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**HIGHLANDER FOLK
SCHOOL**

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Knoxville is one copy each of opinion of USDC WILLIAM E. MILLER dated 1/11/68 regarding Tennessee General Assembly investigation of the Highlander Educational Research Center

Enclosed opinion was made available by BRANDON LEWIS Clerk, USDC, Nashville, Tenn., on 1/16/68, who made copy available to SA

It is noted that the opinion in part denies the plaintiff's request that the court take steps to have a 3-judge court constituted and convened, sustains the defendant's motion to dismiss the complaint insofar as it challenges the validity of Tennessee Code, Sections 3-301 through 3-325, and enjoins a number of the defendants until further orders of the court from proceeding or acting further under the terms and provisions of joint house resolution No. 14.

The above information is being furnished the Bureau and Knoxville for the completion of their respective files.

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Approved: F54 R. Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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May 12, 1968

F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

^{Highlander} Folk School
Can you tell me if the
Highlander Folk School,
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Tenn. and run by one
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list? Thank you very much.

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May 12, 1968

F. B. I -
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Can you tell me if the Highlander Folk School, late of Mouteagle, Tenn. & now located in Knoxville Tenn. and run by one Miles or Myles Horton, is on the F. B. I. subservise list? Thank you very much.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 12th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, this Bureau has no list such as you mentioned. Further, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Gentlemen,

May 16 - 68

Please inform me of what information you have on the Highlander Folk School located in Monteagle, Tenn. U.S.A. I am curious as to the real nature of this school which seems questionable to say the least.

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EX-115 Sincerely,
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May 16 - 68

Gentlemen,

Please inform me of what information you have on the Highlander Folk School located in Monteagle, Tenn. U.S.A.

I am curious as to the real nature of this School which seems questionable to say the least.

Sincerely

/s/

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 16th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, although I would like to be of assistance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 16, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been told the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee, at one time was operated by certain communist elements, and for that reason the school was closed down by act of the state of Tennessee and its legislature.

Will you please tell me whether or not this school was actually closed down because of the school's subversive nature. Please also tell me if this is the same school where the song, "We Shall Overcome" was written or spawned.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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This copy was mailed on June 28, 1968.

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July 5, 1968

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Dear [Redacted]

I received a copy of your letter on July 2nd.

In response to your inquiry, while I would like to be of assistance, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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September 2, 1968

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Before I get to my questions, let me take this opportunity to thank you and your personnel for the service you render to this nation.

I am enclosing a copy of a picture and a statement concerning Dr. Martin Luther King. As a concerned citizen I feel that this type of information should be verified as true—or refuted if false. I hope you can help me do one or the other.

May I have the answers to the following questions:

1. Did a person by the name of Karl Prussion operate as a counter-spy for the FBI from 1947 to 1960?
2. Was the Highlander Folk School abolished by the State of Tennessee because it was a subversive organization?
3. Is the following statement by Karl Prussion accurate?

"I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse Communist causes."

|| May I request any other information concerning Communist subversion that you are free to give to the public.

Sincerely,

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Front

MARTIN LUTHER KING.... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization. *gil*

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

Back

CIVIL WAR IN UNITED STATES!

COMMUNISTS USE NEGROES FOR U.S. CIVIL WAR

Manning Johnson, former top Negro communist,

"Stirring-up race and class conflict is the basis of all communist party work in the South... This plot to use the Negroes as the spearhead, or expendable, was concocted by Stalin in 1928.

Vulgarous Negro intellectuals, along with the rods, through their impractical, warlike alien behavior, turn race relations into a shambles. Every Negro who opposes integration and the A.A.C.P. becomes a "traitor" or an "Uncle Tom." Every white person taking a similar stand is a "ornamental" and "outside of the law."

They (Negro intellectuals) have no love for their own people... They play Moscow's game and they deserve whatever red reward is due them.

A large number of Negro ministers are all for the communists. White ministers acting as missionaries, using the race angle as bait, aided in the cultivation of Negro ministers for work in the Red solar system of organizations... The use of sex and perversion as a means of political blackmail was an accepted red tactic.

...Of all their work methods used, it was generally agreed that the Church is the "best cover for illegal work."

-from the book, "Color, Communism and Common Sense."

J. Edgar Hoover: "In the case of the Negro Minority the Communist Party in 1928 to lay down a specific Party line for the guidance of comrades in the U.S. Negroes were to be considered as an oppressed race. But in the South, the slogan set by the Right of Self-Determination of the Negroes in the Black Belt. Masters of Deceit."

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MARTIN LUTHER KING TO DIRECT COMMUNIST STRUCTURE

COMMUNISTS IN NAACP TOLD TO WORK FOR COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES - FOLLOW KING. *** NEGROES DUPED ***

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I, Karl Prussion, a former and a member of the Congress counterparty for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1947 to 1950, under penalty of perjury that from the years 1947 through 1950 I attended five county committee meetings of the Communist Party of Santa Clara County, California. (A county committee meeting of the Communist Party consists of one delegate representing each Communist cell in a county.) The meetings were held during the aforementioned period in the following locations: The residence of Robert Lindsay, Communist, in San Jose, California, 1944; the residence of Mary Field, Communist, sec- tary organizer, Palo Alto, California, 1945; the residence of Isabel and Edwin Cerny, both Communists, Menlo Park, California, 1946; the residence of Gertrude Adler, Communist, Palo Alto, California, 1947; the residence of Karl Prussion, counterparty for the Party, Los Altos, California, 1948; the residence of Myra White, Communist, Mountain View, California, 1949.

I hereby further solemnly state that at each and every meeting as set forth above, the Ed Beck, Communist, who is presently secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of San Mateo County, California,

and a member of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), presented the directive from the district office of the Communist Party in San Francisco to the effect that:

"All Communists working within the framework of the NAACP are instructed to work for a change of the passive attitude of the NAACP toward a more militant, demonstrative, class struggle policy to be expressed by sit-ins, demonstrations, marches and protests, for the purpose of transforming the NAACP into an organization for the achievement of Communist objectives."

I further swear and attest that at each and every one of the aforementioned meetings, one Reverend Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues. I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or willingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist fronts, individuals, or organizations which are aided to espouse Communist causes. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of September, 1953.

(s) Karl Prussion, B. ALD. George E. Parling, Notary Public.

September 10, 1968

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EX-105

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter of September 2nd, with enclosure, concerning the Highlander Folk School, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

I can tell you that Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures, his opinions and statements are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

I am enclosing literature on the general topic of communism which I trust will be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!
Do You Really Understand Communism?
One Nation's Response to Communism

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. His enclosure was a page from The Augusta Courier with photograph of Martin Luther King and others reportedly at Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee. This page, photograph and individuals contained therein are well known to the Bureau.

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March 25, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.D.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am inclosing a 'copy' of a picture of Martin Luther King photographed by an employee of the State of Georgia at the Highlander Folk School. I need a verification of this picture. Is this correct? Has King been known to associate with these individuals? Was he duped, pink or red? It is most urgent for me to receive this information.

[REDACTED]

Also, I am interested because our priest in his sermon last Sunday said, "Does anyone have the guts to spend \$5.00 to see the movie, 'Martin Luther King'?"

If your answers are negative to my questions, I'll crawl into a hole and shut up.

Your reply will be appreciated and please make it fast.

Thank You!

Yours truly,

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P.S. I have the original picture as published in the 'Councilor', Shreveport, Louisiana. This is a photo copy.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Tennessee, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee, during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photograph was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Tennessee State Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

The people numbered in the picture are:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WALTER W. BERRY, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

GREY WILLIAMS, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., a fellow-traveling organization, and,

WES HORTON, director of the Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

Karl Prussion, a former F.B.I. counterspy, has this to say about Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"... I further do solemnly swear and attest that... one Rev. Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues.

"... I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse Communist causes, numbering over 60."

While openly preaching non-violence in Chicago this summer, Martin Luther King and his agents have been actively organizing Negro bands and planning violence. His purpose is to gather a million dollars a year from the suckers who contribute to his... death.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on March 30th. In response to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [REDACTED]

Enclosed is a copy of a leaflet concerning the alleged attendance of Martin Luther King at the Highlander Folk School in 1957. This school and Karl Prussian are well-known to the Bureau. We have received citizens inquiries concerning the enclosed photograph and leaflet in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 21, 1972

FROM : A. William Olson
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Correspondence from [REDACTED]

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Enclosed for action deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter to the Attorney General received from [REDACTED] and a copy of our reply thereto.

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

Enclosures

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Correspondence Control Unit
Internal Security Division

Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst
Washington
District of Columbia 20530

Dear Sir:

I am trying to find out some information about the "Highlanders" who live in our community in New Market, Tennessee. There is a school located on the highlanders property which is supposed to be for Appalachian underprivileged children; however, none of the children from the surrounding communities attend.

It is rumored that they are a communist organization.

Mr. Nile Horton owns the property and Mr. William S. Ludwis is head of the school, the head of which is continually guarded and only certain cars are allowed in the area.

The F.B.I. suggested that I contact you for this information as they could not divulge any information. I would greatly appreciate any information concerning the "Highlanders", the school they run, or any other information you might be able to supply me with in this matter.

Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response to your recent letter to Attorney General Kleindienst wherein you requested information concerning an organization known as "Highlanders."

In furnishing information from its files, if any is available, the Department of Justice is limited by law to servicing the Executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government in the exercise of official functions. The only authority by which the Department may characterize organizations is pursuant to Executive Order 10450, as amended, in connection with the Federal Personnel Security Program. The list of organizations designated thereunder is currently in the process of being revised and updated and, consequently, is not currently available within the Department for public distribution. I can inform you, however, that the organization mentioned above does not appear on this list.

A copy of your letter is being furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for action it may deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

A. WILLIAM OLSON
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By:

THOMAS E. MARUM
Special Assistant

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Review of Bufile 61-7511 captioned, "Highlander Folk School; IS-C," disclosed that this institution, which in the past has conducted classes in labor organization, economics, and the general field of labor education, has for years been the object of public scorn based on allegations that it is Pro-Communist. FBI inquiries based on these allegations were terminated 2/27/51 by the late J. Edgar Hoover who ordered that no further contacts whatsoever were to be made at the school. This action was based on a letter to Hoover from the American Civil Liberties Union dated 2/14/51, in which it was alleged that the FBI was "recently conducting an inquiry into the Highlander Folk School apparently on the grounds that interracial education is somehow subversive." Our inquiries prior to the contact ban determined that the school had had Communist Party members on its staff as instructors and had welcomed Communist Party members as students, but there was no evidence that the school was Communist dominated. The organization was never cited by the U.S. Attorney General as subversive.

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Highlander Folk
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Folk School Admits Parody on 'America'

Mrs. Myles Horton Acknowledges 'Song' Printed, Distributed by School; Words Written By Former Official

SEWANEE, Tenn., Nov. 13.—Officials of the Highlander Folk School at a conference here last night acknowledged responsibility for the use of a parody on "My Country 'Tis of Thee," which appeared in a pamphlet of workers' songs distributed by the school in 1938.

Title of the parody is "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and the words were written by Don West, who formerly was associated with the school.

The words, taken from the official publication of the school, follow:

My country 'tis of thee,
Land of mass misery,
Of this I sing,
Land where the workers toil,
And bosses reap their spoil,
Where children starve and freeze
From Fall to Spring.

My native country thee,
Our fathers fought to free
You from a king,
And in their steps we tread,
Fighting for meat and bread,
Workers, lift up your head—
Let freedom ring!

The song was introduced by C. H. Kilby, secretary of the Grundy County Crusaders, and Mrs. Myles Horton acknowledged that it was printed at the school. This song appears with a list of workers' songs in the fourth series, 1938, price 5 cents.

CHATTANOOGA NEWS - FREE PRESS
Chattanooga, Tennessee
November 13, 1940

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Mr. Tracy

LABOR SCHOOL ASKED TO MOVE

Grundy County Group Says Teachings Subversive

By United Press
TRACY CITY, Tenn., Nov. 13.—
The Highlander Folk School—a labor school which recently received a contribution from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt—faced demands today that it move from Grundy County on the grounds that its teachings are "subversive." The demands were made last night at a conference of officials

of the school with leaders of the "Grundy County Crusaders," which was organized earlier in the evening for the purpose of "driving the school from the county."

A. L. Henderson, Tracy City banker and chairman of the "Crusaders," charged that teachings at the school were subversive. Officials of the school, including James Dombrowski, its head, countered with the offer to move if the "Crusaders" could prove that "our teachings are subversive."

Dombrowski said the objects of the Highlander School were to offer a workers' education program, labor extension courses and community help projects. He said no official connection, "only friendly relations," existed between Highlander and Commonwealth College at Mena, Ark., another labor school.

from the county, because "Grundy County has received only adverse publicity" since the school's establishment and because "no beneficial and because "no beneficial, only harmful reactions," have come from the school since it was established several years ago.

A resolution was passed requesting the Highlander School to move

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'Crusaders' Renew Folk School Fight

Kilby Predicts Citizens' Group Soon to Launch New Moves in Effort to Force Highlanders Out

By JAMES D. PRATHER

New developments in the campaign of the Grundy County Crusaders to force the Highlander Folk School to leave the county are expected soon, C. H. Kilby, secretary of the organization, said yesterday.

Mr. Kilby stated he was not authorized to reveal the nature of the plans under way, but he added the "Crusaders are working night and day." He pointed out Folk School authorities have not made clear their work, although they have been given ample opportunity to do so.

The "Crusaders" formed an organization at Tracy City last week and adopted the slogan, "No ism but Americanism." A. L. Henderson, Tracy City banker, was elected president of the group. About 150 Grundy County citizens, including representatives of practically every organization in the county, attended the organization meeting.

When the "Crusaders" organized, a committee of seven was appointed to confer with a committee from the Folk School in an effort to iron out their problems. The conference was held at Sewanee, on neutral ground, and many problems arising between the two groups were discussed, but no definite action was taken. The "Crusaders" averred the Folk School officials "evaded" their questions when enumerating the activities of the school.

10 CRUSADE REASONS

According to Mr. Henderson and Mr. Kilby, the "Crusaders" desire that the school be moved from Grundy County because:

1. The school is charged with fostering and advocating "un-American activities," and stirring up "labor agitation."

2. The school is accused of teaching "Communist principles." School authorities denied this accusation. Dr. Dombrowski, school head, said if the Communist charge "could be proved the school would leave."

3. The school teaches its students to sing a parody on "America"—"My Country 'Tis of Thee"—which says the United States is "a land of misery."

