials, in production and efficiency methods, air raid defense, and improvement and maintenance of morale.

LYLES HORTON also showed the writer a guest list of the Highlander Folk School, at which time it was noted that the names of TED WELLMAN and ROBERT HALL, organizers for the Communist Party at Chattanooga and Birmingham respectively, appeared quite frequently. When asked about the purpose of their visits HORTON stated that, although he knew these men to be Communists, they were well versed in labor problems and were invited to give lectures at the Highlander Folk School as long as they made no mention of Communism or tried to influence any members of the student body to become members of the Communist Party.

#### AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

ROY C. REYNOLDS, president of the Local Pressmen's Union, the Central Labor Union, and many other labor, liberal, and front organizations, advised that he had been a temporary member of the Executive Board of the Highlander Folk School for the year 1940 and part of 1941; that during this time he represented the Highlander Folk School

in a debate between the Grundy County Crusaders and faculty members of the Highlander Folk School, which was held at Sewanee, Tennessee. REYNOLDS stated that at this debate many accusations were hurled by the Grundy County Crusaders at the Highlander Folk School charging it with disrupting the morals of the community and being affiliated with the Communist Party, but that none of these charges were specific and that they were all answered and explained by the faculty members. REYNOLDS stated that in all his association with the school he could find no indication of either the policy or the program of the school being dominated by the Communists. REYNOLDS stated, however, that he believed that the Communists would make every effort to use this school to their advantage. REYNOLDS stated that he had resigned from the Board of the Highlander Folk School because he was running for the City Council in Chattanooga and that the Highlander Folk School had received so much adverse publicity in Chattanooga that any affiliation he might have at that school would be detrimental in an election campaign.

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AT SEWANEE, TENNESSEE

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AT MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

[REDACTED] stated that a large number of small denomination money orders were received by the Highlander Folk School, JAMES DOIBROWSKI, and LYLES HORTON; that these money orders were promptly cashed. It is believed that since the Highlander Folk School [REDACTED] reveals that the vast majority of [REDACTED] the cash obtained from these money orders is used for personal expenses by LYLES HORTON and JAMES DOIBROWSKI.

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On January 5, 1942 [REDACTED] was advised that numerous post office money orders for various amounts were received by secretaries of the Communist Party from A. LANDY and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Communist Party functionaries, post office box 87, Station D, New York City, the known address of the Communist Party headquarters, U.S.A. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] further advised that in the latter part of February, 1942 the Highlander Folk School distributed approximately 1,200 copies of the March issue of the "Highlander Fling", two copies of which were furnished to Agent. [REDACTED] stated that these publications came from the DuBoise Publishing Company, Printers & Publishers, 1620 Third Avenue, North Birmingham, Alabama. [REDACTED] also furnished Agent with a mimeographed sheet sent to about 400 persons entitled "From letters to officials and Labor Advisory Committee of Office of Civilian Defense supporting the proposal that HIGHLANDER BE USED AS A SOUTHERN DEFENSE TRAINING CENTER FOR UNION

MEMBERS." Since the Knoxville Field Division has only one copy of this publication, it is being incorporated in this report in full:

"The executive board of the Tennessee State Industrial Union Council endorsed the proposal of the Highlander Folk School to the Office of Civilian Defense."

Paul R. Christopher, Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Tennessee Industrial Union Council.

"The organized hosiery workers of the South, affiliated with the Textile Workers Union of America and the CIO, earnestly urge the Office of Civilian Defense to utilize the facilities of the Highlander Folk School as a defense training center for southern union members."

Edward F. Callaghan, 2nd Vice President and Southern  
Director, American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

"I have been very much interested in the proposal that the OCD make use of the Highlander Folk School as a training center."

James B. Carey, Secretary  
CIO.

"Permit me simply to urge that OCD establish a defense training center for southern labor at the Highlander Folk School, Lontegale, Tennessee. I am much impressed with the sincerity and the integrity of the people in charge of the school and with the fine program which they have worked out for labor's participation in the South."

S. H. Dalrymple, President,  
United Rubber Workers of America.

"We would like to endorse this program since it would help marshal labor's support for the work of civilian defense, and would be of value in enlisting the physical and mental energy of workers in the defense effort."

