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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

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PAUL ROBESON, IS - C. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ROBESON PLANS TO LEAVE ON MARCH 12 FOR TOUR OF HAWAII, WHERE HE WILL SING IN OPEN FIELD BEFORE TRADE UNIONS. WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO NEW YORK BEFORE MARCH 26, HAVING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 26, MARCH 28 AND MARCH 31. SUBMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 18, 1948

FROM : SAC Newark

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, telephonically advised that he had received an inquiry by telephone from a [redacted] telephone [redacted] extension [redacted] asking him if he could furnish ROBESON's scholastic standing while he attended the College, and asking for any other information in the files of that office concerning ROBESON. [redacted] originally called March 10, 1948 and represented herself to be with the Office of National Defense. She again called [redacted] on March 16, 1948 desiring the above information by phone immediately.

The call was received by [redacted] at 4:45 p.m. and he suggested they wait until the following day to search their files, but she was insistent that he do it that evening as it was most important that she have the information that night.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau, it being noted that PAUL ROBESON is a world famous Negro singer and a review of the files shows that he consistently follows the Communist Party line. It appears that ROBESON is either being considered for a government position, or else he is being investigated by another governmental agency for reasons unknown.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS C. RETEL FROM HONOLULU MARCH ELEVEN. CONFIDENTIAL

SOURCE LA ADVISED OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND PAUL ROBESON MARCH NINE, WHEN ROBESON ADVISED HER OF HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO HONOLULU. CONVERSATION AS FOLLOWS.

[REDACTED] "I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING." ROBESON, "HOW DID YOU FIND OUT." [REDACTED] "I HAVE MY SPIES," INDICATING POSSIBLE

INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO ROBESONS' LEGITIMATE TRIP

TO HONOLULU AS [REDACTED] KNOWN TO BE ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CONFIDANTE OF ROBESON.

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RESERVATIONS

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PLS NOTE HONOLULU WILL BE ADVISED

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SAC, Honolulu

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PAUL ROBINSON
Internal Security - C

Re your cablegram dated March 12, 1948, and Los Angeles cablegram of March 13, 1948.

In view of the possibility that the subject may be engaged in intelligence activities in Honolulu, you are directed to closely follow his activities while he is there to determine if he contacts any Communist Party members or representatives of allied organizations.

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FROM HONOLULU 3-12-48 NR 120601 1-37 AM

DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS-C. RE MY RADIOGRAM MARCH 3, 48. ROBESON ARRIVED HONOLULU VIA PAN AMERICAN AIRWAY SYSTEM MARCH 10, 48. EARL ROBINSON, ASSOCIATE OF ROBESON, ARRIVED SAME DATE ON SS MATSONIA. BOTH ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN TWO PUBLIC CONCERTS UNDER ILWU SPONSORSHIP. PROCEEDS TO GO TO UNSPECIFIED QUOTE WORTHY CAUSE UNQUOTE. LOS ANGELES DIVISION BY RADIOGRAM DATED MARCH 11, 48 ADVISED THAT ROBESON IN HONOLULU FOR UNKNOWN REASON BUT BELIEVED CONFIDENTIAL ASSIGNMENT. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING BUREAU WILL ADVISE IF ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO COVERAGE OF ROBESON AS SET FORTH IN BUREAU LETTER DATED MAY 6, 47 ENTITLED CP USA 13TH DISTRICT, IS-C, STILL APPLIES. LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL DATA RE QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL ASSIGNMENT UNQUOTE IF AVAILABLE.

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THIS MSG. RELAYED TO LOS ANGELES BY SAN DIEGO.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Detroit, Michigan
April 10 - 1948

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Miss Gandy

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Director, FBI

Attention: Inspector J. J. *McGuire*

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation and teletype of April 10, 1948, there is being forwarded herewith the clipping from the Detroit Free Press which quotes S. E. CROWE, Dean of Students, Michigan State College, as having denied PAUL ROBESON the right to appear as a speaker on the Michigan State Campus after checking with the FBI "because the Federal Agency said he was a known Communist".