4. No benefits have come to Grundy County since the school was organized in 1933.

5. A Chattanooga manufacturing plant, which had planned to locate near Monteagle, changed its plans when it learned the new plant site would be near the school.

6. A moving picture, "People of the Cumberlands," was distributed which depicted the worst side of Grundy County. It was stated that the worst shacks and the worst living conditions in the county were featured, and that the photographers saw fit to leave out of the film every modern home and every worthwhile activity of the people of Grundy County.

7. Grundy County youths are denied jobs outside of the county when the employer finds out they live in the vicinity of the Folk School.

8. The school stirred up "labor agitation" in Grundy County, and sponsored a "sit-down strike of WPA workers."

9. Grundy County has received "bad publicity" because of the location of the school in the county.

10. Plays produced at the school are not "conducive" to harmony between workers and employers.

In the opinion of Mr. Henderson and Mr. Kilby, none of these items were satisfactorily answered by Dr. Dombrowski, Myles Horton, educational director of the school and labor organizer; Mrs. Myles Horton, musical director; Dr. Lillian Johnson, founder and member of the school's board, and Roy Reynolds, of Chattanooga, member of the school's executive council.

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CHARGE COMMUNIST TIE-UP

The Folk School leaders pointed out the school is simply a "labor school" but the "Crusaders" are not content with this answer. "We do not object to a labor school," Mr. Henderson stated last week. "We believe they (the school authorities) are closely associated with Communist organizations and teachings."

Dr. Dombrowski declared at the Sewanee conference that the Folk School at present is the only labor school of its type in the United States. He said Commonwealth College in Arkansas, a former "labor school," had been disbanded, and that a similar school in the East had folded up.

Dr. Dombrowski has pointed out that some of the people in the community desire the school to be retained. He said a petition was being circulated for signatures. He also offered to move the school if charges could be substantiated that the school is a "detriment," if it is "un-American," and if it is "illegitimate." He said, however, that he wanted "proof" to substantiate any charge.

The school head said the major work of the school is its activities in connection with labor. "This is a new service for industrial workers," he maintained. "It is a service designed to help workers function more intelligently in their unions." Labor history and economics are taught students who enroll, he added. Collective bargaining also is one of the subjects taught.

Dr. Dombrowski said students come to the school from many states. He added that an exchange student had enrolled from Mexico. Students are given six-week courses. "We have the help in these six-week courses of not only members of our staff, but outstanding labor leaders." Dr. Dombrowski said the school has the "official indorsement" of labor. Many labor groups have come to the defense of the school, he asserted.

"Our complete program is some-

what like that of a settlement house transferred to the country," Dombrowski continued. "The difference is that changes are made to suit the needs of the community." He added:

"We have done a lot of things of a cultural nature, but our main effort is to try to raise living standards. We have not been very successful. We will admit that we need your help."

The nursery school, which gives assistance to about 13 children, and quilting, berry picking, canning and potting activities were cited as some of the accomplishments of the school in the community.

CITIZENS' STATEMENTS

Here are some unsolicited statements from well-known people who live in the vicinity of the school who desire that it be moved:

E. W. Cheek, Tracy City, retail druggist:

"The people of the county are definitely opposed to the Folk School, and we think its influence is bad. Boys from our county have been refused jobs elsewhere because employers think they are labor agitators. We were denied a shirt factory because of the bad publicity given the county in connection with the school. The school is bad morally and in every other way. I think Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt put money in the school through ignorance. I think that is the kindest thing I can say about Mrs. Roosevelt."

Mrs. J. J. Lasater, Monteagle restaurant owner:

"I want the school and the people who are connected with it moved back where they came from."

W. H. Cox, Palmer, president of Local 5,881, United Mine Workers of America:

"I just don't believe the Folk School should be allowed to stay in Grundy County, or any other county. They should be driven back to where they came from. I don't think they have ever done anything that was any good for Grundy County. The school has been a disadvantage to the county ever since it came. The school has driven business from the county that we would have gotten."

Horace Moore, Palmer, member of the United Mine Workers of America:

"The Folk School has been a sore spot in my mind for a long time. I think the school is un-American."

No future conferences between the "Crusaders" and the Folk School heads have been announced.

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Hull Listed as a Sponsor for 'Folk School' Benefit

Mrs. Roosevelt and Others Prominent in New Deal Aid Institution Which Tennessee Group Opposes.

By JOHN T. MOUTOUX, *News-Sentinel Staff Correspondent*
 WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—Secretary of State and Mrs. Cordell Hull are listed among the sponsors of a benefit to be given here the night of Dec. 6 for the Highlander Folk School of Monteagle, Tenn.

The movement here to aid the Tennessee "labor school" is in striking contrast with the effort of a Tennessee group to drive the school out of Grundy County.

Other sponsors of the benefit include:

- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. Hugo L. Black.
- Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Harold L. Ickes.
- Miss Harriet Elliott of the National Defense Commission.
- Sidney Hillman of the National Defense Commission.
- Leon Henderson of the National Defense Commission.
- Dr. John Studebaker, head of the U. S. Bureau of Education.
- Federal Works Administrator John Carmody.
- Former Governor and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania.
- Rep. Jerry Voorhis of California, member of the Dies committee.
- Rep. Lee Geyer of California, author of the bill to abolish the poll tax.
- Rep. John Coffee of California, staunch friend of the TVA.

Garrison Chapin will be sung by Louise Burge and the Washington Choral Society. Miss Chapin is the wife of Francis Biddle, solicitor-general of the United States.

Mountain and workers' ballads and Negro and folk songs will be sung.

Admission prices of \$1.50 and \$2.50 assure a considerable sum will be raised for the Highlander School.

Poet to Participate

Archibald MacLeish, librarian of the Library of Congress and a noted poet, will read one of his works, "America Was Promises." A ballad poem by Katherine

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Dies to Get Evidence On 'Folk' School

Grundy County Crusaders Plan to sent Findings to Un-American Pro When He Visits Chattanooga

By JAMES D. PRATHER

Representative Martin Dies, of Texas, chairman of the famed House committee investigating un-American activities, will be presented evidence in connection with the operation of the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle when he comes here Dec. 6 to make an address in Memorial Auditorium, The News-Free Press learned from a reliable source this morning.

The informant said members of the Grundy County Crusaders, an organization formed several weeks ago to work toward the removal of the school from Tennessee, were studying plans to present evidence they have obtained about the school to Representative Dies. It is expected a committee from the Crusaders will seek an appointment with Dies before his speaking engagement.

CRUSADERS CHARGE

The Crusaders have openly accused the school of teaching and fostering communistic principles, but Dr. James Dombrowski, chairman of the school, and other school officials have hotly denied the accusations. Dr. Dombrowski stated at a conference held between a committee from the Crusaders and a committee from the school at Sewanee that Highlander would leave the state if it could be proved by the Crusaders the school is communistic.

Dombrowski explained the school is maintained as a "labor school," and that union men who attend are taught how to better deal with their employers. The Crusaders, on the other hand, charge the school has prevented industry from moving to the county and that the influence of the school has prevented Grundy County youths from obtaining jobs elsewhere. Employers, the Crusaders allege, are of the opinion youths who come from Grundy County are "labor agitators."

The Crusaders fanned a flame that had been simmering for some time when they formed their organization at a mass meeting held in Tracy City. A mass march on the school had been planned, but this was abandoned. Instead, a conference was held at Sewanee, with Dr. Fleming James acting as an impartial chairman. The conference lasted four hours, but no definite plan was worked out by the groups.

A. L. Henderson, president of the Crusaders, and C. H. Kilby, secretary, have gathered a great deal of evidence about the school, and some of this was revealed at the Sewanee conference. They called especial attention to a song book published at the school which contained a parody on "America." The parody, said in part that America is a "land of mass misery."

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MRS. FDR GIVES TO FOLK SCHOOL AGAIN

Letter to Dombrowski Rebukes Foes; May Visit.

Special To The News-Sentinel

MONTEAGLE, Tenn., Feb. 8—James Dombrowski today said that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has sent Highlander Folk School another \$100 scholarship. Her letter, a copy of which was headed "THE WHITE HOUSE," was given by Dombrowski as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Dombrowski:
"I am sending you the same amount as I sent you last year as my contribution toward a scholarship in the Highlander Folk School.

"I have had the school checked by people in whom I have absolute confidence and am convinced that the newspaper attack and the groups which have been opposed to you are not opposed to you because of any communist activities, but because they are opposed to labor organization and, therefore, labor education. This seems to me a most unwise and short-sighted attitude and, therefore, I am continuing my support. I hope this spring to come down to see the school myself."

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Junior Order Denounces Folk School

College Excoriated As 'Hotbed Of Communism'

Resolutions condemning the Highlander Folk School of Sumnerfield, near Monteagle, as a "hotbed of Communism" were passed yesterday by delegates of the State Junior Order of American Mechanics in annual convention here.

The group also passed an "all-out" aid to Britain resolution introduced during the afternoon session by C. H. Kilby, Junior Order member and secretary of the Grundy County Crusaders movement which repeatedly has criticized Highlander Folk School. He also introduced the resolution against the school.

FBI INFORMED

Kilby last night said he had turned over complete data to FBI agents and had given testimony before the Dies Committee at Washington, that the school was one of three in existence in the United States today advocating the formation of a "Red form of government."

"This school (Highlander) and others now located in isolated sections of North Carolina and New York are recruiting students from the 13 Southeastern states and go under the guise of a labor school," Kilby charged.

Reports of the State Council and standing committees were read at yesterday's opening session attended by 24 officers and national representatives, 68 members of the State Council and 16 new members.

ELECTION TODAY

Officers are to be elected this morning.

The group yesterday pledged \$85 for the Tiffin Orphans Home at Tiffin, Ohio, sponsored by the Junior Order.

Mayor Fred Allen, Congressman John Jennings Jr. and Judge Alex Bailey, of Lenoir City, were principal speakers yesterday.

James W. Zirkle, State Councillor, will preside today.

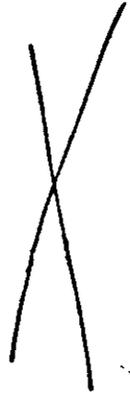
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CURE FOR BLINDNESS

NEWSPAPERS or newspaper people afflicted all at once by the day-to-day inability to see or recognize a Communist, are in a state of sudden blindness. Fortunately, it isn't contagious. As a matter of fact, it isn't even quite convincing. We recommend exercise for it, simple callisthenics which we shall call the Get-Down-Your-October, 1939-Files-And-See-What-You-Wrote-Then treatment.

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Lo, there were Communists then. Highlander Folk School was the nucleus (these files attest) of Communist enterprise, and the articles published were calculated to expose it as such. That was during its stage of incipiency. Not yet was it being openly courted as a resort of the political intelligentsia. Not yet was it being patronized in more than clandestine fashion by the "liberals." Sidney Hillman had still to effect his all-inclusive coalition, eventuating in the scales of this present blindness.

The theory of the thing apparently is that when one multiplies the Highlander outfit by four or five—mixes it with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the PAC, the National Farmers Union, the FEPC—suddenly it just ceases to exist for what it was; and, presto, the last taint and vestige of Communism vanishes from the whole state of Tennessee!

No, that professed blindness isn't contagious. The record is there for anyone to see whose eyes are not deliberately closed. Communism has its agents in this state, for a campaign which is part of its overall effort to wrest from the people of the United States their own government. Few are blind—and even these can see if they will only look.

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CIO students at folk school call for farmer-labor unity

MONTEAGLE, Tenn.—“Workers and farmers are allies . . . The common people have a common enemy . . . Big Business.”

These were, among the comments made by CIO students as they summed up the highlights of the Third Annual Southern CIO Term held at Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., from May 6 to June 2.

Representing CIO workers in the oil, chemical, wood, textile, tobacco, rubber and laundry industries, the students sent a vigorous protest to President Truman against the union curbs he recommended to Congress.

“We feel that the action you have taken is lining yourself up with big business and capital against labor. We consider this a betrayal of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s principles and policies to which you pledged your full support.”

These sentiments were also voiced by Farmers Union, CIO and AFL representatives attending a farmer-labor conference held at Highlander Folk School during the CIO term.

Homer Crabtree, secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Farmers Union, told the delegates that

much of the misunderstanding between organized labor groups and the farmers resulted from “monopoly interests,” which were able to keep these two groups divided by controlling the instruments of education and information.

“Actually,” he said, “the interests of the two groups are the same. Farmers cannot sell their products unless the workers’ wages are enough to buy them—and workers cannot keep their jobs unless farmers make enough money to buy the products industry workers make.”

Techniques for carrying on effective political action in their local unions were taught the students by Joseph Gaer, editor of the CIO Political Action pamphlets, and Orval Wincaid, Tennessee CIO-PAC director.

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School Gives Courses Promoting Race Amity

By Angus McDonald

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL at Monteagle, Tenn., founded in 1932 by Myles Horton, a native Tennessean, and Don West, a Georgia poet, is a new kind of school. It has no entrance requirements, gives no credits or degrees, and tailors its courses to fit the needs of the students and their problems.

For example, last year, after the race riots in Tenn., the school gave courses devoted to promoting understanding and cooperation between Negroes and whites. The school regularly provides instruction in labor, history, economics, parliamentary law, labor-management contracts, journalism and folk music.

Horton and West from the very beginning decided that one of the main things ailing the South was race hatred, and that the best way to break the South democratic was to train both Negroes and whites to live and work together. They were assisted in their early efforts by Dr. Lillian W. Johnson, an amiable elderly lady from Memphis, who donated 200 acres of land and a log cabin.

Not long after the school opened Zilphia, a girl from Arkansas, with an accordion and a beautiful voice, appeared. Myles and Zilphia were married in three weeks.

"I think it was love at first sight," said Zilphia, who has spent most of her life collecting folk songs as they are sung and played by people in the hills.

Difficulties Licked

DURING the thirties the school had a rough time, in spite of enthusiastic indorsements from distinguished educators, such as John Dewey and Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

Myles and Zilphia had to go out and raise money to keep things going. (They only charge \$50 a month, including room, board and tuition.) But they never lost faith in their idea, and today the school has a record of training 20,000 Southerners for leadership in their communities.



Photograph by Williams

Zilphia was in Washington not long ago on a fund-raising expedition and brought with her a curious stringed instrument called a "harmonie."

"I looked for a harmonie for years," she said. "Finally I found one 'way back in the Tennessee mountains. An old man taught me to play it and gave it to me, making me promise to teach someone else how to play it. He said that playing the harmonie was becoming a lost art, and that no one in his community took any interest in it."

