



Citizenship Training Progresses



Mrs. Ruth J. Walker (front row, fourth from right) of Dinwiddie, Virginia, "graduate" of Dorchester, with the class she formed on her return to her Virginia home.

sively trained in the basic skills of Adult Education. Aided by travel scholarships and through the participation of their local community organizations, they return to the local scene and in turn set up Citizenship Schools where people are taught the fundamentals of reading and writing. Thus, the grass roots community has an opportunity to lift itself, coupled with the motivation for learning—securing the right of the franchise. The whole area of good citizenship is explored to equip every person that he might move with confidence and assurance in the coming integrated society we seek. Ignorance of welfare benefits and Social Security laws are but two of the great mill stones around the neck of much of the Negro community in rural and urban areas.

The nearly \$40,000.00 grant from the Field Foundation subsidizes the present program operative at McIntosh. The great need of the moment is the interest and cooperation of our affiliates to provide us with the raw teacher personnel who can be trained to return to their respective communities. Further detailed information on this total program is readily available through Mrs. Dorothy Cotton, our Educational Director.

Leadership Training

Our organizational brochure declares that the Conference works on two fronts: "On the one hand, it resists continually the system which is the basic cause of lagging standards; on the other hand, it works constructively to improve the standards themselves. There *MUST* be balance between attacking the causes and healing the effects of segregation."

Thusly, through our Leadership Training Program and the Citizenship Schools, we address ourselves specifi-

cally to improving the standards of the "grass roots" community. When we encourage our people across the South to register and vote, we are telling them to run when they can hardly crawl. Many, many people cannot register to vote because they cannot read and write. In Atlanta alone, there are 30,000 Negroes who are illiterate.

The heart of the Leadership Training Program is geared to drawing the second-line leadership of individual communities to our chief training center at McIntosh, Georgia, and other training centers where they are inten-



Dorchester Community Center, McIntosh, Georgia.

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Citizenship training is not all hard work. Here, Guy Carawan, entertains students with voice and guitar.

SCLC'S PRESIDENT

The image of Martin Luther King continues to brighten larger areas of life in America and in other parts of the world. His recent trip to England enabled him to speak to the British people through the facilities of BBC. Right-wing elements, of course, objected.

Back in America, Dr. King was given special protection when he appeared in Indianapolis, where threats had been made on his life. This was not a new experience for him. While in Philadelphia, he had his old stab wound re-checked and found that it was in good order. For the remainder of his life, no doubt, Reverend King will have to give some attention to the spot where Izola Ware Curry plunged a Japanese letter-opener into his chest on September 20, 1958. She is still confined to an institution for the "criminally insane."

At the AFL-CIO convention in Miami, on December 11, Dr. King declared that "organized labor has done much in civil rights . . . but not enough." He defended A. Philip Randolph against attacks by those who felt the sting of Randolph's criticism of the AFL-CIO for failing to expel unions that practiced jim-crow against fellow Negro workers. "Labor and the Negro need each other," declared "The American Gandhi."

SUGGESTED READING

The Civil War Centennial and the Negro, a 55 page pamphlet may be obtained from the Vanguard Society of America, 1160½ N. Westmoreland, Los Angeles 29, California. Price \$1.00.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION

1. We commend the Federal administration on the steps it has taken to secure fair employment in some Federal government agencies and in those establishments which hold contracts with the Federal government. At the same time, we urge that this policy be extended to the U.S. diplomatic and foreign service and to decision-making and managerial positions in all areas, including the South.

2. We commend those institutions of higher learning that have permitted or encouraged participation on the part of their faculties and student bodies in the civil rights struggle and we condemn those institutions that do not practice what they teach and would thus punish their teachers or students for exercising their God-given and Constitutional rights.

3. We urge that the proposal made at this conference by the Rev. James Lawson for a trained and disciplined army for nonviolent social action be given immediate and full consideration as a possible project of SCLC and sister organizations.

4. We call upon the American people to demand the abolition of so-called Un-American Activities Committees of Congress and the various State Legislatures that have a disgraceful record of assassinating the character and reputation of champions of democracy and for blocking the forward march of the American people to real equality and justice.

5. We affirm our pledge of full support to Student Non-Violent Direct Action and call upon both adults and youth to counsel together on plans and projects, on the raising and distribu-

tion of funds, and on strategy and tactics, in order that there shall be a high degree of understanding, cooperation and effectiveness.

6. We re-affirm our full endorsement and support of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a peerless leader in the struggle for a good society. He is, we know, completely committed to non-violence in practice as well as theory, in his personal conduct as well as in his public acts. We, therefore call upon all men of good will to join in the cause which Dr. King represents, and we call upon all of our responsible leaders to work together toward common goals.

7. We view with some degree of satisfaction the progress that has been made toward token desegregation in cities like Atlanta, Georgia and Dallas, Texas; however, we urge the American people and their national, state and local governments to move forward from tokenism to the total abolition of segregation and discrimination throughout the nation, and including South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi.

8. We commend the President of the United States for his Executive Orders prohibiting segregation and discrimination in certain areas of American life. At the same time we call upon him to issue a general order with nationwide application, banning all segregation and discrimination.