Lloyd H. Davis and Lillian Yadon (former students), TWOC  
local #2, Louisville, Kentucky.

Went on record Feb. 6th, 1941 approving Highlander as a southern center for training "leaders in the labor union movement into the right sort of cooperative attitude towards the war program. We are writing to ask that you use your power to give this school an opportunity to do this service."

Lrs. Grace Dinguid, Recording Secretary  
Boot and Shoe Workers local union #441  
Lynchburg, Virginia.

"Organized hosiery workers of High Point, N.C. and vicinity... approve and endorse the proposal that Highlander Folk School be used for the purpose of establishing a defense training center for southern union members and union leaders."

Francis B. Ertel, Representative,  
American Federation of Hosiery Workers  
High Point, N.C.

"I think it would be fine if the Highlander Folk School could be utilized in the way you suggest."

Ralph Hetzel, Director Economic Division  
CIO.

"Highlander Folk School has applied to your board for an opportunity to aid in the defense program.. I have attended this school and wish hereby to express my commendation of their methods; and my confidence that any part you would give Highlander looking towards enlisting the full cooperation of organized labor in these times of peril will be faithfully and ably carried out."

Thelma Hunter (former Highlander student)  
Boot and Shoe Workers, Local #444  
Lynchburg, Va.

"I think that this constitutes a most sound and constructive plan and that its success should contribute much towards our nation's defense efforts."

John L. Lewis, President  
United Mine Workers of America.

"We take pleasure in endorsing the Highlander Folk School of Monteagle, Tennessee, as a defense training center for southern union members."

William Mitch, Southern Director, SWOC, Pres. Dist. 23, UMW  
Yelverton Cowherd, Regional CIO Director

"I am referring your letter to Mr. John Brophy...a member of the Labor Advisory Committee of the Office of Civilian Defense, for his attention and consideration."

Philip Murray, President  
CIO

"It has been brought to the attention of the New Orleans Industrial Union Council, composed of some 38 local unions, representing a membership of some 25,000 that the Highlander Folk School has made a proposal to offer its facilities as a training

center for trade union people in Civilian Defense work... We feel that it would be to the advantage of the Office of Civilian Defense to avail itself of this opportunity offered by Highlander."

New Orleans Industrial Union Council  
T. A. Russell, Chairman

"A civilian defense center at Highlander would be of great value, not only for the union members but for the working people in general."

Telesforo Oviedo, Secretary  
Spinach Workers Union, Local #87, UCA-PAMA, CIO  
Mathis, Texas.

"The local union expressed whole-hearted approval of the program outlined" and requested "that a defense training center for southern union members be established at Highlander" by the OCD.

Melissa Pearce, Recording Secretary  
Textile Workers Union of America, Local #452  
Danville, Virginia.

"I have discussed this plan with various representative groups and it is our opinion that this plan provides an unusual opportunity to utilize leaders in the trade union movement to the fullest extent, in the important work of Civilian Defense."

F. C. Pieper, Regional Director CIO  
New Orleans, La.

"I shall discuss this matter with Mr. Watt and Mr. Brophy at the first opportunity."

J. R. Steelman, Director  
U.S. Conciliation Service.

"I think your suggestion made to Mr. James Landis for the training of union members in the prevention of sabotage, improvement of morale, and methods of increasing production, is a very constructive one and I hope it can be carried out."

Jerry Voorhis, Congressman.

Other publications obtained were a report of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Highlander Folk School on January 11, 1942 and an announcement of the tenth anniversary to be held at Monteagle on September 12 and 13, 1942. This announcement stated that individuals can help by enrolling "friends of Highlander" and raising money for the alumni fund; for membership cards write BERNIE SCHMIDT, alumni secretary, Alumni Association, 429 Russell

Street, Covington, Kentucky, or MARIA STENZEL, Highlander Folk School.

The report of the Executive Committee has been summarized and furnished to the Bureau in letter dated January 28, 1942 at Knoxville, Tennessee. Copies of the March issue of the "Highlander Fling" have already been furnished to the Bureau. However, for the benefit of the other Field Divisions, the statement of the purpose, program, and policy of the school is being set forth, as well as the 1942 schedule of the school:

"Statement of Purpose, Program, and Policy"

The purpose of the Highlander Folk School is to assist in the defense and expansion of political and economic democracy.