Several years ago the school started giving courses on setting up farmer and consumer cooperatives. Attempts also were made to break down the traditional city-country antagonism. Myles says we can never have a functioning democracy unless farmers and

industrial workers learn to understand each other.

Staff Expanded

GRADUALLY the school has expanded its staff, and now has seven regular teachers besides calling in specialists in various fields to give instruction. The school is gaining a national reputation. Stetson Kennedy, author of "Southern Exposure," says it has tremendous influence in breaking down race hatred in the South.

This summer, courses were given at Highlander by James Patton, president of the National Farmers Union; Aubrey Williams, publisher

of Southern Farmer and J. C. McAmis, agricultural director of TVA. Patton suggested that farmer-labor cooperation would help both

those in the city and the country. He gave as an example a Farmers Union dairy organization which is dealing directly with workers in a milk processing plant in Tennessee. In September Highlander School is holding another two-week course on soil conservation and farmer co-operatives.

There is reason to believe that Highlander has made a great impression on Negroes as well as whites. Recently a Negro scoutmaster in Chattanooga, after talking to Hyles Horton, said:

"I'd like to bring my Boy Scout troop up to Highlander just to show them that such a thing does exist and that there are white Southerners without prejudice. We wouldn't other you any. We could camp out in the woods and just look into the windows once in awhile. It could mean so much to my boy while they're growing up."

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FBI Stirs Trouble For Tennessee School

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Special to THE COMPASS

Monteagle, Tenn., March 16 — FBI agents have come here to investigate the progressive Highlander Folk School, and by the questions they have asked around this small community in the Cumberland Mountains, they have stirred up the first opposition in over a decade to the interracialism which the school practices.

By night the FBI has stood watch over the school, and by day it has interrogated the people of the neighborhood, emphasizing questions related to Communism and the presence of Negro students.

It wants to know who—especially what Negroes—attend conferences and gatherings at the school, what takes place at conferences, what takes place after conferences, when people sleep.

People who have always had some doubts about the school and its practice of non-segregation have now become convinced that the FBI has secret information that the school is both Communist and immoral. Some people who had learned to accept the school now have doubts. Ugly stories are making the rounds, fanning the anti-Negro prejudices of a frontier society.

Myles Horton, director of the school, says he has no idea what prompted the FBI to "harass neighbors with questions linking Negroes with Communism."

But, he adds, "It has long been a matter of public record that they could catch us red-handed practicing racial democracy by a visit to the school."

2 Agents Inspect School Activities

Last December two FBI agents did visit the school. Horton explained to them that Highlander was established to train democratic leadership, that it is co-operatively owned by the teaching staff and has no affiliations, and that its services are available to all labor, farm, religious and civic organizations working to expand democracy.

He showed them the various school activities, which range from a nursery school, where the children of mountain folk see plumbing for the first time in their lives, to courses in economics, public speaking, parliamentary law, poster-making and dramatics, attended by young men and women



ANIMATED DISCUSSION in a classroom at the Highlander Folk School.

sent by trade unions and other groups.

To point up what Highlander is trying to do, Horton showed the visitors a press release of a speech of his condemning racial segregation and affirming the need for more trade unionism and farm co-operatives.

"By broadening the scope of democracy to include everyone, and deepening the concept to include every relationship," he had said, "the army of democracy would be so vast and so determined that nothing undemocratic could stand in its path."

One of the FBI men, Horton said later, commented that most Southerners thought such views were "Communist." And he left no doubt that he thought they were right.

Horton wrote Hugh H. Clegg, Assistant Director of the FBI, to find out if the opinion of the agents was that of the FBI as a whole. Clegg wrote back that the FBI never commented on organizations, adding that the two agents had denied making any such statements as Horton reported.

In view of what he calls the "short memory" of FBI agents, Horton has now written Attorney General McGrath to ask if he legally can require FBI agents to put their questions in writing and if he can confine himself to written answers.

But the real problem for Horton

and his staff is the community problem. They see attitudes being shaped in the minds of the people about them that can lead to trouble, even to violence.

In the early thirties, when the Highlander School was getting started in Monteagle, a spate of wild tales swept through the community—tales about secret links with Moscow, about machine guns in the attic, about immoral practices in the dead of night.

As the local people got to know the school, however, as they and their children benefitted from its educational program or from individual acts of kindness by staff members, the fantasies of the early years yielded slowly to expressions of good will or toleration. For the past ten years there have been no serious manifestations of hostility in the community.

But the ancient prejudices and passions die hard. Now they are being endorsed—seemingly with authority—by representatives of the U. S. government. Now the patient, uphill work of many years is in jeopardy.

Sponsors of the Highlander Folk School include John Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barnes, Mary McLeod Bethune, Leon Henderson, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Freda Kirchway, Mr. and Mrs. Corliss Belmont, Lucy Randolph Mason, Carey McWilliams and Jennings Perry.

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Highlander Nursery School Open

Dear Editor:
 It has been called to my attention that one statement is misleading in your April 30th picture story on the Highlander Folk School. The caption states that the "nursery has been discontinued since FBI agents appeared in Monteagle. (and) helped spread impression the school is objectionable to the Federal government."

The FBI agents have made it more difficult to get financial support for the nursery school, but the nursery school was only temporarily closed and will continue with the help of our friends.

JOANNA WILLIMET
 Nursery School Director
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Local Level Approach Best,
Negro Educator Tells
Workshop Group

Special to The Chattanooga Times
MONTEAGLE, Tenn., Aug. 24
—The grass roots approach to meeting and solving the problems of integration was supported here today by Dr. F. D. Patterson, former president of Tuskegee Institute, speaking to one of the final sessions of an integration workshop at Highlander Folk School.

The Negro educator seemed to favor this system as opposed to any form of imposed or enforced methods.

Publicity on many of the incidents in the South, he noted, has awakened the public to the need for improved relations.

Dr. Patterson, now an official of the Phelps-Stokes Foundation, spoke during a session this morning. The afternoon was devoted to a discussion of the integration program at West Virginia State College near Crawford. Formerly a Negro college with a normal enrollment of 800 to 1,000, the school reportedly has a current enrollment of approximately 1,500, about half of the student body being white. Elijah Baker, a Negro student from the college, said the integration program was proceeding without difficulty.

The workshop will be concluded tomorrow afternoon. Some 45 to 50 persons from a half dozen Southern states have been participating, according to Myles Horton, director. About 25 are Negro and the remainder white students.

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Why They 'Visited' Highlander

Last July a group of foreign visitors sponsored by the State Department's International Cooperation Administration turned up at the disreputable Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tenn.

Since the school has such an unsavory reputation, its current director having been called before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and then having been ejected because of his bad conduct, a founder having been described as a Communist and the institution standing for such an extreme brand of leftism, a great many people wondered why the State Department was spending American taxpayers' money to show off the Highlander Folk School to foreign visitors.

The News-Free Press asked the question editorially.

A local reader clipped the editorial, and sent it to a Mr. Lincoln White, acting chief of the State Department news

Mr. White has now given a clear explanation, and assurance that steps have

been taken to prevent such a "slip up" in the future.

Mr. White explained it this way:

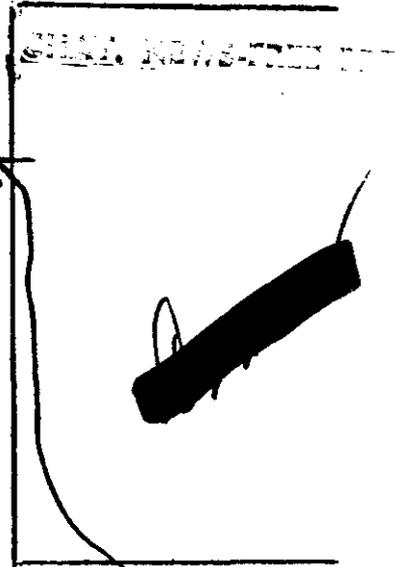
"This group was on an International Cooperation Administration-sponsored trip the itinerary of which did NOT include the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle. However, one member of the group of visitors, a Netherlands technician, requested that the group make a brief visit to the school. The ICA leader of the group, unaware of the criticism that previously had been leveled at this school, agreed to the diversion and the group DID go there as stated in the Free Press editorial.

"As a result of this incident the ICA has reinforced its instructions to the leaders of such groups as they go into the field on these trips that under no circumstances are they to alter the approved itinerary for the trip without prior consultation with ICA headquarters in Washington. This, we are assured, will obviate future difficulties of this kind."

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Mississippi Senator Reports on Studies

By T. GRADY GALLANT

"I'm in thorough agreement" with the Internal Revenue Service action making donations to Highlander Folk School, Mont-eagle, Tenn., no longer deductible items on federal income tax returns, Sen. James O. Eastland, chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee told The News-Free Press today.

The senator was contacted in Mississippi for comment on reported efforts by Myles Horton, president of the school, to get Highlander Folk School's exempt status reinstated.

"The Highlander Folk School has been under study by our committee for some time," the Mississippi senator said.

Horton appeared before the subcommittee, which was holding hearings mainly dealing with the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., in March, 1954.

At this hearing, conducted by Sen. Eastland, Horton was tossed out when he refused to answer a question concerning James Dombrowski, a former Highlander School staff member.

"Horton reported at the time that the U.S. marshals who ousted him "tried to throw me down like a bag of meal," and that they twisted his arm.

STATUS LOST

Highlander lost its status with the Internal Revenue Service effective Sept. 30, 1958. The ruling letter to Horton was dated Feb. 20, 1957.

His status was both granted and taken away under Section 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, which reads:

"Corporations, and any community chest, fund or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes, or fire prevention, or cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of

which is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate of public office."

The Internal Revenue Service said that the Folk School does not meet requirements outlined above.

At the hearings in New Orleans, there was testimony by Paul Crouch, now dead, who said he had been a member of the Negro commission of the central committee of the Communist party, the agricultural commission of the Communist party, a member of the central committee of the Communist party and Tennessee district organizer of the Communist party with headquarters in Knoxville.

The following exchange took

place under cross-examination of Crouch about a meeting at Highlander Folk School. Crouch answered:

"The meeting was at the Highlander Folk School and present was Mr. Horton, Mr. James Dombrowski, Ed McRea, the Nashville organizer of the Communist party and member of the (Communist) bureau, and, later, my successor as Tennessee organizer."

Crouch testified that this was in 1940. In reference to this meeting, Crouch testified: "I stated that the Communist party was anxious to get the maximum results from Highlander Folk School without endangering Mr. Horton, or anyone."

Durr then said: "The maximum result. What kind of result?"

Crouch answered: "The results to which I referred were if it were to become public knowledge that the Highlander Folk School was cooperating too closely with the Communist party and carrying on too much open propaganda that it would endanger its funds and support and the Communist party recognized that this would be harmful to the school and to the party. However, the party did wish to utilize the school for purposes of recruiting."

TESTIMONY

Crouch further testified:

"It was the desire of the Communist party not to endanger the school by any activities that would identify it too openly and at the same time that the Communist party wished to work out a program of coordination whereby revolutionary results would be obtained from the school and agreements were made on that point."

This material was on the record of the hearing in New Orleans.

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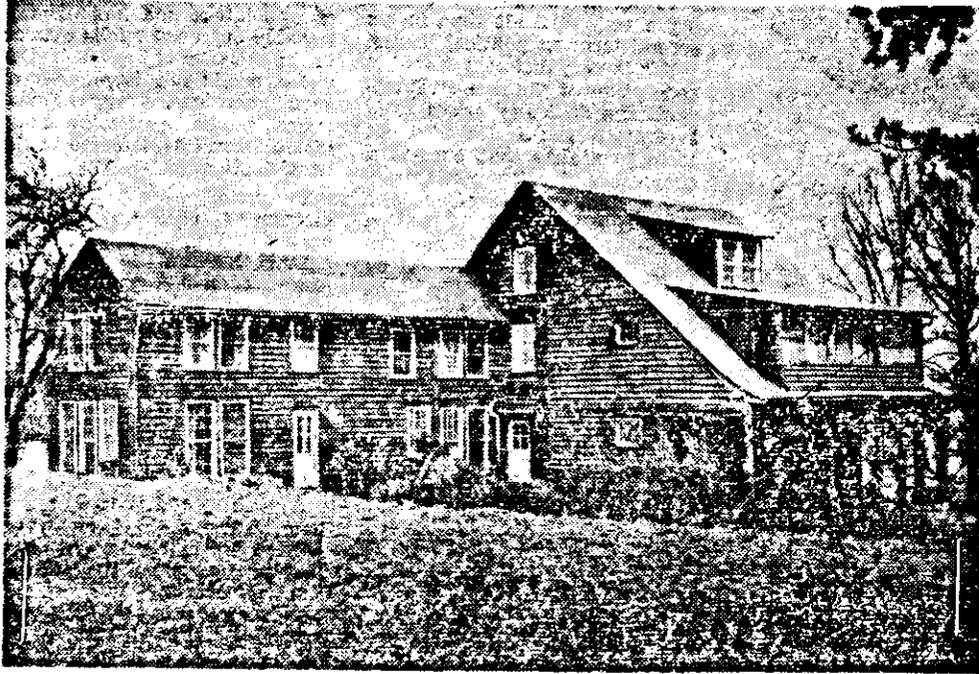
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(NEGROES)

ATLANTA--AN "UNDERCOVER AGENT" TOLD THE GEORGIA EDUCATION COMMISSION TODAY THAT SOUTHERN NEGRO LEADERS PLOTTED "RACIAL AGITATION" AT A LABOR DAY WEEKEND MEETING IN AN INTERRACIAL SCHOOL IN TENNESSEE.

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, HEADED BY GOV. MARVIN GRIFFIN, WAS FORMED BY THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE TO PLAN GEORGIA'S FIGHT AGAINST INTEGRATION AND TO PUBLICIZE THE SOUTHERN VIEWPOINT IN THE SEGREGATION CONTROVERSY.

GRIFFIN DISCLOSED BEFORE THE COMMISSION THAT HE HAD SENT STATE PHOTOGRAPHER EDWIN FRIEND TO "INFILTRATE" THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND MEETING AT THE HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL AT MONTEAGLE, TENN.

THE COMMISSION WAS TOLD THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD TO DISCUSS "METHODS AND TACTICS FOR PRECIPITATING RACIAL STRIFE AND DISTURBANCES."

GRIFFIN SAID HE CALLED THE COMMISSION INTO SESSION "SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF GEORGIA WILL KNOW WHERE SOME OF THE SOUTH'S RACIAL TROUBLE ORIGINATES AND TO LEARN FACTS THAT ARE IRREFUTABLE."