9. We express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to NCLC, the planning committee, the First Baptist Church, the Clark Memorial Methodist Church and the people of the City of Nashville, Tennessee, for their gracious hospitality and friendliness during the stay of our Convention in this city, well named, the "Athens of the South."

**CITIZENSHIP TRAINING
AT DORCHESTER, GEORGIA**

**SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: September 1, 1960 - August 31, 1961

Thirty-five persons from four states attend the SCLC Citizenship Training Session at the Dorchester, Ga. Center this month—January 15-20. Nineteen former students of Albany State College, recently expelled for their participation in protest activity, attended this session. They felt their time could be well used in an adult education and voter-registration program. A special session was set up during which Jack O'Dell, voter registration expert of SCLC's New York office, worked with the group in structuring a plan for Albany. Time was allotted later for special talks with the non-student members of the workshop.

Mr. Hosea Williams, President of the Southeast Georgia Crusade For Voters came in as guest speaker on Wednesday evening. He gave a most challenging and enlightening talk on the workings of politics in America—and especially the South. He clearly pointed up the strategic use of the ballot and the dollar in the Negro's fight for freedom. Jack O'Dell spoke the following evening on the importance of organization for voter registration. He emphasized the fact that enthusiasm was not enough to get the job done; plans, down to the last detail, must be well thought out and carefully executed. Mr. O'Dell handed to the group statistics on the Negro population showing the number of Negroes of voting age, the number participating, and an election schedule. The group was also given for study and comparison, the Atlanta plan for a voter registration campaign. Mr. O'Dell made a most useful contribution to the workshop both in his address on Thursday evening and in his informal discussion with individual participants.

This was an excellent workshop where we studied together beginning at 9:00 A. M. each morning until 10:00 each night. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President of SCLC and Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, Treasurer of SCLC joined us on the last day of the training session, to share with us and fellowship with the people. They were able to see during our closing banquet, skits created by all the participants which recapitulated some of the areas covered during the week. Among the skits was one showing how adults are recruited for Citizenship Schools; a demonstration lesson in the teaching of writing; a Citizenship Class inviting a guest speaker and one showing the first night in a Citizenship School.

INCOME

Home Office			
SCLC Direct Mail Appeal		\$59,941.40	
Voluntary Gifts & Refunds		6,315.15	
Affiliates		3,875.00	
Annual Convention & Board Meetings		2,914.71	
Church Sponsored Freedom Rallies...		59,078.70	
Labor Unions		4,747.38	
Emergency Defense Fund*		12,094.29	
Colleges and Universities		5,836.68	
Special Projects		1,616.10	
Recordings, Books, Etc.		744.50	
Special Gifts-Voter Registration		2,000.00	
TOTAL			\$159,163.91
New York Office			
Carnegie Hall Benefit		22,577.47	
(\$53,110.78 less \$30,533.31 expense)			
Fund-Raising Dinner et al		11,586.99	
TOTAL			34,164.46
GRAND TOTAL			193,328.37

EXPENDITURES

Home Office			
Salaries		33,952.52	
Payroll Taxes		2,011.57	
Travel		18,560.92	
Aid to Affiliates-Voter Registration..		8,951.44	
Fund Raising		14,706.28	
Student Movement			
Scholarship Aid	\$ 3,688.39		
Student Nonviolent			
Coordinating Committee	2,000.00		
Voter-Registration Project	1,000.00	6,688.39	
Freedom Ride			
Appeal Bonds	8,545.22		
Legal Defense	6,835.83		
Travel & Aid to Freedom Riders...	14,318.46	29,699.51	
Legal Defense & Aid to Libel			
Suit Victims		9,915.26	
Rent		2,005.00	
Telephone & Telegraph		10,957.09	
Postage and Supplies		8,436.82	
Equipment		1,852.82	
Miscellaneous		894.54	
TOTAL			148,632.16
New York Office			
Salaries, Rent et al		3,839.40	
Legal Defense (Libel Cases)		26,974.32	
TOTAL			30,813.72
GRAND TOTAL			179,445.88

BANK BALANCES

Home Office as of September 1, 1960			
Citizens Trust Bank		\$14,021.72	
General Fund			
Scholarship Fund		3,000.00	
TOTAL			\$ 17,021.72
Home Office as of August 31, 1961			
Citizens Trust Bank			
General Fund	\$ 9,620.31		
Scholarship Fund	250.09		
Crusade for Citizenship	994.80		
Emergency Defense Fund	71.24		
TOTAL		10,936.74	
Mutual Federal (Reserve)		15,000.00	

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January Citizenship Session joins Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (left), Mrs. Septima Clark (left, foreground) and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy (center, foreground) at lunch.

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Citizens & Southern Bank	1,116.73	
Western Union	500.00	
TOTAL		27,553.47
New York Office		3,350.74
GRAND TOTAL		30,904.21
INCREASE IN BALANCE		13,882.49

*Special Fund for Defense and Restoration of Losses—Alabama Libel Suits.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ralph D. Abernathy, Treasurer

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