

HIGHLANDER CENTER SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

April 15, 1964 - May 15, 1965

April

- 25-29 Highlander Center - Windsor Mountain School Student Discussion. Kimber Wheelock, of Windsor Mountain School, set up this program. 11 students participated. The film "People of the Cumberlands" introduced a series of staff led discussions about Appalachia.

May

- 1-2 Annual meeting of the Highlander Board of Directors.
- 7-10 Highlander Sing for Freedom Workshop and Festival in Atlanta, Georgia co-sponsored by Newport Foundation, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee. Staff member Guy Carawan was director. 39 students registered for the workshop.
- 9-10 Southern Student Organizing Committee planning meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. 40 students attended. Among resource persons were Highlander Board Members Bob Moses and Myles Horton.
- 11-15 Council of Federated Organizations Workshop in Greenville, Mississippi. Highlander Board Member Bob Moses was Director. 65 COFO workers participated. Myles Horton and several Highlander students served as resource persons.
- 28 Highlander Center Dinner-Discussion -
Two members of the Tennessee Governor's Commission on Human Relations discussed the progress of the Commission. 48 Knoxville area people attended.
- 29 Mrs. Rosalind F. Solomon of the U.S. State Department at Highlander to explain aims and work of the Agency for International Development. 10 Local educators, businessmen and Highlander staff attended.

June

- 1-Sept. 1 Two Highlander Citizenship Schools open in Charleston, South Carolina area. 42 people enrolled.
- Five Highlander Voter Education Schools open in Charleston area with 300 people attending. These are demonstration schools for the Southwide Voter Education Internship Workshop.
- 8-10 Staff member speaks at Mass Meetings in Albany, Fitzgerald and Ocilla, Georgia.
- 10 Students for a Democratic Society Institute for Project Workers at Pine Hill, New York. Myles Horton spoke to assembly and served as resource person.
- 12 Representative from Tennessee State Archives consults with staff on cataloguing and microfilming Highlander Folk School records.

June (cont'd)

- 15-17 Mississippi Summer Project Orientation at Western Women's College, Oxford, Ohio. Bruce Hanson of the National Council of Churches of Christ Commission on Race and Religion was Director. 900 students participated. Among resource persons were Board Members Myles Horton and Bob Moses. Myles Horton asked to work particularly with Ed Hamlett and the white community teams.
- 17-22 Highlander Center - Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee Educational Committee met. Myles Horton served as educational consultant.
- 18 Highlander Center - Dinner and Discussion - Dr. D.W. Crowley, University of Adelaide, Australia discussed "Similarities and Differences in Development of the British Labor Movement and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement." 47 Knoxville area people participated.
- 22-28 Highlander Center White Mississippi Community Project Workshop. Ed Hamlett was Director. 22 persons attended. Resource persons included Dr. Le Roy Graf, University of Tennessee History Department and staff members.
- 28 Highlander Center Dinner and Discussion. Johannes Langer from Ry højskole, Denmark discussed "The History of Danish Folk Schools." 28 Knoxville area people attended and people of White Mississippi Community Project attended.

July

- 6-18 Highlander Southwide Voter Education Internship Workshop at Sea Island Progressive Club Center on Johns Island, South Carolina. Board Member Esau Jenkins was Project Director.
- Milton Hurst, Talladega College, directed First Period. 34 persons registered. Among resource persons were Walter Johnson, University of Chicago, Board Member Scott Bates and staff members.
- 20-Aug. 1 Highlander Southwide Voter Education Internship Workshop at Sea Island Progressive Club Center on Johns Island, South Carolina. Board Member Mrs. Kenneth Montgomery directed 2nd Period. 23 people registered. Among resource persons were Board Members Inza McAdoo, Lewis Sinclair, B.R. Brazeal, A.A. Liveright and staff members.
- 27-28 Highlander White Community Project Workshop at Camp Landon, Gulfport, Mississippi. Myles and Aimee Horton were directors. 34 participants.
- 29 Highlander Council of Federated Organizations Staff Workshop at Moss Point, Mississippi. Myles and Aimee Horton were Directors. 20 people participated.

August

- 9-22 International Voluntary Service Workcamp at Smoky Mountain Property. 6 students installed water storage facilities.

September

- 9/64-9/65 Voter's League Meetings on Edisto, Wadmalow and Johns Islands. Approximately 150 people involved monthly. These meetings organized by Board Member Esau Jenkins.
- 4-6 Students for a Democratic Society Fall Conference. Myles Horton spoke on "Radical Student Actions in the 30's" and served as consultant.
- 9/1-12/1 Flora Meijer came to Highlander from The Netherlands' Volkshogeschool "Alardsoog". Miss Meijer observed the public school system and spoke to classes, worked in the NAACP Voter Registration campaign, worked on the tape and record library at Highlander.