FRIEND TESTIFIED BRIEFLY, IDENTIFYING PICTURES ON DISPLAY AT THE SESSION AS BEING ONES HE TOOK DURING HIS "INCOGNITO" VISIT TO THE MEETING AT HIGHLANDER FROM AUG. 30 THROUGH SEPT. 2.

T.V. WILLIAMS JR., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE FIVE-MEMBER COMMISSION, THEN GAVE AN ORAL REPORT ABOUT FRIEND'S VISIT AND DISTRIBUTED A FOUR-PAGE MIMECROGRAPHED REPORT OF NEWSPAPER SIZE CONTAINING FURTHER REPORTS.

WILLIAMS SAID THE MEETING AT MONTEAGLE WAS ATTENDED BY THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., NEGRO BUS BOYCOTT LEADER AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., AND AUBREY WILLIAMS, WPA OFFICIAL DURING THE ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION.

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WILLIAMS TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHOM STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL EUGENE COOK HAD LABELLED AS HAVING COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS ALSO WERE PRESENT.

ONE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWED KING AND WILLIAMS SEATED TOGETHER AT A SESSION OF THE MONTEAGLE MEETING. ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPH SHOWED AN UNIDENTIFIED NEGRO MAN DANCING WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED WHITE WOMAN.

WILLIAMS REPORTED ORALLY IN A STATEMENT ON THE MINEOGRAPHED SHEET WHAT HE SAID WERE FRIEND'S FINDINGS ABOUT THE PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTEAGLE MEETING. HIS STATEMENT SAID:

"THE MEETING OF SUCH A LARGE GROUP OF SPECIALISTS IN INTERRACIAL STRIFE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL AND IN THE COMPANY OF KNOWN COMMUNISTS IS A TYPICAL METHOD WHEREBY LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND TACTICS ARE FURNISHED THE AGITATORS."

WILLIAMS SAID THE MONTEAGLE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY NEGRO LEADERS OF THE BUS BOYCOTT AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA., AND OF THE ALLEGED "MERCHANT BOYCOTT" AT TUSKEGEE, ALA.

AN ALABAMA ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO ATTENDED THE COMMISSION MEETING DISCLOSED HE ALSO HAD ATTENDED THE MONTEAGLE MEETING "INCOGNITO" THIS WAS NOT ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY. THE OFFICIAL ASKED THAT HIS IDENTITY BE WITHHELD.

SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN PATTERSON ALSO WERE PRESENT AT THE COMMISSION MEETING.

OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT INCLUDED LT. GOV. ERNEST VANDIVER, ATTORNEY GENERAL COOK, CHAIRMAN ROBERT G. ARNOLD OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF REGENTS AND ROY V. HARRIS, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

WILLIAMS TOLD THEM THE NAACP "HAS A PROPENSITY FOR AFFILIATING ITSELF WITH THE COMMUNIST CAUSE."

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Griffin 'Spy' Charges Race Strife Plot

ATLANTA, Oct. 4 (AP)—An "undercover agent" for the Georgia Education Commission, headed by Gov. Marvin Griffin, told the Commission today that Southern Negro leaders have plotted "racial agitation."

State photographer Edwin Friend said a Labor Day weekend meeting at the Highlander Folk School (interracial) at Monteagle, Tenn., was held to discuss "methods and tactics for precipitating racial strife and disturbances."

Griffin disclosed that he had sent Friend to "infiltrate" the meeting.

T. V. Williams Jr., executive secretary of the commission, said the Monteagle meeting was attended by Negro leaders of the bus boycott at Tallahassee, Fla., by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who directed the Negro bus boycott at Montgomery, Ala., and by alleged "merchant boycott" leaders from Tuskegee, Ala.

Griffin said he called the commission into session "so that the people of Georgia will know where some of the South's racial trouble originates and to learn facts that are irrefutable."

Williams said a number of persons whom State Attorney General Eugene Cook had labeled as having Communist affiliations also were present at Monteagle.

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Sympathizers are many—

Red strength in U. S. shouldn't be measured by card-carrying group

BY EDWIN STRICKLAND, News staff writer

Congressional committees investigating Communist activities in America have repeatedly found that while card-carrying Communists in this country is small, the more numerous supporters of Red "fronts" offer the real problem.

Whether these supporters are innocent tools, used for purposes of communism, or whether they knowingly contribute their talents and efforts, seem of little moment.

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These congressional findings have been supported from time to time by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Hoover recently released the information that there are only 17,360 actual members of the Communist Party in the United States. That is a drop of nearly 15 per cent from a year earlier.

Hoover warned, however, that the party's strength should not be discounted on the basis of its decreasing membership.

FIVE WEEKS AGO there gathered at the Highlander Folk School, in Monteagle, Tenn., a most interesting array of persons from several states for what was announced as an integration workshop and seminar.

Included among those in attendance were some who have long been labeled as Communist Party members—or leaders—by competent congressional committees.

But no less interesting were some of the other delegates whose names have long been associated with ultra liberal movements and Communist "fronts" for many years.

The Georgia Commission on Education has just unleashed a blast at Highlander Folk School as a "Communist training school."

The commission, made up of 20 of the highest placed officials in the state, based its findings upon information obtained by undercover agents it employed to investigate the school.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the Georgia investigation, Atty. Gen. John Patterson, of Alabama, had agents at the school. Of prime interest to Alabama and to Patterson, were the several Alabama people who were either photographed

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at the workshop or are listed as holding official positions with the school.

Patterson's investigators list five persons from Alabama as being connected officially with the school on its executive board. They are Dr. Charles Gomillion, dean of students at Tuskegee Institute; Dr. Lewis Jones of the Rural Life Council, Tuskegee; J. E. Pierce, Alabama College at Montgomery; Rosa Parks, one of the leaders of the Montgomery bus boycott, and Aubrey Williams, a Montgomery publisher.

Williams is a white man; with an impressive list of associations with liberal groups, some of which have been officially declared to be Communist fronts.

Other Alabama people taking an active part in the Labor Day week-end workshop included Rev. Martin Luther King, Montgomery bus boycott leader, and Rev. Abernathy, also a Montgomery integration leader.

ACCORDING TO the findings of the Georgia Commission on Education, Rev. King, who has won worldwide recognition for direction of the Montgomery boycott, led a "march on Washington" to protest segregation. Bayard Rustin, according to the commission's findings, helped lead the march.

Bayard Rustin was listed by the Communist newspaper "Daily Worker" as having attended the 1957 convention of the Communist Party U. S. A. The Red publication also iden-

tified Rustin as secretary to Rev. Martin Luther King.

Dr. Gomillion, who has led the Tuskegee boycott of merchants in protest over recent legislation considered by the Negro population in Tuskegee as restrictive, was photographed at the workshop.

The investigative group lists Dr. Gomillion as a signer of a protest statement against outlawing the Communist Party in America, and as being active in the Negro Youth Congress, which is listed as a Communist front by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," published in 1957 by the un-American activities committee of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Gomillion, the Georgia commission charged, has lent his name and support to other similar groups.

Neither Dr. Jones nor Pierce was listed as present at the workshop, though they are listed as members of the school's executive board.

NOW LET'S TURN to the most interesting personality of them all. Aubrey Williams, publisher of a farm magazine in Montgomery, has denied before congressional committees that he is a Communist.

He was appointed by President Roosevelt as director of the National Youth Administration. He was also one of the early leaders of Highlander Folk School.

His associations, often in role of leadership, in Communist fronts, is a long one and extends over a period of 20 years.

The following is a list of organizations with which he has been connected, which are on the government's official list of Communist front organizations:

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, sponsor of conference, October, 1949.

American Youth Congress, speaker on two or more occasions.

Civil Rights Congress, speaker, 1947.

Committee For Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, member of executive board.

Southern Conference for Human Welfare, speaker, 1938, speaker, 1940, signer of petition, 1946, chairman of nominating committee, 1946, signer of manifesto, 1947, member of board of representatives, 1947.

WILLIAMS' association with other "front-type" groups include:

American Crusade to End

Lynching, signer of petition, 1946.

Appeal to Guard Civil Rights, signer, listed in "Daily Worker," 1950.

Brief Amici Curiae for the Communist Party, signer, 1955.

Southern Conference Education Fund, president 1948 until now.

Williams was also a sponsor of the W. E. B. DuBois Testimonial Committee, 1951. DuBois, an official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, holds the record for the most associations with Communist front groups.

WILLIAMS' other activities since 1938 include:

Association of Internes and Medical Students, speaker, 1950.

Committee to End Sedition Laws, signer of statement, 1955.

Commonwealth College, contributor, 1938. (Massachusetts Investigation of Communists.)

Continuations Committee of the Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, signer of letter, 1940, (reported in "Daily Worker").

"Mainstream," sponsor, 1947.

Mid-Century Conference for Peace, sponsor, 1950.

Mother Bloor Celebration Committee, sponsor.

National Citizens Emergency Relief Committee to Aid Strikers Families, member of national board, 1946.

National Citizens Political Action Committee, member, 1944. Also chairman of dinner committee, 1946.

New York City Council of the American Youth Congress, speaker, 1938.

Petition to Reconsider Prosecutions Under the Smith Act, signer, 1955 (reported in "Daily Worker").

Progressive Citizens of America, board of directors, 1947 (story in "Daily Worker").

Protest Meeting for Howard Fast, sponsor, 1947 (reported in "New Masses," officially identified as Communist publication).

Washington Committee for Democratic Action, member, 1939.

Workers Alliance (paid tribute to).

Williams is also a former director of Southern Regional Council, Inc., organized in Atlanta and now operating interracial councils in 12 Southern States, including Alabama.

The group was identified in testimony before a Louisiana legislative committee this year as "a Southern Red front."

Nine of the current directors of the organization were formerly affiliated with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

OF THE SOUTHERN Conference Education Fund, which Williams has headed since its beginning, the Senate internal security subcommittee in 1955, said in part that it was "intimately an adjunct of the South-

ern Conference for Human Welfare

"After the exposure of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare as a Communist front, it began to wither and was finally dissolved, but the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., continued."

The Senate committee also found that "The Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., is operating with substantially the same leadership and purpose as its predecessor organization, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare."

DR. GOMILLION, of Tuskegee, has served with the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and is one of eight current directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., who have been so affiliated with the Southern Conference Education Fund, according to "Firing Line," published by the National Americanism Commission, The American Legion.

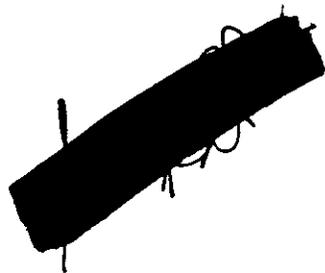
Despite his protestations, Williams was named in testimony before the Senate Committee in 1954 as a member of the Communist Party.

The Highlander Folk School, current object of investigation by officials of both Alabama and Georgia, was brought into testimony before the Senate sub-committee on internal security in 1954, by Paul Crouch, admitted top Communist Party functionary in the South before renouncing the Reds.

Said Crouch:
The Highlander Folk School is a school operated at Monteagle, Tenn., ostensibly as an independent labor school, but actually working in close cooperation with the Communist Party.

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Workshop glows red—

Communist influence sharpens in race row

BY EDWIN STRICKLAND
News staff writer

Is there any significance in the fact that four of the leaders in recent Alabama racial incidents were much in evidence at the Labor Day Weekend integration workshop at red-tinged Highlander Folk School?

In yesterday's article it was pointed out that Rev. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Rev. Abernathy, all leaders in the Montgomery bus boycott, and Dr. Charles Gomillion, dean of students at Tuskegee Institute and leader of the Tuskegee boycott, all took part in the three-day program at Monteagle, Tenn.

Third in a series

Who were some of their associates at the workshop? Let's look at a few along with their past performances.

ABNER W. BERRY, a writer for the Communist "Daily Worker," and identified as a member of the Communist Central Committee. As such, he represents one of the powerful Negro Red leaders in the country.

Berry reported the racially integrated meeting in his column in "The Daily Worker" on Sept. 10.

In one photograph taken during the workshop by undercover agents for Alabama Atty Gen. John Patterson and for the Georgia Commission on Education, Berry is shown in a study group with Rev. King, Aubrey Williams and Myles Horton, school director.

ANOTHER personality at the school was Pete Seeger, a New York musician and listed by "The Daily Worker" in 1949 as a participant in the New York State Youth Board of the Communist Party.

The mere presence at the seminar of two Communist personalities such as Berry and Seeger would indicate that it had the favor of the American branch of the Communist Party.

Before a congressional committee in 1955, Heeger took the Fifth Amendment when questioned about his Communist Party membership.

He has gotten probably as much mention in "The Daily Worker" as any of the country's second-string Commie leaders.

SINCE 1941, Seeger has had scores of associations and roles with the Communist apparatus in America. Few have been more active in so many Communist "fronts" and in behalf of the Communist Party itself.

At the Highlander Folk School five weeks ago, Seeger was in his most familiar role as an entertainer.

The following is a selected list of his activities. The entire list of 66 known incidents would be too lengthy to report here. Almost all of his activities have been faithfully reported by "The Daily Worker."

ONCE DURING 1946, and three times during 1949, Seeger was listed as an entertainer and participant in activities of the Communist Party in New York:

- American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 1949.
- American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, 1946.
- American Folksay Group, 1950.
- American-Soviet Music Society, 1947.
- American Youth Congress, 1941.
- American Youth for Democracy, 1946.

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Brooklyn Professional Committee for Democratic China, 1946.

Camp Kinderland, 1947, 1948.
Civil Rights Congress, 1949.
Committee for a Cultural Salute to Paul Robeson, 1954.
Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 1949.

Committee for the First Amendment, 1947.

Committee for the Negro in the Arts, 1949.

Council on African Affairs, 1946.

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, 1957.

Group for Japanese-Americans, 1949.

Jefferson School for Social Science, 1946-47-50-54.

May Day, 1950.

Metropolitan Music School, 1954-55.

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1949.

Nature Friends of America, 1950.

New Drama, 1949.

New Masses, 1946.

People's Artists, 1946.

People's Drama Theater, 1950.

People's Songs, 1946, 47, 48, 49.

Progressive Citizens of America, 1947.

Progressive Party of Massachusetts, 1949.

School for Political Action Technique, 1946.

Schroon Crest Camp, 1950.

Sing Out, 1947.

Stop Rankin Committee, 1946.

Swapping Song Fair, 1956.

United Office and Professional Workers of America, 1949.

Testimonial Concert "Bound for Glory" for Woodie Guthrie, Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights, 1946.

