

HIGHLANDER CENTER SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

September 1, 1963 to April 15, 1964

September

- 10-17 Southwide Voter Education Internship classes and Political Action classes.
- 11 Attended meeting of National Council of Jewish Women in Oak Ridge.
- 23 Myles Horton spoke at the Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Andrew Johnson Hotel in Knoxville.
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Oct. 12 Southwide Voter Education Internship classes.

October

- 4 Student discussion at Highlander Center on "The Role of the Student in the Changing South" lead by Conrad Browne, associate director.
- 11 Student discussion at Highlander Center lead by Washington Butler, member of the City Council of Oak Ridge.
- 14-26 Southwide Voter Education Internship classes.
- 18 Student-lead discussion at Highlander Center on "Who is the Aggressor in Vietnam?"
- 21-22 Swedish visitors visit Highlander Center for supper and discussion.
- 23 Myles Horton spoke at the Baptist Student Union luncheon at the University of Tennessee.
- 26-28 Sea Island Folk Festival directed by Guy Carawan.
- 28 Myles Horton spoke at the Law Club at the University of Tennessee at a luncheon meeting.

November

- 6-10 Myles Horton, Esau Jenkins, and Guy Carawan attended a Chicago fund-raising meeting for Highlander which was emceed by Studs Terkel. An interview between Father Jones and Myles Horton was done on a local Chicago television program.
- 10 Conrad Browne spoke on Koinonia Farm at the Presbyterian Center at the University of Tennessee.

November (cont'd)

- 11-17 Myles Horton was a consultant at a Highlander-sponsored COFO workshop in Greenwood, Mississippi.
- 19 Myles spoke at a Political Science Honorary Fraternity meeting at the University of Tennessee.
- 20-24 Gerd Ruge, new Bureau Chief of German Television Network office in Washington, D. C., visited Highlander.

December

- 13-16 Myles Horton and Conrad Browne are consultants at the SNCC Leadership Development Workshop at Selma, Alabama.
- 18 Elizabeth Morgan, Celo, North Carolina experimental school visited.
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Feb. 12 Myles Horton went to California for a fund-raising trip. He spoke at the South Berkeley Community Congregational Church in Berkeley, California, and appeared in radio interviews on KPFK in Berkeley and KPFA in Los Angeles. Myles also spoke at the University of California and at Stanford.
- 28-29 Christmas Music Workshop and Folk Festival at the Progressive Club Center on Johns Island, South Carolina, directed by Guy Carawan.
- 20 Christmas party for Negro and white children from the neighborhood around Highlander Center.

January

- 25-
Feb. 3 Conrad Browne directed a Haywood County, Tennessee Workshop on Community Problems.

February

- 10-14 Conrad Browne directed a workshop on the Place of Nonviolence and the Role of the Church in the Civil Rights Struggle in Americus, Georgia.
- 22 Conrad Browne attended the Council of the Southern Mountains in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

February (cont'd)

- 20-26 Myles Horton went to Atlanta, Georgia, to talk with white SNCC workers concerning a project in Hazard, Kentucky to help unemployed miners.

March

- 12-14 Myles Horton directed a Hazard Project Workshop at Highlander for college students who volunteered to work with the unemployed coal miners in Eastern Kentucky.
- 14 Operation Freedom Board Meeting at Highlander. Both Myles Horton and Conrad Browne are currently on this Board.
- 21-22 Myles Horton attended a COFO Curriculum-planning and Orientation Conference in New York by invitation of the National Council of Churches.
- 26 Myles Horton spoke on Highlander in Washington, D. C.
- 27-29 Myles Horton met with officials at the SNCC Spring Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, to plan an educational program.
- 28 Easter Folk Festival conducted by Guy Carawan on Johns Island.
- 30 Mrs. Lucy Montgomery from Chicago, Illinois, visited Highlander to discuss the SNCC educational program.
- 31 Buffet supper meeting with group of 15 from Putney School in Vermont who stayed in the Chicamagua house while touring the area for a week.