October

- 9-12 Highlander Re-Evaluation of SNCC Constitution Workshop in Atlanta, Georgia. Directed by Courtland Cox. 10 persons registered. Myles Horton, educational consultant, met with the SNCC Educational Committee to discuss plans for staff institutes.

November

- 5-10 SNCC Staff Conference at Waveland, Mississippi. 227 staff members attended. Myles Horton was educational consultant.
- 7-8 Appalachian Provisional Organizing Committee met at Highlander Center. 35 persons representing 14 organizations attended.
- 11-21 Highlander Make-Up of Political Parties Workshop co-sponsored by SNCC at Waveland, Mississippi, Charles Hamilton, Director. 20 people registered. Myles Horton was educational consultant.
- 15 Highlander Center Dinner-Discussion. Flora Meijer discussed "The Folk High School Movement in The Netherlands." 49 Knoxville area people attended.

December

- 1-5 Mississippi Freedom Party Problems Workshop at Biloxi, Mississippi. 65 people attended this workshop. Myles Horton served as consultant. The challenge to seating incumbent Mississippi congressmen announced.
- 12 Appalachian Economic and Political Action Conference met at Highlander. 37 people participated.

January 1965

- 22 Staff members met with prominent Knoxville couples to discuss Highlander.
- 23 Appalachian Conference met at Highlander Center
- 25-30 Highlander Center Union Workshop, Walter Tillow, Director. 24 people were registered. Myles Horton served as a resource person.

February

- 1-5 Staff member spoke about Highlander to groups in Boston, New York City, Princeton and Washington, D.C. Brought to Highlander the art collection remaining from New England Art Auction Benefit for relief of students charged in Smoky Mountain Workcamp raid.
- 8 Staff member discussed Highlander with West Knoxville Junior Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 35 men attended the dinner-discussion.
- 11-12 Staff member worked in VISTA training program at St. Petersburg, Florida.
- 13-14 Highlander Voter Education Workshop in Fitzgerald, Georgia, Rev. F.R. Rowe, Director. Program to develop residential centers. (This is part of Highlander's policy to develop other residential centers across the South.) 50 people participated. Resource persons included Board Member Esau Jenkins and students trained at the Sea Island Project.
- 17-Mar. 22 Staff member visits the West Coast. Discussion meetings arranged by Board Members Helen Sheats and John Thompson.

March

- 15-18 Highlander Center - Arthur Morgan School Student Discussions. Robert Barrus, Arthur Morgan School, set-up this program. 18 participated. Staff members served as resource persons.
- 19-20 Southern Student Organizing Committee Spring Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Staff member served as workshop consultant.
- 20-24 Highlander Center - Sarah Lawrence College Student Discussions. Robert Engler, Sarah Lawrence College, set-up this program. 16 students involved. Among resource persons were Frank E. Smith of TVA, Frank Gordon, East Tenn. Voters League and staff members.
- 23-25 Staff member participated in Selma-Montgomery March.

- 25-Apr. 8 Highlander Center - Freedom School Workshop. Directed by Board Member Mrs. Kenneth Montgomery. 35 enrolled, among the resource persons were 10 SNCC staff members; Sterling Brown, Howard University; Charles Hamilton, Lincoln University; and Clyde Williams, Atlanta Interdenominational Theological Center.

April

- 10 Folk Festival and Concert at Charleston, South Carolina Unitarian Church, Guy Carawan, Director. 225 people attended. Board Member Esau Jenkins spoke at the program.
- 18-21 Highlander Center - New England American Friends Service Committee High School Project Discussions. Rosella Hill, AFSC Director, set-up this program. 17 participated. Staff served as resource persons.
- 26-30 Highlander-Voter Education and Community Leadership Workshop at Charleston and Summerville, S.C. Esau Jenkins directed the project, Rev. J.T. Enright directed the Charleston meetings and Rev. Lewis Simmons, the Summerville sessions. 50 people enrolled for Charleston programs and 29 for Summerville. Resource persons included Father Kelly, Charleston; U.Z. McKinnon, Atlanta Interdenominational Theological Center; Walter Tillow, SNCC and Highlander staff members.

April (cont'd)

30 Appalachian Conference Executive Committee meeting at Highlander.

May

6-9 Highlander Music Workshop at Edwards, Mississippi sponsored jointly with the Freedom Corps Workshop of National Council of Churches Delta Ministry Program. Guy Carawan directed the Music Workshop. Approximately 60 people enrolled. Resource persons included Alan Lomax, authority on folk music and Myles Horton.

14-15 Annual meeting of Highlander Board of Directors.