Voice of Freedom Committee, 1949.

West Chester Peekskill Committee, 1950.

Wingdale Lodge, 1955.

World Peace Conference, 1946.

Young People's Record Club, 1948.

Young Progressives, 1948.

FROM CHICAGO to attend the workshop was John B. Thompson, chaplain at the Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago.

Thompson's affiliations over the past two decades read like an index of organizations identified as Communist fronts and other groups listing the same personnel in general as the Red fronts.

Thompson has always been found springing to the defense of the Communist Party and of Reds who run afoul of American laws. He has lent his name to petitions protesting the deportation of Harry Bridges, West Coast Communist in the longshoremen's union.

Thompson was also in the forefront of a welcoming committee in 1948 for the "Red Dean of Canterbury," when the latter visited Chicago.

AGAIN, IT WAS Thompson who spoke out against the conviction of 11 Communist leaders in 1949, and was quoted in the "Daily Worker."

He was a vice president of the deep crimson "Southern Conference for Human Welfare."

Thompson joined in the effort to save the atomic spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, from the death sentence imposed in 1952.

Other affiliations include dozens of organizations officially listed as Communist dominated.

The Georgia Commission on Education commented of Thompson that "it is incredible that any man with the record of Communist affiliations like that of John B. Thompson could long remain as chaplain or pastor to students in a non-Communist institution."

THE REV. Maurice McCracken, of The Neighborhood House, 901 Findley-st, Cincinnati, Ohio, attended the school. Pictured at the school was a station wagon bearing the inscription "Findley Street Neighborhood House."

An investigator from Cincinnati present at the hearing of the Georgia Commission on

Education last week, said the organization is supported by Community Chest funds.

The Georgia investigative group said it included the picture in the record of its hearings for the purpose of "illustrating how many units of Communist apparatus are assisted by organizations purportedly charitable or religious in nature."

Another organization, known as Friends of Koinonia Farms, lists its address as 901 Findley-st, Cincinnati, Ohio.

KOINONIA FARMS, located at Americus, Ga., has been the scene of recent violence and boycotts. It is operated on a socialized, integrated basis. Its leader, Conrad Browne, was in attendance at the Highlander workshop.

No report on Highlander Folk School would be complete without an introduction to Donald L. West of Atlanta, Ga., who was one of the school's organizers.

He was not reported present at the integration workshop, but a look at his background in light of his leadership of the school, might be in order.

THOUGH WEST has never acknowledged Communist Party membership, he was identified as a member of the party in a 1947 report of a committee of the U. S. House of Representatives which was investigating the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

West has written articles for "The Pilot" a publication of the National Maritime Union. The publication is officially listed as being Communist controlled.

In the best tradition of all the known Southern Reds or "pinks," West was active in both the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and the People's Institute of Applied Religion. Both have been identified as Red fronts.

HE IS LISTED as a contributor to "New Masses," a Communist publication, and was a member of the National Wallace for President Committee.

His other affiliations include:

American Peace Mobilization, 1941.
Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor, an Auxiliary of International Labor Defense, 1945.

Educators for Wallace, 1948.
Mother Bloor Celebration Committee.

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1948.
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, 1942.

Open Letter to Harry Bridges, signer, 1942.

(NEXT: What are the stated purposes of the schools? What went on at the integration workshop?)

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Georgia lawmen ask

Is race strife Commie plan?

BY EDWIN STRICKLAND, News staff writer

IS THERE A MASTER PLAN, Soviet-inspired, behind the racial incidents so widespread in America today?

If the two are connected, how close is the association, and can it be revealed?

These were the two major questions put before the Georgia Commission on Education, when it was created by the Georgia Legislature in 1953 and given broad judicial powers.

The committee has made its first major report based upon an investigation of The Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn.

Why should a Georgia investigative group fire its first guns at a Tennessee institution?

Because, said the committee's executive secretary, T. V. Williams Jr., the commission believes racial strife and tensions are part of a Communist plan to subvert America.

One of the organizers of the school in 1932, was, and is, a resident of Atlanta. He is Donald L. West. Three members of the school's present executive committee list Georgia addresses.

Alabama is represented on the school's executive body in the persons of Aubrey Williams, Montgomery publisher; Dr. Charles Gomillion, dean of students, Tuskegee Institute; J. E. Pierce, of Alabama State College, Montgomery; Dr. Lewis Jones, Rural Life Council, Tuskegee, and Rosa Parks, one of the leaders of the Montgomery bus boycott.

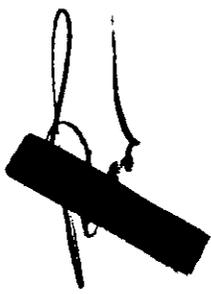
THIS LIST was compiled by investigators for Alabama Atty. Gen. John Patterson who spent several days at the school. The list is not identical with one compiled by the Georgia Commission on Education. The latter group, however, listed the board members as it was on Oct. 30, 1956.

The earlier list carried only the names of Dr. Lewis Jones and Williams from Alabama.

THE GEORGIA GROUP has compiled records from many sources. From the weight of these, the commission unhesitatingly labeled the school as "part of the Communist apparatus in America."

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Is racial strife Red plan?

BEFORE GOING FURTHER it might be well to examine the makeup of the Georgia Commission on Education which vows to make known what it calls the Communist conspiracy.

Heading the list is Gov. Marvin Griffin, chairman, and Lt. Gov. Ernest S. Vandiver, vice chairman.

House Speaker Marvin E. Moate, State Auditor B. E. Thrasher Jr., and Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, follow in that order.

The remainder of the board is:

Robert O. Arnold, chairman of the Board of Regents; Whitman Jr., chairman, State Board of Education; M. D. Collins, state school superintendent; Harmon Caldwell, chancellor University System; B. D. Murphy, chairman of the Judicial Council; John Sammons Bell, of the Georgia Bar Assn.; Colbert Hawkins, general counsel, and each of the state's 10 U. S. congressmen.

These congressmen are George I. Smith II, Frank S. Smith, Mrs. Charles R. Crisp, Harvey C. Cutts, Miss Ira Jarrett, Mark Smith, J. Battle, Robert Sapp, John S. Wood and Roy V. Harris.

HIDECOVER AGENTS for the commission were at the Monteagle school over the Labor Day holidays, when a three-day "integration workshop" was held there. They remained in contact with the school and on the scene until Thursday night of the past week.

The commission's report made Friday in Atlanta included scores of pictures purportedly taken during the integration workshop.

These pictures show in attendance practically every leader of racial incidents in the South since 1954.

They also show pictures of persons who have been identified by congressional investigating committees as Communist leaders, plus a number of persons with records of long association with various Communist "fronts."

THE COMMISSION compiled a consolidated list of what it called "Communist affiliations" of various persons in attendance at Highlander

Folk School during the Labor Day week-end seminar.

This is the list:
 Abraham Lincoln School.
 American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.
 American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.
 American Continental Congress for World Peace.
 American Crusade to End Lynching.
 American Folksay Group.
 American Peace Mobilization.
 American-Soviet Music Society.
 American Youth Congress.
 American Youth for Democracy.
 Association of Internes and Medical Students.

BILL OF RIGHTS Conference.
 Boston Freedom of the Press Committee.
 Brooklyn Professional Committee for Democratic China.
 Brownsville Freedom of the Press Committee.

CAMP KINDERLAND.
 Chicago Ad Hoc Committee for Welcome of the Dean of Canterbury.

Chicago Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill.

Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Citizens Emergency Conference for Interracial Unity.

Citizens Emergency Defense Conference.

Civil Rights Congress.

Committee for a Cultural Salute to Paul Robeson.

Committee to Defend America by Keeping out of War.

Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

Committee to End Seditious Laws.

Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor, an auxiliary of International Labor Defense Committee for the First Amendment.

Committee for the Negro in the Arts.

Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact Commonwealth College.

Communist Party.

Consumers Union.

Continuations Committee of the Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

Council on African Affairs.

DAILY WORKER.
 Dinner for Pearl Hart.
 W. E. B. DuBois Testimonial Sponsoring Committee.

EMERGENCY Civil Liberties Committee.
 Emergency Peace Mobilization.

FIRST LINE of Defense.
 Frederick Douglass School.

HARLEM Employment Committee.

INTERFAITH Committee for Peace Action.

JEFFERSON School of Social Science.

LEAGUE of Struggle for Negro Rights.
 League of Young Southern Workers.

MAIN STREAM.
 Masses and Mainstream.

Methodist Federation for Social Action (not church sponsored).

Metropolitan Music School.
 Michigan Herald.

Mid-Century Conference for Peace.

Mother Bloor Celebration Committee.

NATION Associates.
National Citizens Emergency Relief Committee to Aid Strikers Families.

National Citizens Political Action Committee.

National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax.

National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives.

National Committee to repeal the McCarran Act.

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

National Negro Congress.

Nature Friends of America.

New Drama.

New Masses.

New York City Council of the American Youth Congress.

New York Committee for protection of Foreign Born.

New York Community Divisions of the Committee to Free Earl Browder.

New York Youth Council.

OPEN LETTER on Military Aid to Spain.

Open letter Protesting Deportation of Harry Bridges.

PEACE Information Center.

People's Artists.

People's Daily World.

People's Drama Theater.

People's Institute of Applied Religion.

People's Songs.

Petition to Reconsider Prosecutions Under the Smith Act.

Political Affairs.

Progressive Citizens of America.

Progressive Party of Massachusetts.

Protest Meeting for Howard Fast.

Protestant Digest Association.

Protest Against Verdict of Guilty in Case of 11 Communist Leaders.

SCHOOL FOR POLITICAL

Action Technique.

Schroon Crest School.

Sing Out.

Southern Conference Educational Fund.

Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Southern Negro Youth Congress.

Stop Rankin Meeting.

Swapping Song Fair.

TEACHERS UNION, Local 555

Testimonial Concert "Bound for Glory" for Woodie Guthrie.

UNITED OFFICE and Professional Workers of America, Local 16.

United Packinghouse Workers of America.

United States Arrangements Committee, World Youth Congress.

U. S. Sponsoring Committee for Representation at the Congress of the Peoples for Peace.

VETERANS Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York.

Veterans Fighting Fund for Eugene Dennis.

Voice of Freedom Committee.

WASHINGTON Committee for Democratic Action.

Westchester Peekskill Committee.

Wingdale Lodge.

Win-the-Peace Conference.

Wire to President Truman to Veto the McCarran Bill.

Workers Alliance.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S Record Club.

Young Progressives.

NOT ALL of the organiza-

tions or publications listed above have been officially declared to be Communistic or Communistic "fronts" by any congressional investigating body, though many of them have.

The Georgia Commission, in its own capacity, lumps them all under the heading of Communist affiliates.

COMING MONDAY:
Alabama personalities who were in attendance at Monteagle.

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Racial events in South following Red pattern

BY EDWIN STRICKLAND
News staff writer

In 1928 a self-avowed Communist spokesman wrote a pamphlet which he called "American Negro Problems." The writer, John Pepper, with many aliases, drew a pattern of events today that are amazing to the point of being amazing.

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After reading his pamphlet, one would be led to believe that he was either a man possessing clairvoyant powers, or that we have moved unerringly along the path long ago planned for the South by Lenin, Stalin and other Reds.

In this pamphlet Pepper admitted, almost bitterly, that

there was too much racial harmony in the South. He presented a blue print for ending this harmony.

PEPPER PRESENTED as a prelude to his pamphlet what he said were "the principal demands for the oppressed Negro masses as embodied in the platform of the Workers (Communist) Party of America":

1. Abolition of the whole system of race discrimination. Full racial, political and social equality for the Negro race.

2. Abolition of laws which result in segregation of Negroes. Abolition of all Jim Crow laws. The law shall forbid all discrimination against

Negroes in selling or renting houses.

3. Abolition of all laws which disfranchise the Negroes.

4. Abolition of all laws forbidding intermarriage of persons of different races.

5. Abolition of all laws and public administration measures which prohibit, or in practice prevent, Negro children or youth from attending general public schools or universities.

6. Full and equal admittance of Negroes to all railway, station waiting rooms, restaurants, hotels and theaters.

7. Federal law against lynching and the protection of the Negro masses in their right of self-defense.

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8. Abolition of discriminatory practices in courts against jury service.

9. Abolition of the convict lease system and of the chain gang.

10. Abolition of all Jim Crow distinction in the Army, Navy and Civil Service.

11. Immediate removal of all restrictions in all trade unions against the membership of Negroes.

12. Equal opportunity for employment, wages, hours, and working conditions for Negro and white workers. Equal pay for equal work for Negro and white workers.

Many of these points have long since been realized with

the full cooperation of the majority of Southern leaders. It's typical of the Communist Party that it includes in its aims things on which almost everyone can agree as just and equitable.

The purpose of this enumeration of Communist aims here is to show a parallel with the 25-year-old policy of The Highlander Folk School, in Mont-eagle, Tenn., and how it has worked toward these goals.

In the July, 1956 issue of "Highlander Reports," a publication of the racially inter-mixed school, the executive council said:

"The immediate and challenging task confronting those who desire a democratic South

is integration."

The programming of the school's activities for 1957 was then announced:

Twelve integration workshops.

Twenty-four weeks of extension courses.

The announced purpose of these is to train integration leaders in the South.

How well the school has succeeded can be seen from a look at the leaders of all the major racial incidents. All have now, or in the past have had, training at the school.

As late as Feb. 20, 1957, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., took a look at the school's activities and at its tax-exempt status, and ruled that contributions to the school will not in the future be exempt from income tax.

THIS DECISION was based upon a finding that "your staff and students have participated in strikes at various places . . . It is shown . . . that your activities also include . . . promoting certain reforms through organized action programs and other means, as evidenced by the following, which was expressed in one of your annual reports:

"Our purpose is deliberately to use education for the realization of certain social and cultural values. We do not consider other education any less propaganda, because its teachers are ignorant of the fact that they are supporting an unethical STATUS QUO, than our approach which consciously seeks to bring about a more just social order. . . ."

Myles Horton, the school's present director and one of the founders, is now strong in advocating placid compliance in the South to the integration edict. But let us look at his actions prior to the 1954 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, when the "separate equal" school doctrine was still the law of the land.

In a seminar discussion on integration problems held in January, 1957, the joint executive council of the school, and consultants, made it very clear that the work of the school toward integration did not wait on the Supreme Court decision.

SEPTIMA CLARK, Negro teacher who was fired in South Carolina and is now on the Highlander staff, led off by talking about her part in Clinton, Tenn. She deplored the fact that one of the students who began the integration move there, had been taken out of school by her parents. That meeting set the goal for the integration workshops this year, with the announced purpose of training 400 integration leaders a month.