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For your information, SA [redacted] Resident Agent at Lansing, Michigan, advised me that not only has he never discussed PAUL ROBESON or speakers to appear on the Michigan State College Campus with President JOHN A. HANNAH and Dean CROWE but he added that he has never discussed them with anyone else. ASAC [redacted] likewise advised that he has never had any contact with these people or handled inquiries of this nature. The same is true of the writer, who has met President JOHN A. HANNAH socially on one occasion, and has never met Dean CROWE.

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No further inquiries are being made concerning Dean CROWE's statement and no comment will be made to other newspapers should inquiries be made.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature: H. T. O'CONNOR, SAC

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Official Says MSC Has No Known Reds

EAST LANSING —(AP)—Michigan State College has no groups or individuals on the campus who will admit that they are Communist, college authorities said.

President John A. Hannah and S. E. Crowe, dean of students, have been subpoenaed by State Senator Matthew F. Callahan (R., Detroit) to appear Monday before Callahan's subversive-activities committee.

CROWE SAID the Spartan Citizens League, formed a year ago when the American Youth for Democracy was banned on the campus, contained some "liberal thinkers."

As far as college authorities are able to determine, he said, the meetings are mostly concerned with "long-hair" art, music and literature.

"The Citizens League asked to have Paul Robeson, the Negro singer, as a speaker, but after check with the FBI we did not grant permission for Robeson to speak because the Federal agency said he was a known Communist," Crowe said.

"Robeson previously appeared in our concert-lecture series as a singer and we would permit him to appear in that capacity again."

Crowe added that the college would have no right to ban a Communist organization on the campus, since the Communist Party was recognized on the Michigan ballot.

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SAC, New York
Director, FBI

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PAUL ROBESON, was,
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For your information there is attached a photostatic copy of a report dated March 22, 1948, which the Bureau has received from the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *pl*

FROM : E. J. Baumgardner *me*

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: April 13, 1948

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The above-named individual, a famous Negro singer, has been associated with Communist Party organizations for a considerable period of time. There has never been any positive evidence to indicate that he is a member of the Communist Party, however, there is every reason to believe that he may well be a member of the Communist Party.

The Newark Office has forwarded a letter to the Bureau advising that [redacted] at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, advised that he had received an inquiry from [redacted] of Washington, D. C., telephone [redacted] extension [redacted] asked [redacted] if he could furnish Robeson's scholastic standing while he attended the College and asked for any other information in the files of that office concerning Robeson. [redacted] originally called on March 10, 1948, and represented herself to be with the Office of National Defense. She again called [redacted] on March 16, 1948, desiring the above information by phone immediately.

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ACTION:

I do not know of any interest which the Army would have in Robeson as his activities appear to be within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. It is suggested that this memorandum be routed to the Liaison Section with the request that this Section contact the Army to ascertain their interest in Robeson.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : V. P. Keay *VPK*

FROM : S. W. Reynolds *SWR*

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: May 8, 1948

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Reference is made to the memorandum to Mr. Ladd from Mr. Baumgardner in the above-captioned matter dated April 13, 1948. The memorandum indicates that the Newark field office had ascertained from [redacted] at Rutgers University that a [redacted] Washington, D. C., telephone [redacted] Extension [redacted] had made inquiries at Rutgers University regarding Robeson's scholastic standing while he attended that college. Reference memorandum recommended that the Liaison Section ascertain the reasons why this inquiry was made by the Army.

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It should be noted that [redacted] is not attached to the Department of the Army but is attached to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. [redacted] has advised that a National Defense Conference of Negro Affairs met in the Office of the Secretary of Defense on April 26, 1948, and elected Lester B. Granger, prominent Negro leader and executive secretary of the National Urban League, as Chairman. [redacted] indicated that at the conference Granger pointed out prominent Negroes who had obtained high scholastic ratings on college campuses.