April

- 1 Supper meeting on a follow up of the Hazard Conference with Rob and Dotte Burlage, Sue Thrasher, and Bill Donelson.
- 1-11 Conrad Browne directed a Haywood County, Tennessee Workshop on Community Problems.
- 10-11 Myles Horton attended a seminar at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

April (cont'd)

- 17 Conrad Browne takes part in inauguration of Lincoln Memorial University president.
- 25-29 10 Windsor Mountain School students stayed at Highlander. They learned about problems of the South and saw the film PEOPLE OF THE CUMBERLAND.

May

- 1-2 Annual Meeting of the Highlander Board of Directors.
- 7-10 Sing for Freedom Workshop and Music Festival in Atlanta directed by Guy Carawan. 39 registered for this workshop sponsored by Highlander Center, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.
- 9-10 Director consults with Education Committee of SNCC in Atlanta to plan education program for staff members of Southern Student Organizing Committee.
- 12-14 Director is consultant at Workshop directed by Board member Bob Moses in Greenville, Mississippi. 65 attend and plan Mississippi projects and orientation program for summer volunteers.
- 28 48 Knoxville area people at Highlander to hear report from Tennessee Governor's Commission on Human Relations by commission members Frank Gordon and Arthur Graham.
- 29 Staff members, local educators and businessmen attend luncheon at Center. Mrs. Rosalind Solomon of the State Department explained job opportunities available through the Agency for International Development.

June

- 1 to Sept. 1 Two Citizenship Schools open in Charleston, S. C. area with 37 enrolled. Two Voter Education Schools open in Charleston area with 300 attending. These are demonstration schools for the Voter Education Internship Project.
- 8-10 Staff member speaks at Mass Meetings in Albany, Fitzgerald, and Ocilla, Ga.
- 10-12 Director serves as educational consultant at Western Womens College to prepare for Mississippi Project Orientation Program starting June 15.
- 10 Glyn Thomas, Tennessee State Archives, consults with staff on cataloguing and microfilming Highlander Folk School records.
- 14 Associate Director speaks at Oak Ridge Unitarian Church on "Issues of Intentional Community Organization."
- 15-17 Director is consultant at Mississippi Project Orientation Program at Western Womens College. 900 students attend.
- 17-22 Planning Workshop at Highlander of selected SNCC staff, SNCC Board Member Howard Zinn, and Myles Horton, SNCC educational consultant.

June (Con't.)

- 18 47 Knoxville area people at Center to hear Dr. D. W. Crowley of the University of Adelaide, Australia discuss "Similarities and Differences in the Development of British Labor Movement and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement."
- 22-28 White Mississippi Community Project Workshop at Highlander for 19 summer volunteers. Myles Horton, Director. Resource persons included LeRoy Graf, University of Tennessee and Staff personnel.
- 28 28 Knoxville area people hear Johannes Langer, Ry højskole, Denmark, discuss "The History of Danish Folk School Movement."

July

- 6-18 Southwide Voter Education Internship Project, Esau Jenkins, Project Director. 34 attend First Workshop directed by Milton Hurst of Taladega College. Resource persons included Scott Bates, Univ. of the South, Walter Johnson, Univ. of Chicago, Guy Carawan and Conrad Browne of Highlander.
- 20 to Aug. 1 Voter Education Internship Project second workshop, 23 people registered. Resource persons include Board members Inza McAdoo, Lucy Montgomery, Lewis Sinclair, B.R. Brazeal, A. A. Liveright and Myles Horton

August

- 9-22 International Voluntary Service Workcamp at Smoky Mountain Property. John Harrod, Director. Six participants install Water storage tank.

September

- 9/64 to 9/65 Voter League Meetings on Edisto, Wadmalow and Johns Islands. Approximately 150 people involved in monthly meetings.
- 4-6 Students for Democratic Society Conference in Philadelphia, Penna. Myles Horton talked on "Radical Student Actions in the 30's" and served as consultant.
- Sept. to December Flora Meijer came to Highlander from Volkshogeschool "Allardssoog" in the Netherlands. Miss Meijer observed Knoxville schools and spoke to classes, worked in the NAACP Voter Registration Campaign and lived in the Negro community for a month.

October

- 11-13 SNCC Educational Staff Conference in Atlanta, Ga. Directed by Courtland Cox and James Forman. Myles Horton was educational consultant.

November

- 5-10 SNCC Staff Conference at Waveland, Miss. 227 staff members attended. Myles Horton, educational consultant.
- 7-8 Appalachian Provisional Organizing Committee met at Highlander.

November (Con't.)

11-21 SNCC Institute at Waveland, Mississippi. Program on Freedom Schools and government programs. Resource people included Charles Hamilton, James Forman, Charles Cobb, Elaine Delott and Myles Horton.

December

1-5 Freedom Democratic Party Workshop at Biloxi. 65 people attended from Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. Mendy Samstein was director, and consultants included Myles Horton and Miriam Cohn.

12 Appalachian Economic and Political Action Conference met at Highlander to organize.

15 49 people attended a lecture by Flora Meijer with slides on Folk High School Education in The Netherlands.

January

22 Conrad and Ora Browne discussed Highlander with prominent Knoxville couples.

23 AEPAC met at Highlander, elected officers and took action on financing.

25-30 Union Workshop at Highlander, directed by Walter Tillow of Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee. 24 people attended. Resource persons included Jesse Morris, Robert Z. Lewis, Ben Smith and Myles Horton.

February

1-5 Conrad Browne spoke in Boston, New York City, Princeton, and Washington, D.C. Brought valuable art collection back to Highlander.

8 Conrad Browne spoke to West Knoxville Junior Chamber of Commerce about Highlander.

11-12 Conrad Browne at VISTA training center, St. Petersburg, Florida. Lead session on role-playing, background of Appalachia and poverty in the South.

13-14 Voter Education Workshop in Fitzgerald, Georgia, directed by F.R. Rowe. 50 people attended. Resource persons included: Esau Jenkins, Conrad Browne, Rev. Lennie Hamilton and students from Sea Island Project.

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March 22 Myles Horton on West Coast speaking tour. Board members Helen Sheats and John Thompson assisted in setting up these meetings.

March

12 Sea Island Folk Festival, Brunswick, Georgia. Guy Carawan, Georgia Sea Island Singers, Moving Star Hall Singers, and The Friendly Five participated.

March (Con't.)

- 15-18 14 students and 4 staff members of Arthur Morgan School stayed at Highlander Center. They discussed Civil Rights, Appalachia and visited TVA.
- 19-21 Conrad Browne served as workshop consultant at Southern Student Organizing Committee Spring Conference in Atlanta.
- 20-24 14 students and 2 staff members from Sarah Lawrence College stayed at Highlander. They discussed Highlander, Appalachia and visited TVA.
- 23-25 Myles on Selma-Montgomery March.
- 25-
April 8 Freedom School Workshop at Highlander directed by Board Member Lucy Montgomery. 35 enrolled. Resource persons included 10 SNCC staff members, Sterling Brown, Charles Hamilton, and Dr. Gregory Moore and Rev. Claude Williams.
- 10 225 white people attended Moving Star Hall Singers concert at Charleston Unitarian Church. Program directed by Guy Carawan. Board Member Esau Jenkins spoke at program.
- 18-21 14 students and 3 advisors from New England American Friends Service Committee High School Project stayed at Highlander to learn about Highlander and Civil Rights Movement and to visit TVA projects.
- 26-30 Voter Education and Community Leadership Workshops at Charleston and Summerville, South Carolina. Board Member Esau Jenkins was director. 80 persons enrolled. Resource people included U.Z. McKinnon, Walter Tillow and Father Eugene Kelly and Conrad Browne.
- 30-
May 1 Appalachia Conference executive committee meeting at Highlander Center.
- 6-9 Music Workshop at Edwards, Mississippi directed by Guy Carawan as part of Delta Ministry Workshop. Resource persons included The Moving Star Hall Singers and Myles Horton.
- 14-15 Annual meeting of Highlander Board of Directors.