Writing in "The North Central Association Quarterly" in 1952, Horton, who was then

listed as education director of the United Packinghouse Workers Union, expressed his feeling about labor's part in the race struggle:

"With organized labor and public education united in vision and in daily operations we would be in a position to make Democracy a reality.

"No longer would distinction of classes, of race, and religion be tolerated. The schools could rise to the challenge of the day and help in the creation of an army of democracy rooted in the struggles and traditions of the American people, an army so vast and so determined that nothing undemocratic could stand in its path."

To get back to the most recent workshop, an announcement from the school, said "progress reports" will be made "from such key areas in the South as Clinton, Tenn.; Koinonia Farm, an interracial Christian community at Americus, Ga.; Birmingham, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla. Workshops will consider the implications of integration for church groups, educators, trade unions, business and industry and community and civic organizations."

Integration in the South Today," John Hope II.

"Integration Beachheads" ...
Report of Progress and Problems.

Tuskegee, Ala. . . . Charles Gomillion.

Johns Island, S. C. . . . Bernice Robinson.

Tallahassee, Fla. . . . David H. Brooks.

Montgomery, Ala. . . . Rosa Parks.

Southern Unions . . . Ralph Helstein.

Koinonia Farm . . . Conrad Browne.

Clinton, Tenn. . . . Septima Clark.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT

also featured talks by the Rev. Martin Luther King of Montgomery on "The Look to the Future," and, by Aubrey Williams, Montgomery publisher, on "A New Dealer Looks at the Present."

Something apparently fell through on the Birmingham report. Undercover agents who attended the session reported they could not identify any known integration leader from Birmingham.

King later outlined in his talk what he said were the three major periods in the Negro's rise to what he called "complete integration."

Williams did not see complete integration. He lashed hard at Southern leaders who oppose complete compliance with integration orders, but noted that "the South seems bent upon refusing to give any ground whatsoever."

He said further that "moreover, we are moving steadily in the direction of more rigid and wider denials. We are going to new lengths in establishing the rigidity of separation."

Williams lashed at Southern senators, governors and other leaders for what he said was a stand "little short of insanity." He damned Atty. Gen. John Patterson for what he called "seizure of records of a citizens organization whose activities are limited to protesting a law which had wiped out their right to vote . . ."

He alluded to Patterson's seizure of records of a Negro group at Tuskegee, led by Charles Gomillion, dean of students at Tuskegee Institute, which boycotted white merchants.

Williams concluded that the course being followed by the South could lead to "armed rebellion," and plunge the South again into war.

Here's a partial program of the Labor Day week-end integration workshop, as announced by the school.

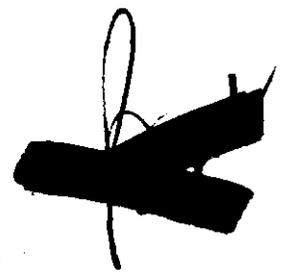
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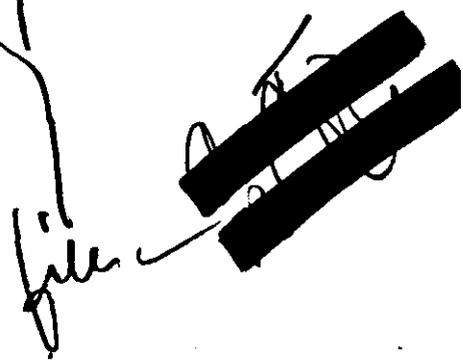
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Professional agitators taught, dispatched Review of records shows Reds fanned South's racial strife

BY EDWIN STRICKLAND
News staff writer

The race issue in America today is "top priority" for our home-grown Reds and their Soviet advisers.

The Negroes and whites caught in the destructive whirlpool of strife and emotions, are mere pawns in the Communist master plan which has been spelled out for us by the Communists themselves.

These conclusions are inescapable to one who takes the time and effort to look behind the scenes and see who is arranging the stage settings.

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Also inescapable is a fact that may come as a shock to good Americans who have always been taught that Democracy is rule by the majority.

The shattering truth that has demonstrated itself time and time again is that the unorganized majority is voiceless and without the means of making its will felt. It is the highly organized, militant and often ruthless minorities which rule almost every facet of our national life today.

Chief among those militant minorities is the Communist Party, U. S. A., and the literal "fronts" behind which it disguises itself.

Communism in America has many faces.

Responsible Southern leaders speak sincerely when they charge that behind Southern race incidents lurk the crimson shadow of International Communism.

Previous articles in this series have attempted to explore the basis for these charges. The findings are clear: The Communists and their fellow travelers have seized upon a situation of their own making to bring strife and divide the country's strength at a time when our national security

hangs delicately in the balance.

Several states have undertaken to ferret out the Red fronts behind race incidents. Some fault has been laid directly at the door of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, which has been barred from activity in Alabama and several other states.

But the fault goes much deeper than the NAACP, the facts indicate.

SOME LEADERS say we have been protecting too many "sacred cows" disguised under patriotic and religious labels.

Fully half of the officially labeled Communist fronts go under names which begin with the word "American." A large percentage begin with the words "Christian" or "Religious" or some other word indicating the group to be religious in character.

Congressional hearings and numerous official investigations have established the fact that the Communists seek anonymity in highly respected organizations, then work from within to change the character and purpose of those organizations to make them fit into Communist plans.

Labor unions, cooperatives, civic and patriotic groups, educational institutions, charitable organizations and even churches have been infiltrated by Red agents and their "yes men."

These facts are known to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and often by leaders of the infiltrated groups. Only the latter, and an informed membership, can stop such use of their organizations by the Reds.

How can you tell whether an organization to which you belong is Red-infested, or in danger of becoming so?

1. Look behind its high-

sounding statement of purposes and see whether it is really working for American ideals.

2. Read the list of its sponsors, organizers, donors and board of directors. If you find there are names of persons known to have connections with "front groups" it would justify you to look further.

3. If the end result of the policies of the organization would be strife or disorder, or would give aid and comfort to the enemies of our society, you're striking pay dirt.

Gov. Marvin Griffin of Georgia charged that Communists are "preying upon members of both races" in creating discord. He has avowed to expose what he calls the entire Communist conspiracy behind the race issue.

ALABAMA'S attorney general, John Patterson, said his investigations have disclosed connections between race boycotts in Montgomery and Tuskegee, and The Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn., which has been called "a Communist training school" by the Georgia Commission on Education.

The school, through its own publications, stated that its field agents worked in almost every Southern city where race incidents have occurred.

The 23rd annual report of the school listed its "accomplishments" of the past 12 months. It listed 11 residential workshops, dealing with everything from labor union activity to the United Nations to "Public School Desegregation Workshop."

The report also stated that field agents of the school had worked in integration problems in Charleston, S. C., Columbia, S. C., Monks Corner, S. C., Tuskegee, Ala., Knoxville, Tenn., Oak Ridge, Tenn., Chattanooga and Nashville.

In Tuskegee, later the scene of a merchants boycott, the field agents "met with school teachers, clergymen, NAACP leaders, civic association representatives and Tuskegee students to analyze deadlock between white and Negro communities and discuss possible solutions. . . ."

In almost every place, according to the field workers reports, they met with NAACP leaders.

At Johns Island, S. C., May 29, 1955, Highlander representatives participated in an all day panel discussion on the following subjects:

1. Why should Negroes be organized?

2. What are the causes for other races to overlook Negroes?

3. Why are there for less than 30 per cent of colored citizens in South Carolina not registered voters?

4. Does the buying power of the Negro, when wisely used, help to improve this condition?

THE LAST SUBJECT would concern support economic boycott, such as occurred in Tuskegee.

The activities of the school's staff, said the report, included attending:

1. Testimonial dinner for Judge J. Waites Waring, Charleston, S. C.

2. Staff Conference, Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, Tenn.

3. Tennessee Council of Human Relations, Nashville and Knoxville, Tenn.

4. Southern Conference Educational Fund, Atlanta, Ga.

5. Southern Sociological Conference, Nashville.

At least one of the above mentioned, the Southern Conference Educational Fund, has been identified as a Communist front.

The report also noted that "meeting with Highlander fund raising committees on the West Coast made it possible for staff members to speak to classes at the University of California and the University of Washington.

"During visits to Chicago and New York for similar meetings staff members spoke at the University of Chicago, Columbia University, Sarah Lawrence and New York University."

It might be well to note here that while funds for the school are raised nationwide, "scholarships" are offered only to people in Southern communities who wish to provide leadership along the lines taught at the school.

In July, 1956, the Highlander Report headlined its front sheet with:

"WE WILL EDUCATE FOR INTEGRATION IN OUR RESIDENCE SESSIONS, IN OUR FIELD PROGRAM, IN OUR COMMUNITY!"

It started off the report by saying:

"The immediate and challenging barrier to Democracy in the South is segregation.

"The immediate and challenging task confronting those who desire a democratic South is integration."

In other words, the school's chief aims in 1956, were identical to the stated aims of the Communist Party, U. S. A., in 1928.

The school likes to crow about what it calls accomplishments in areas where racial incidents have occurred. It publishes sheets called "The Story of John Island," and "The Montgomery Story," as examples.

THE MONTGOMERY story, as told by the publication, has Rosa Parks deciding her people "are not going to take it any more" and thus kicking off the bitter bus boycott.

It is interesting to note that almost every place that staff members of Highlander did field work in 1955, have become the scene of racial incidents.

In Tuskegee the issue is still unsettled. It is led there by Charles G. Gomillion, dean of students at Tuskegee. Gomillion is on the board of Highlander, as is Rosa Parks. Gomillion is also listed as a sponsor for the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

His other affiliations, most of them officially listed as Communist fronts, are as follows:

W. E. B. DuBois Testimonial Sponsoring Committee, sponsor, 1951. (DuBois, honorary head of NAACP, holds the distinction of having literally hundreds of Communist front associations — more than any other known American.)

First Line of Defense—signer of statement in defense of Communists. (Reported Aug. 29, 1948, "Daily Worker" page 9.)

Manifesto of Negro Leaders—signer of statement against outlawing the Communist Party, 1947.

Southern Conference Educational Fund, member of board of directors, 1954.

Southern Negro Youth Congress, member of advisory board an d secretary, 1947. (Officially listed as Communist front.)

Are Negroes being victimized by their own organization, the NAACP, as part of a Red plan in America? Maybe so, maybe not.

The fact is, however, that 10 of the members of the NAACP's national board of directors, each have from 23 to 67 known associations with Communist fronts, including

direct defense of the Communist Party, in some cases; and of convicted Communist in others.

This may account for the fact that the group has never been able to attract more than a skeleton membership in the South, and must depend largely for its funds from the North and Northern "foundations."

Along that line I will mention The American Fund for Public Service. It was a

foundation, amounting to over \$2 million, left by the late Charles Garland of Massachusetts.

The fund's own report for 1928-30, listed a gift of \$100,000 to the NAACP, and another \$5000 loan to that organization.

Significantly, perhaps, most of the other loans and gifts from this foundation were to:

1. Daily Worker, \$6875.

2. American Civil Liberties

Union (several grants).

3. International Labor Defense, \$9975.

4. Max Eastman, for preparation and production of an historic film on the Russian Revolution.

5. Russian Reconstruction Farms, New York, \$21,015.

6. Urban League, \$15,000.

Those are only a representative part of the report, but clearly shows the makeup of the fund to be a deep red.

COMMUNISTS are not found on soap boxes or handing out leaflets. They operate from offices and respectable addresses. They are like termites which enter a timber, gut it to a shell and destroy its strength before being discovered. In many organizations today they entered just as unnoticed, work just as stealthily and in the end bring about the same ruin.

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Race Strife Plotted At Integrated Meet

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The Georgia Commission on Education has released a brochure giving documented evidence that racial strife was plotted at an integrated meeting attended by Communists and communist sympathizers at Monteagle, Tenn., last Labor Day.

The weekend meeting was held at the Highlander Folk School and was attended by the Rev. Martin Luther King, the Negro minister who led the Montgomery boycott, and many others who have been prominent in racial flareups in the South.

The Georgia Commission on Education has identified the founders and leaders of the Tennessee school as known Communists or Communist sympathizers.

The school was founded by Don West, Miles Horton, and James Dombrowski, according to the commission.

OPERATING IN GEORGIA

Don West, presently operating in Georgia, was district director of the Communist party in North Carolina," the commission said.

The Georgia commission said Horton, who is now director of the school, was identified by the Dies

Committee on Un-American Activities as a "person who attended a secret convention in North Carolina at which time plans were made for spreading revolutionary theories throughout the South."

A top Communist leader, in testimony before the Un-American Activities Committee, described Dombrowski as "being completely pro-Communist and anxious to collaborate with the Communist party and follow its leadership without taking the risk of actual party membership," according to the commission.

The Georgia Commission sent a photographer to the Labor Day weekend meeting. The photographer made pictures of King and other integration leaders attending meetings which he said plotted methods of stirring up further racial strife.

EMBRACED WHITE WOMAN

He also made photographs which show a Negro man eyeing a white woman's legs at one of the sessions and another with a Negro man apparently embracing a white woman.

Another of the photographs show Ralph Holsain, president of the

United Packing House Workers of America, and Abner W. Berry of the National Central Committee of the Communist party at the meeting. Berry, a Negro, is also a columnist for the Daily Worker, official publication of the Communist party in the U. S.

The Georgia Commission on Education said the meeting was directed by the Rev. John H. Thompson who "has a lengthy record of Communist affiliations."

The commission listed Thompson's affiliations and noted that he spoke against the conviction of the 11 Communists about a year ago.

Attending the Monteagle meeting were representative leaders of the Tuskegee Alabama boycott, the Tallahassee Florida bus incident, the Montgomery Alabama bus boycott, the South Carolina - NAACP school teachers incident, the Kolnina inter-racial farm - Americus, Georgia, and the Clinton, Tennessee school incident," according to the commission.