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A [redacted] USN, had his secretary check with Rutgers University to ascertain whether the information furnished by Granger regarding Robeson was, in fact, accurate.

[redacted] indicated that no investigation has been or is being conducted regarding Robeson or any other individuals who are under the primary investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Internal Security Section for their information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC Honolulu
SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: June 2, 1948

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This is to advise that ROBESON arrived in Honolulu via Pan American Airways on March 10, 1948, and his accompanist, LAWRENCE BROWN, arrived the same date on the SS MATSONIA. The third member of the ROBESON party, EARL ROBINSON, arrived in Honolulu on March 11, 1948. Upon ROBESON's arrival at Honolulu Airport, he was greeted by the following persons, all of whom have been identified as members of the Communist Party locally: JACK W. HALL, Regional Director of the ILWU, identified member of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party in Hawaii during 1946 and 1947; JOSEPH KEALALIO, with alias JOE BLURR, ILWU longshoreman who has been identified as a member of the Communist Party; TOYOMASA OSHIRO, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 152, ILWU, (Pineapple and Cannery Workers), identified as a member of the Communist Party; BENJAMIN KAHAAWINUI, with alias "BENNY BIG NOSE", Vice-President of Local 136, ILWU Longshore & Allied Workers, identified as a member of the Communist Party; JULIAN K. NAPIUNOA, ILWU stevedore and identified Communist Party member; ERNEST ARENA, President of Local 150, ILWU Warehouse, Manufacturing & Allied Workers and an identified Communist Party member; ROBERT W. McELRATH, International Representative of the ILWU in Hawaii, and an identified member of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party in Hawaii in 1947; Mrs. YOSHIKO O. HALL, Communist Party member and wife of Regional Director of the ILWU, JACK W. HALL; Mrs. MYER C. SYMONDS, Communist Party member and wife of ILWU attorney MYER C. SYMONDS.

ROBESON's arrival precipitated a local press controversy in which C. J. UTTERBACK, Departmental Commander of the American Legion in Hawaii, charged that ROBESON and his associate EARL ROBINSON had been described as Communist singers in a 1947 Congressional report. These allegations by UTTERBACK were immediately denied by JACK W. HALL who charged that "the Legion will find something wrong with anyone who hasn't got the right kind of blood."

ROBESON and LAWRENCE BROWN were guests of honor at a cocktail party sponsored by the ILWU at their Regional Office, Pier 11, Honolulu, T. H., on the evening of March 10, 1948. This affair, which was attended by approximately 150 persons, included ILWU leaders and prominent local businessmen who met informally with ROBESON and BROWN. It has been ascertained that this affair lasted over three hours during the course of which ROBESON sang various songs emphasizing labor solidarity but neither ROBESON nor BROWN spoke at the gathering.

The first of ROBESON's local concerts was held on March 11, 1948, before a sellout audience at Roosevelt High School, Honolulu. These concerts had previously been reported by ROBERT W. McELRATH in the March 4, 1948, edition of the "HAWAII STAR" as being arranged under ILWU sponsorship and that ROBESON would sing

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without charge for the union and that the proceeds from the several concerts would be used for what they considered to be "worthy causes."

ROBESON, while in Hawaii, visited the islands of Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, Maui, and Hawaii and had a total of 15 public concerts at these places. ROBERT W. McELRATH, Territorial ILWU Representative, and an identified Communist Party member, as indicated previously in this communication, had charge of the ROBESON tour and supervised all arrangements as to hotel accommodations and the securing of space for the concerts while this group was visiting the islands other than Oahu.

ROBESON's last concert in Hawaii was held on the afternoon of March 21, 1948, at McKinley High School at which time EARL ROBINSON and LAWRENCE BROWN and ROBESON were given honorary membership in the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee by RACHEL SAIKI, an identified Communist, and VIRGINIA SHELDON, Chairman of the Education Committee of that organization. It is to be noted that the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] as a Communist Front organization which was formed to agitate in behalf of Dr. and Mrs. JOHN ERNEST REINECKE, Honolulu school teachers recently suspended for Communist activity.