Since unions are basic to the achievement of democracy, the strengthening of unions through education is the school's primary task.

The program is determined by the needs and policies of the unions from which the students are sent and with which the school works. These needs are served through resident classes, conferences, extension work, and recreational activities.

In the community in which it is located the school functions as a rural settlement house, providing social, educational, and recreational services.

The school's influence is southwide; its program trains southern rural and industrial leaders for a democratic society.

The school is cooperatively owned and managed by the teaching staff. It is affiliated with no group or organization. Its policies are wholly determined by an executive council composed of outstanding southern labor leaders, educators and members of the staff.

Financial support of the school comes from small contributions by friends and members of the labor movement throughout the country."

"1942 Schedule

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U.N.-CIO school for southern members (date not set).

Regular Sessions:

Writers Workshop - June 15 - June 27.  
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Summer Term, August 3 - September 13.  
Tenth Anniversary Celebration - September 12 and 13."

It was also noted that in the alumni notes is a statement "Bob Hall is an official of the A. F. of L. Building Trades Council of Lexington, Kentucky." It is believed that the BOB HALL mentioned is possibly identical with ROBERT HALL, secretary of the Communist Party at Birmingham, Alabama

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[REDACTED] 1/21/44 [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated [REDACTED]

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It will be noted from Knoxville letter dated December 30, 1941 that the Bureau was advised that [REDACTED] was using the name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in speeches as working with him as corroborating the evidence obtained by the Grundy County Crusaders that the Highlander Folk School was Communistic and that in view of [REDACTED] it was felt that any further association with [REDACTED] would be embarrassing and that, therefore, no further

contact would be made with him in the investigation of the Highlander Folk School.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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In view of the fact of the extensive investigation conducted by Special Agent [redacted] in the vicinity of Monteagle concerning the thirty-two affidavits obtained by [redacted] and in view of the fact that it is impossible to conduct an investigation in Monteagle and Tracy City, Tennessee without the knowledge of this investigation being brought to the attention of both [redacted] and [redacted], the undeveloped leads set out in reference report for the Knoxville Field Division at Monteagle and Tracy City are not being covered at this time.

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It was noted in the annual report of the Highlander Folk School for the year of 1941 that Miss LOUISE CONKLING had married after a year's service at the Highlander Folk School and had left the school in October, 1941; that she married DURWARD McDANIEL, a student of the Writers Workshop and summer term, 1941, and a law student of the University of Oklahoma; that Mr. McDANIEL has been named as secretary at Highlander and will assume his duties in February, 1942.

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[redacted] station WDAD, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised that the records of that station contain no information concerning the thirty-minute radio broadcast to England made by the Highlander Folk School in the winter of 1941, but that she remembers this broadcast as being a thirty-minute sustaining program broadcast under the direction of the Columbia Broadcasting System through Columbia station WBT at Charlotte, North Carolina; that she remembers this broadcast as consisting of folk songs and talks

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by mountaineers in the vicinity of Monteagle, Tennessee. [REDACTED] stated that she is certain that the broadcast contained no speeches of an un-American or subversive nature; that [REDACTED] Columbia Broadcasting System at 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, could furnish fuller information about the sponsors of this program.

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PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER, executive secretary of the Tennessee Industrial Union Council and member of the Executive Committee of the Highlander Folk School, has never been reported by any of the confidential informants of the Knoxville Field Division to be affiliated with or a member of the Communist Party. The files of [REDACTED] concerning his investigation of the Highlander Folk School have been photographed. As information contained therein will be retained as an exhibit in this case, it is believed unnecessary to set out this information in a report. As this report is not being furnished to all Field Offices, the uncovered undeveloped leads set out in reference report are not being restated.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION:

At Birmingham, Alabama, will at the DuBoise Publishing Company, Printers & Publishers, 1020 North 3rd Avenue, obtain all available publications printed for the Highlander Folk School making a particular effort to obtain back issues of the publication known as the "Highlander Fling". Any copies obtained should be forwarded to the Knoxville Field Division, where the information may be noted, before being sent to the Bureau.