TYPICAL METHOD

"The meeting of such a large group of specialists in inter-racial strife under the auspices of a Communist training school, and in the company of many known Com-

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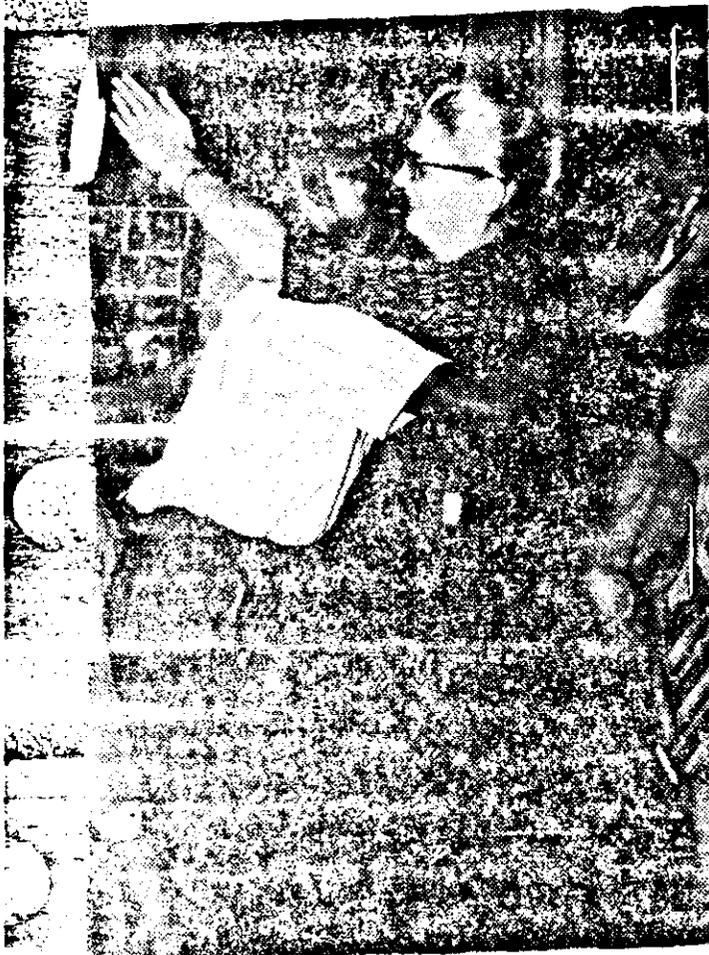
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COMMIES PLOT RACE STRIFE IN SOUTH

Methods of stirring up strife in the South were plotted at a meeting at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn., by Negro agitators, Communists and communist sympathizers. Notice the Negro (at left with face turned) eyeing the white woman with bare legs.



BUS BOYCOTT LEADER AMONG PLOTTERS

The Rev. Martin Luther King (second from right), Negro minister who led the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott, was among the Negro leaders, Communist sympathizers who attended the meeting at Monteagle, Tenn.

Communists, is the typical method whereby leadership training and tactics are furnished to agitators," the commission said.

The Georgia commission's brochure included an editorial entitled "Every American Has the Right to Know the Truth" which said:

"On the preceding pages you have seen pictures of the leaders of every race incident in the South from May 1954 until the time of the meeting, Labor Day, 1957, weekend. You have seen executives and leaders of many organizations active in the southeastern region of the United States. All of the pictures contained in this folder were taken during one weekend at this Communist training school, Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee.

Names of the national figures are easily identified with their pictures. Other names of lesser figures are those given to the photographer in introductions and self identifications.

"It has been our purpose, as rapidly as possible, to identify the leaders and participants of this Communist training school and disseminate this information to the general public.

"It behooves each of us to learn more of Communist infiltration and the directions of Communist movements. Only through information and knowledge can we combat this alien menace of constitutional government.

Copies of the brochure may be secured by writing the Georgia Commission on Education, 220 State Building, 2nd Floor, Atlanta, 3, Ga.

INTEGRATED FUN AT RED MEET

A Negro man and a white woman bear-hug each other at a meeting held at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn. The photographs taken at the meeting were made by a photographer from the Georgia Commission on Education.

Georgia Probers Report Dr. Moron At A Meeting Held In 'Red' School

Hampton Institute President Panelist At Monteagle, Tenn.

By JOHN BOWEN

A Georgia legislative investigating committee has introduced into its records information that Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, president of Hampton Institute, recently participated in an integration seminar at Highlander Folk School in Tennessee, an institution which the committee alleges is a "Communist training school."

Records of the Georgia Commission on Education, a public body created by a joint resolution of the state's legislature, include a printed folder of photographs and editorial matter of the 1957 Labor Day weekend seminar at the Monteagle, Tenn. school and a copy of the program which lists Dr. Moron as a panelist.

The printed folder on the editorial meeting includes a photograph which allegedly shows Dr. Moron as a member of the panel with other persons at the seminar.

On the program, also introduced in the records of the Georgia legislative committee, Dr. Moron is listed for a paper discussion on "What is the Impact of Integration on the People?" Other panel members are shown as Septima Clark, Highlander workshop director; Wilma Dykeman Stokely, Newport, Tenn., writer and Allen McSwain of Clinton, Tenn.

The printed folder cites "the records of Communist affiliations of four of the leaders of Highlander Folk School." These leaders are listed as Donald L. West, Rev. James B. Thompson, James Dombrowski and Ambrey Williams.

"Each of these four men was prominent in the establishment of Highlander Folk School or in its subsequent operation," the document reads. The document also reads: "They represent the nucleus of this Communist training

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Thompson, chaplain of the University of Chicago, is listed in the program as director of the seminar and as a speaker. Williams appears on the seminar program as a speaker.

The folder lists 38 alleged Communist affiliations for Thompson, 43 for Williams, 18 for West and 46 for Dombrowski.

At the seminar, Thompson is named as speaking on "Report of Workshops . . . Recommendations for Future Action" and Williams as speaking on "A New Dealer Looks at the Present."

The program says the "major goal of this seminar will be to examine the progress of integration in the South today, to hear about the crucial struggles from those involved, and to appreciate some of the underlying human aspects of integration . . . it is hoped that on the basis of this seminar, whites and Negroes will better understand how they can work together . . ."

It notes talks on "Integration Beachheads - Report of Progress and Problems" at Tuskegee, Ala., Johns Island, S. C., Tallahassee, Fla., Montgomery, Ala., Koinonia Farm, Clinton, Tenn., and in Southern Unions. Also on the program were films and a panel on the Highlander school.

Other panels and workshops on integration are listed on the program, including a workshop in "The Implications of Integration" for religious groups, educators, trade unions, community and civic organizations and youth groups.

Integrated recreational and dinner events also were cited in the Georgia folder.

The Georgia commission's folder charges that the integrated meeting brought together "the leaders of every major race incident in the South" since the U. S. Supreme Court ruling against segregation.

"They met at this workshop and discussed methods and tactics of precipitating racial strife and disturbance," it continues.

"The meeting of such a large group of specialists in inter-racial strife under the auspices of a Communist training school, and in the company of many known Communists is the typical method whereby leadership training and tactics are furnished to the agitators. This was a general workshop and would be the most common method of developing a long range program.

"In specific emergency situations leadership would be sent into the communities to assist.

"Good examples of the infusion of leadership was the appearance of Bayard Rustin, who appeared in the Daily Worker, as secretary of Rev. Martin Luther King, the

Dr. Moron Attended Meet At 'Red' School, Say Georgia Probers

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appearance of Don West, prominent Communist functionary, at Koinonia Farm disturbances and the preliminary surveys conducted by John Hope II, preparatory to the Tallahassee bus incident." Hope elsewhere is listed in the printed folder as industrial relations consultant, Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn.

The document notes "representative leaders" of the following incidents at the meeting: Tuskegee, Ala., boycott; Tallahassee, Fla., bus incident; Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott; South Carolina-NAACP school teachers incident; Koinonia inter-racial farm, Americus, Ga., and Clinton, Tenn., school incident.

Among persons attending the seminar, according to the legislative commission's records, were the Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the Montgomery bus incident; Fred Routh, a headquarters official of the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta; McSwain, who is "credited with precipitating the Clinton, Tenn., public school incident"; Conrad Browne, Koinonia farm leader; Rosa Parks, "one of the original leaders of the Montgomery bus boycott"; Septima Clark "presently director of the Highlander integration workshop was associated with the South Carolina-NAACP school teachers incident"; David H. Brooks, "a leader of the Tallahassee bus boycott"; and Charles Gomillion, dean of students at Tuskegee Institute, who "was the leader of the Tuskegee boycott," and Abner W. Berry of "the Central Committee of the Communist Party."

Concerning the Highlander Folk School, the folder reads as follows:

"The Highlander Folk School was founded in 1932 by Myles Horton and Don West; James Dombrowski joined them shortly thereafter. Don West, presently operating in Georgia, was district director of the Communist Party of North Carolina.

"Paul Crouch, the top Communist Party functionary in the South, testified before the subcommittee of the Committee on UnAmerican activities that Dombrowski 'gave me the impression of being completely pro-Communist and anxious to collaborate with the Communist party and follow its leadership without taking the risk of actual party membership'.

"John Butler, another former Communist Party functionary, testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security and Dombrowski at a meeting of Communist Party leaders in Dombrowski's room in the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Ala., was introduced to him by Alton Lawrence as a Communist Party member.

"Myles Horton was identified before the Dies Committee on Un-American activities as a person who 'attended a secret convention in North Carolina, at which time plans were made for spreading the revolutionary theories throughout the South'.

"Paul Crouch testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security that 'the Highlander Folk School is a school operated at Monteagle, Tenn., ostensibly as an independent labor school, but actually working in close cooperation with the Communist Party'.

The document includes the following alleged Communist affiliations for Thompson and Williams:

Thompson: American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born - member of open letter for - Daily Worker, March 1935, Page 8; American Peace Mobilization - chairman - Daily Worker, Sept. 3, 1940, Page 4; Emergency Peace Mobilization - sponsor - call and program, Aug. 21, Sept. 2, 1940; Methodist Federation for Social Action - speaker - Social Questions Bulletin, June 1950, Page 1; National Committee for Peaceful Alternatives - co-chairman - folder, December, 1950; National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act - initiator - letterhead, Jan. 19, 1951; National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions - signer of ad - St. Louis Post-Dispatch, June 20, 1951; Southern Conference for Human Welfare - vice-president - letterhead, July 25, 1947, and Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - signer of open letter - Hyde Park Herald, 1952.

Williams: American committee for the Protection of Foreign Born - sponsor of conference - program and call, Oct. 25-27, 1949; American Youth Congress - speaker at 2 or 3 of their annual meetings - Williams' testimony before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, March 19, 1954, Page 109; brief amici curiae for the Communist Party - signer - U. S. Supreme Court, October 1955; Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact - member of executive board - letterhead, Sept. 18, 1950; Commonwealth College - served on committee and contributed to - Massachusetts investigation of Communists, 1938; National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act - signer of open letter to Senator Hennings - press release, Nov. 14, 1955; Southern Conference Education Fund - president - letterhead, January 1951; Southern Conference for Human Welfare - chairman of nominating committee, 1946 - Williams' testimony before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, March 19, 1954, Page 103; and Southern Conference for Human Welfare - member of board of representatives - letterhead, July 25, 1947.

West and Dombrowski are listed with similar affiliations, including a number of those named for Thompson and Williams.

The folder also notes that the following associations listed above have been cited as Communist fronts in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" published Jan. 2, 1957 by the U. S. House of Representatives

Committee on UnAmerican Activities:
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Mr. John Bowen
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Newport News, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bowen:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of Thursday, October 17, 1957, I am forwarding to you the information I have concerning the presence of Alonso G. Moron at the Labor Day Weekend, 1957, Seminar at Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee. I am enclosing a photograph of a meeting taken during this period which reads from left to right: Septima Clark, Alonso G. Moron, C.W. Parrish, Wilma D. Stokely, Allen McSwain. In the extreme left in walking shorts is Abner W. Berry. This photograph was introduced in evidence at the hearing of this Commission on October 4, 1957, as exhibit number 19.

The Atlanta Daily World of August 28 and 29, 1957, also lists Moron's presence. A copy of this article is included. I am also enclosing a few additional copies of the folder we prepared.

The folder we prepared, the Highlander Seminar program included, as well as the photograph, have all been entered in the records of our hearing and of course are privileged.

The Commission was created by a joint legislative resolution which gives us the authority to conduct hearings and hold investigations with the power to subpoena witnesses and to cite for contempt.

If I can be of further help in furnishing you information, please call on me.

Sincerely,

T. V. Williams, Jr.
T. V. Williams, Jr.

Ga. Education Probe Says Moron Attended 'Red' Panel In Tenn.

Dr. Abner G. Moron, president of Hampton Institute, was not available last night to comment on a report that he participated in a panel discussion of racial issues at a seminar at a Tennessee school labeled by the Georgia Commission on Education as a "Communist Training school."

The Institute president, who has headed the college in Hampton since 1949, was reported in New York last night attending meetings of the board of trustees.

A spokesman said there was no way to contact Dr. Moron until 8 this morning.

According to the records of the Georgia Commission, a legislative investigating unit of the Georgia Legislature, Dr. Moron took part in a panel discussing, "What is the impact of Integration on the people?"

The Georgia commission's records include a printed folder of editorial and photographic material on the seminar, which was held on the Labor Day weekend this year at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn. A copy of the seminar program, also in the records, lists Dr. Moron as a panelist.

Other panelists appearing with Dr. Moron, according to the Commission's record, were Septima Clark, Highlander Folk School workshop director; Wilma Dykeman Stokely of Newport, Tenn., a writer; and Allen McSwain, who the commission said is "credited with precipitating the Clinton, Tenn., public incident.

Director of the seminar at Highlander, according to the Commission, was James B. Thompson, chaplain of the University of Chicago, who was listed with Aubrey Williams, former National Youth Administrator in the Roosevelt Administration and publisher of the Southern Farm and Home Magazine as a speaker.

Not listed on the printed program of the seminar, but identified by the commission as among its leaders were Donald L. West, one of the founders of Highlander Folk School, and James Dombrowski, who was affiliated with the school.

The Georgia commission, however, of Thompson, Williams, West and Dombrowski that, "Each of these four men was prominent in the establishment of the Highlander Folk School or in its subsequent operation . . . They represent the nucleus of this Communist training school."

The folder published by the commission cites "records of Communist affiliations" of the four, listing 36 for Thompson, 43 for Williams, 18 for West and 45 for Dombrowski.

Thompson's speech at the seminar was labeled in the program as "Report of Workshops . . . Recommendations for Future Action." Williams spoke on, "A New Dealer Looks at the Present," the commission records show.

The printed program of the seminar was prefaced with the following statements:

"The major goal of this seminar will be to examine the progress of integration in the South today, to hear about the crucial struggles from those involved, and to appreciate some of the underlying human aspects of integration, so that individual citizens may be more aware of and more effective in dealing with the problems which will inevitably accompany the forward movement toward integration in the South.

