

Name **Martin Abraham Watkins** Field: Creative Writing

Graduate Fellow in English, Indiana University  
407 North Dunn Street, Bloomington, Indiana

Plan of Work To write a novel reflecting the impact of the new Southern labor movement upon Southern Negro industrial workers as I have known them while serving as a CIO organizer in Tennessee before and after the war. Through the protagonist the book will show how the labor movement has integrated the religious with the secular thinking of these workers and made them feel that the labor movement, with its equalitarian practices, is Christianity in action.

Requests grant for one year beginning June 1948. Wishes to work toward the Ph.D. degree in English at the University of North Carolina.

Personal Data Born Indianapolis, Indiana, May 1914 Age: 34  
Married, two dependents Draft Status:

Undergraduate Work University of North Carolina, B.A., 1947

Graduate Work Indiana University, 1947-

Experience Clerk, U.S. Govt., Washington, D.C., 1937-39, \$1440; payroll examiner, Agric., Internal Revenue, U.S. Govt., Charlotte, N.C., 1939-40, \$1620; analyst & Jr. Inspector, Wage & Hour Div. Labor Dept., U.S. Govt.,

Experience Nashville, Tenn., 1940-41, \$2000; international representative, CIO, Nashville, 1941-42, \$3000; U.S. Army, 1942-45, \$2000; Fellow, Indiana U., Bloomington, Ind., 1947- , \$1100; international representative, CIO, (Southern Organizing Campaign) Oak Ridge, Tenn., 1946, \$3500.

Scholarships Graduate Teaching Fellowship, English Dept., Indiana U., 1947-48, \$1100.

Accomplishments Honors essay, "Social Protest in the Poetry of Thomas Hood", on file with Professor Harry Russell, Chairman Honors Committee, Univ. of No. Carolina; "Milton's Use of Significant Words before and after his Blindness", term report which will be expanded to a thesis.

Publications War Poems, 1942, Nashville Globe; 1st prize winner Army Essay Contest, "What Shall We Do With Japan?", \$500, reprinted in Congressional Record of April 30, 1945; "Baby's New Father", Victorian Magazine, Dec. 1945; "We Demand a Seat at the Peace Table", G.I. Joe, Jan. 1946.

#### References

L. D. Williams, Nashville, Tenn.  
M. W. Day, " "  
Howard Frazier, San Francisco, Calif.  
Eston E. Ericson, Massachusetts State College  
J. G. Bailey, University of North Carolina

#### Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2000
From Applicant	
From Fund	\$2000

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee