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Lexington, Kentucky, will ascertain whether BOB HALL, mentioned in the March issue of the "Highlander Fling" as an official of the A. F. of L. Building Trades Council at Lexington, is identical with ROBERT HALL, secretary of the Communist Party at Birmingham.

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Monteagle, Tennessee, will recontact [REDACTED] concerning future activities of the Highlander Folk School and obtain any further publications of the Highlander Folk School which he may have in his possession. b7D

At Sewanee, Tennessee, will recontact [REDACTED] concerning future activities of the Highlander Folk School. b7D

At Chattanooga, Tennessee, will recontact [REDACTED] concerning any future activities of the Highlander Folk School. b7D

At Knoxville, Tennessee, [REDACTED] b7E

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Knoxville, Tennessee

FILE NO. 100-3556

REPORT MADE AT Springfield, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 4-28-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-18-42	REPORT MADE BY <i>[Redacted]</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>b7c</i></span>
TITLE 0 HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** A check of the indices of the Springfield Field Division fails to reflect any information regarding *[Redacted]*

R U C *b7c*

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

**DETAILS:** AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:

A check of the indices of the Springfield Field Division fail to reveal any information relative to *[Redacted]* of Peoria, Illinois. *bc*

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REPORT MADE AT <b>BIRMINGHAM, ALA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/4/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/7, 14, 17/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C.</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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[REDACTED] advises he had attended session of Highlander Folk School and that [REDACTED] had also attended and that some activities of the school had probably been misconstrued as Communistic and that possibly some of its leaders may have gone too far. Also advised that RICHARD GOETHE, former German Youth leader, came to the United States after Hitler closed his cooperative camps in Germany and now working at Highlander Folk School.

[REDACTED]

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R. U. C. *b7c*

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Knoxville, Tenn., 4/1/42.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Knoxville, Tenn., 12/30/41.

**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED], it being noted that a lead was set out in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED], November 26, 1941, at Birmingham, Ala. for the Baltimore Field Division to interview [REDACTED]

**AT FLORENCE, ALA.:**

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[REDACTED]

Reference is made to the lead set out in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 1, 1942, Knoxville, Tenn., setting out a lead to attempt to secure literature printed for the Highlander Folk School, especially back copies of the Highlander Fling.

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[REDACTED] who has been contacted in this matter previously, was re-interviewed on April 17, 1942, at which time he again advised that he had no old copies of the Highlander Fling or other Highland Folk School literature available at his printing establishment. [REDACTED] added that he still prints the Highlander Fling, which is a small four page paper similar to various high school papers which he prints for schools in Birmingham, Ala. [REDACTED] stated, however, that the Highlander Fling is not published regularly.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

*bc* THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION at Monteagle, Tenn., will secure all available information regarding [REDACTED] former Youth leader in Germany, presently reported working at the Highlander Folk School.

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TITLE <b>HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Confidential Informants consider [redacted] radical and an associate of Communists, but have no definite proof that [redacted] is a Communist; that [redacted] is a radical labor-man.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] at Norfolk, Virginia, dated February 28, 1942.

**DETAILS:**

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA:



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• Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: <sup>0</sup> HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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It is noted that this case was referred upon completion to the office of origin by the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, March 25, 1942. It appears that an undeveloped lead at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at that time had not been covered and consequently this case is being reopened for investigative attention.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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FILE NO. **100-596 MLH**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAVANNAH, GEORGIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-30-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-22, 30-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
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TITLE <b>HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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[REDACTED] Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn. reported to be traveling [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama in previous information furnished the Savannah Field Division.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Knoxville, Tennessee, dated 6-1-41

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**DETAILS:**

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

who resides at [REDACTED] Columbia, South Carolina was contacted under pretext and advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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FILE NO. **100-705**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHARLOTTE, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-12-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-21, 25; 6-2-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**[REDACTED]** attended Univ. of N. C. **[REDACTED]**  
 Former member of American Student's Union.  
 Described by associates as sympathetic with under-privileged, liberally inclined, intellectually honest, but not associated with Communist party, nor in favor of its policies. **[REDACTED]** from prominent, wealthy family, and is reported to be in **[REDACTED]**

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

DETAILS: AT CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

he had been closely associated with **[REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED]** further advised **[REDACTED]**

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