"It is hoped that on the basis of this seminar, whites and Negroes will better understand how they can work together; community workers and members of religious and social organizations will understand how they can be effective and Northerners will be more aware of what they can do to help the South, both as individuals and as members of organizations."

Included in the program were discussions of "Integration Beach-heads," reports on progress and problems of points of racial controversy such as Tuskegee and Montgomery, Ala., Tallahassee Fla., etc.

Panels and workshop sessions on integration implications in religious organizations, education, trade unions, community and civic organizations and youth groups.

The charge of the Georgia Commission on Education was that the seminar brought together "leaders of every major race incident in the South" since the 1954 Supreme See Dr. Moron, Page 19, Col. 1

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Court decision outlawing segregated schools.

"They met at this workshop and discussed methods and tactics of precipitating racial strife and disturbance," said the commission.

"The meeting of such a large group of specialists in inter-racial strife under the auspices of a Communist training school, and in the company of many known Communists is the typical method whereby leadership training and tactics are furnished to the agitators. . . In specific emergency situations leadership would be sent into the communities to assist."

Examples of this, it was stated, were the appearance of Bayard Rustin, "who appeared in the Daily Worker," as Secretary to the Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the Montgomery bus boycott, and the appearance of Donald West, prominent Communist functionary at the Koinonia Farm disturbances in Georgia.

Attending or taking part in the Highlander Folk School seminar, according to the Commission, were the Rev. King, who led the Montgomery bus boycott; Asher W. Berry, "a member of the Communist Party national central committee; Fred Routh, official of the Southern Regional Council; David H. Brooks, "a leader of the Tallahassee bus boycott"; and Charles Gomillion, dean of students at Tuskegee Institute, a "leader of the Tuskegee boycott"; Rosa Parks, "one of the original leaders of the Montgomery bus boycott"; and CARL A. ROPER, Koinonia Farm leader

The Georgia Commission stated that the Highlander Folk School, founded in 1932, has been identified in testimony before the U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security as a school operated "ostensibly as an independent labor school, but actually working in close cooperation with the Communist Party."

Myles Horton, one of the founders, was said by the commission to have been identified in a congressional investigation as having attended a "secret convention in North Carolina, at which time plans were made for spreading revolutionary theories throughout the south."

Don West, co-founder of the school with Horton, according to the Georgia commission, was identified in the commission record as "district director of the Communist Party of North Carolina." West is now operating in Georgia, the commission said.

Testimony before a U. S. House subcommittee, the commission cited, identified Dombrowski as a "pro-Communist and anxious to collaborate with the Communist Party and follow its leadership without taking the risk of actual membership."

At Hampton Institute last night, a spokesman explained that Dr. Moron could not be reached in New York because he was attending various committee sessions of the board of trustees.

There was no way to determine, he stated, which meeting the Institute president would attend

at any given time or where the committees were meeting.

Dr. Moron was to be in contact with the Institute staff this morning at 8, it was stated. At this time, Dr. Moron was to be informed of the Georgia Commission's charge.

Dr. Moron, a native of the Virgin Islands, was the first Negro to become president of Hampton Institute.

After attending Hampton Institute, he obtained degrees in sociology from Brown University, in sociology and social work from the University of Pittsburgh, and in law at Harvard University.

He served as American representative on the Caribbean Commission, appointed by President Truman and was appointed by Secretary of State Dulles to head the American delegation to the West Indies Conference and Caribbean Commission meetings in 1957 in Kamaica.

In June, a list of organizations issued by the Institute in which the president held membership included the American Association of School Administrators; the American Christian Palestine Committee, co-chairman; the board of directors, Southern Regional Council; board of directors, Virginia Council on Human Relations; board of directors, Virginia Tuberculosis Association; board of directors, American Red Cross; executive committee, Association for Higher Education; the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People; the National Education Association and the National Negro College

**DR. MORON TO REPLY IN CHAPEL
TALK TO GEORGIA ACCUSATIONS**

Alonzo G. Moron, president of Hampton Institute, said today he will reply tomorrow to a newspaper article Thursday reporting claims that he had attended a meeting at a "Communist training school" over the Labor Day weekend at Monteagle, Tenn.

Dr. Moron telegraphed The Times-Herald today from Newark, N. J., that his statement will be made in his evening chapel talk at 7 Sunday night at Hampton Institute's Ogden Hall.

The Times-Herald published Thursday charges by the Georgia Commission on Education that the Highlander Folk School, which conducted the integration seminar, is a "Communist training school." Dr. Moron was listed as a panel speaker at the seminar.

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EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE

Faculty Of HI Backs President

Confidence in the integrity and loyalty of the president of Hampton Institute was expressed by the school's faculty in a resolution aimed at counteracting news stories which indicated that he participated in a panel discussion at a "Communist Training school."

The Peninsula newspapers published stories last week which reported that Dr. Alonzo G. Moran, president of the Institute, participated in a panel discussion of racial issues at a seminar in the Highland Folk School of Monteagle, Tenn.

The Georgia Commission on Education has labeled the Tennessee school as a "Communist Training school."

Institute faculty members during a mid-day meeting yesterday unanimously gave their support to the drawing up of a resolution supporting Dr. Moran, and later at "1:13 p. m." unanimously adopted the resolution by a handvote, it was reported.

Meanwhile, although Dr. Moran had not returned in time to comment on his reaction to stories regarding his attendance at Highland Folk school, he did, however, wire the Daily Press that he would speak on the issue tonight at the Institute.

The complete text of the resolution reads as follows:

"The faculty of Hampton Institute has been profoundly shocked by the unwarranted personal attack upon its president, Alonzo G. Moran, made in recent articles in the local newspapers. It (the faculty) had vainly hoped that the discussion of issues, even the emotionally charged issue of desegregation, might be conducted as a competent discussion, not as malicious assaults upon individuals.

"The faculty repudiates with contempt the implication that President Moran is now, or ever has been, in any way identified with, or sympathetic to, Communism. Knowledge of his dedication to the freedom of the human mind and to the principles of Christianity makes the charge inconceivable. The evidence offered to support it makes the charge, in addition, ludicrous. "The faculty decries the effort to revive the tactic of impugning guilt by association so widely employed by the late Joseph McCarthy and now so thoroughly discredited. It censures as a flagrant abuse of the power of the press the effort, made behind the cloak of legislative immunity, to silence those who would advance the American ideal of freedom and equality under law and the Christian ideal of the brotherhood of man.

"The faculty has complete confidence in the integrity and loyalty of President Moran. It is confident also that all fair-minded persons will be able to determine, as between the President and his detractors, where the charge of un-Americanism properly lies." (Signed, The Faculty of Hampton Institute, William H. Martin, chairman, pro tem, Anita Mack, secretary.

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Dr. Moron Lashes Ga. Commission's Report As 'Character Assassination'

By HOWARD GIBBONS

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, president of Hampton Institute, declared last night that he plans to continue to speak and act "against injustice, against discrimination, against segregation, against the use of political power to express personal prejudice . . ."

Speaking at a vesper service in College Hall at Hampton Institute, Dr. Moron said he will continue this "wherever I am and as long as God gives me the strength and the courage to defend what I believe and what I think is right."

The Hampton Institute president, who has just returned from a week of meetings of the National Manpower Council at Columbia University in New York City, termed as "Character assassination" a report printed by Peninsula newspapers last week that Highlander Folk School, where Dr. Moron took part in an integration meeting during the Labor Day weekend, has been described by the Georgia Commission on Education as a "Communist training school."

"I read the Thursday story (in the Times Herald) very carefully to see if the references to me were libelous, for I would consider any charge that I was a Communist as libelous and I stand ready to call into court any person who makes such an accusation, with full faith and confidence that no such charge can be substantiated," Dr. Moron told about 1,300 institute students and faculty members attending the vesper service.

"I was saddened, however," he continued, "by the fact that, although no specific charge was made, a reputable paper, published in a community to which Hampton Institute has given so much, should become a party to disseminating information that implies guilt by association."

The report to which Dr. Moron made reply last night was that given last session at Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn., on the subject of racial integration was held "under the auspices of a Communist training school."

The report cited the records introduced at a hearing conducted by the Georgia Commission on Education, a legislative investigating body created by the Georgia legislature.

The Georgia public body records state that "they met at this workshop and discussed methods and tactics of precipitating racial strife and disturbance." The meeting was held "in the company of many known Communists," the Georgia records state.

Dr. Moron declared last night that the seminar was "given wide publicity before it occurred, during the three days that it was being held and at its conclusion."

"The remarks that I made at the seminar," he pointed out, "were reported by the Associated Press and were published in the Memphis Commercial Appeal, the Nashville Banner and the Chattanooga Times. Our clipping service did not provide us with clippings from any Virginia paper, so I do not know whether or not the story was carried in Virginia."

He added, "It is most surprising then that nearly two months later the fact that this seminar was held and I was a participant becomes the subject of controversy in our local press."

Dr. Moron said he has "to date" received no communication from the Georgia Commission on Education "advising me that I was the subject of their investigations and in hearings on Oct. 4, 1957."

"I can think of nothing which resembles more directly the tactics of the Communist Party than this making of character and disregard for due process, for elementary decency and fairness, as the shocking action of the Georgia Commission on Education."

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Dr. Moron said, "It was the warning that the publication of his poison could take place in the same state that gave us the . . . See Dr. Moron, Page 14, Col. 1"

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thors of the Bill of Rights which embellishes our Constitution. It is almost inconceivable that in the same state that through the years has produced great newspaper men, including Virginius Dabney of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, the distinguished president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, that the responsibilities which undergird freedom of the press should be so lightly disregarded."

He continued, "I am reassured, however, by the many people who have indicated that they deplore this kind of character assassination that this is an aberration which will not be repeated. I am confident there are enough people who have pride in Virginia's history and Virginia's potential for wise leadership that this attempt to impose upon Virginia the unethical practices and un-American standards of Georgia will be recognized and rejected out of hand."

Dr. Moron said, "If this country is to be infected with the totalitarian poison that seems to be flowing into Arkansas, into Tennessee, and now into Virginia from the demagogues in Georgia, then we are in for a kind of democracy in which freedom to speak, freedom to think and freedom to believe will have no place; and the difference between what exists in Russia today and what we now enjoy in the United States will be obliterated."

"I believe in the democratic process. I believe in the vitality of the Christian Religion. I believe in the dignity of man. These beliefs are inconsistent with the totalitarianism of Russia and Georgia, and with the atheism of the Kremlin and the Communists."

Dr. Moron said he does not intend to be "intimidated now by such threats, be direct or indirect, as the loss of occupation, physical violence or defamation of character."

"As long as people are deprived of rights guaranteed to them by the Constitution of the United States—that deprivation which comes from politicians who thrive on fomenting racial strife, I will continue to lift my voice against such iniquitous and undemocratic practices."

As for his talk at the Highlander Folk School seminar, Dr. Moron declared last night that he made three points in it.

"One was that recent evidence indicated that the conflict over integration was producing an exaggerated fear among white people and that in no period of our history have white people of liberal or even moderate views been subjected to more social and economic pressure to make them conform to the pattern. . . .

"My second point was that at the same time this exaggerated fear was spreading throughout the South, we are seeing expressions of new courage on the part of an increasing number of Negro men and women, of Negro boys and girls."

"Finally, I pointed out that the real basis of resistance to the implementation of the Supreme Court decision on the public schools was

primarily the admission of a comparatively small number of Negroes to a handful of schools that used to be attended only by white students; nor was there any honest belief, even by the most rabid segregationist, that coeducation of the races would lead to any significant increase in the crossing of racial strains; but that real objection to public school integration was based on realization that if discrimination and segregation are abolished in the public schools, all other forms of discrimination and segregation would come to be seen as even more ridiculous and unnecessary than they are today."

Dr. Moron last night expressed gratitude to the faculty of Hampton Institute and to others "who have expressed their indignation at the publication of the story (the Times Herald report Thursday)."

He also said to the students, "It is fitting that I make this reply from this platform (in Ogden Hall) and to the Hampton Institute community, because there would be no reason for the interest shown in my activities by the Georgia Commission on Education or by the Times-Herald, if I were not identified as the president of Hampton Institute."

The Rev. Vernon P. Bodein, chaplain of the institute, presided at the vesper service.

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Wake Up, Americans!

By Otto Gary Tague

Writing today's column is one of the most painful experiences I ever have had. And saddening because the more deeply I dig into subversion, the more shaken becomes my confidence in the devotion to my beloved nation of a vast group of my fellow Americans.

I have before me an account of the meeting, over the last Labor Day weekend, of a large gathering of citizens at what is known as the Highlander Folk School, located at Monteagle, Tenn., which has been designated by some authorities as a "Communist Training School." To what degree this is justified I will let you surmise by offering the Communist Front organizations to which its founders belonged: No. 1 to 36; No. 2 to 45; No. 3 to 43. A consolidated listing of those in attendance on Labor Day shows alignment with 120 Communist Front organizations.

A typical description of these is contained in a report of the House Un-American Activities Committee: "Schools under patriotic and benevolent titles indoctrinate Communists and outsiders in the theory and practice of Communism, train organizers and operatives, recruit new party members and sympathizers . . . seek to paralyze America's will to resist . . . spread defeatism, demoralization and race friction."

To shake you out of your complacency and false sense of security, mull over this: If there are only 100 such "Communist Training Schools" in the country, each with only 100 matriculates, we must have at least 10,000 citizens training to "spread defeatism, demoralization and race friction." Ten thousand subversives waiting to go to work when Moscow blows the whistle.

Better sit down right now and write every member of Congress you can reach demanding that restrictions on the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Un-American Activities Committee be removed as soon as Congress reconvenes in January. Do it now!

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Would-Be Wire Tappers Should Try Hearing Aid

So the secretary of the Georgia Education Commission would buy electronic equipment suitable for wire tapping?

Well, his requisition makes one important omission. He should have asked for a hearing aid.

In fact, without even an audio booster, he might learn that public opinion does not sustain Gestapo activities. Nor is the public enthusiastic about spending tax money for some of the far-fetched "educational" propaganda the Georgia Education Commission has been buying.

We don't believe the government and its efficient security agency, the FBI, would permit any "Communist meeting" at the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee as the commission's gum-shoe agents maintain.

According to reports, anyone who was willing to pay the registration fee could get in at the Highlander School, make photographs, or attend the dance. That isn't in the Commie pattern.

The Highlander School has long had a reputation as a haven for somewhat silly and extreme left-wingers and pseudo-liberals of the naive or stupid variety.

But if any Communist school was held, as the commission claims, it is a matter for the FBI and not for any amateur wire tappers or bush-league secret police.

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