[redacted] District Intelligence Office, 14th Naval District, reported that ROBERT W. McELRATH had advised [redacted] that the ROBESON tour had netted the ILWU approximately \$6700.00. ILWU officials were quoted in the "HAWAII STAR" as stating that the proceeds of the ROBESON concerts would be given to the families of JESUS MENENDEZ, Cuban labor leader, and MANUEL JOVEN, Filipino labor leader, both of whom were assassinated within a month of each other.

ROBESON held a press conference at the Niuhalo Hotel, Honolulu, prior to his departure March 21, 1948, during the course of which he declined to answer a question as to whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party stating that "as far as I know the Communist Party is a legal party. You might as well ask me 'Are you a Democrat or a Republican?'" ROBESON also stated that he was "a real Socialist" and a "Strong WALLACE man" but one who goes beyond HENRY WALLACE's thinking on "Progressive Capitalism." He further indicated that if there was a strike or shooting, he would be on the union's side.

Reference is also made to Los Angeles radiogram to Honolulu dated March 11, 1948, wherein it was stated that ROBESON was at that time in Honolulu for unknown reasons, but "believed confidential assignment." This is to advise that no information has been developed during the period of his stay that would indicate that ROBESON was in Hawaii on a special assignment on behalf of the Communist Party. RUC.

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cc: Los Angeles
New York

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY:
CARE OF U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

August 3, 1948

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On July 30 I received the following enclosures from Paul Robeson and Associates of New York City.

This material contains several references to Communism and Communist leaders. It occurred to me that since this material was sent to the New Farmers of America, which is an organization of 26,000 Negro boys enrolled in vocational agriculture in the public schools, it would be of interest to you to learn of the efforts to bring such statements before national Negro youth organizations. Furthermore, you may rest assured that this material will not be presented to the New Farmers of America for their endorsement.

Very truly yours,

W. N. Elam
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Acting Chief
Agricultural Education Service

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Paul Robeson

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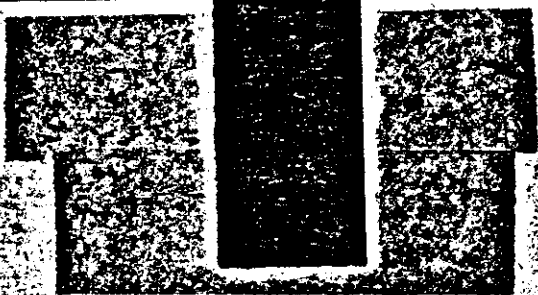
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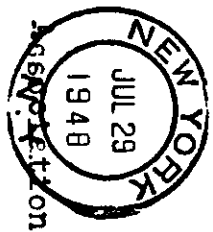
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MR. PAUL ROBESON AND COLLEAGUES
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22 EAST 89TH ST.
NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

New Farmers of America, National
Dr W T Spanton
United States Office of Education
Washington 25 D C



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124-12814, 1948

Dear Paul Robeson, Roscoe C. Dungee,
W. E. B. Du Bois and Charles P. Howard:

Please affix my name to the "Statement by Negro Americans
to the President and Attorney General of the United States",
a copy of which you sent me. I am in full agreement with
this pronouncement.

NAME _____

(Write plainly or print)

ADDRESS _____

(Street number)

(City & State)

AFFILIATION _____

(organization, business, profession, etc.,
for identification purposes only.)

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



MR. PAUL ROBESON AND COLLEAGUES
% MC GEE
22 EAST 89TH ST.
NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

We, the undersigned Negro Americans, strongly condemn your hysteria-breeding arrests of national leaders of the Communist Party, and call upon you to take positive action to protect civil rights instead of persecuting political minorities.

We raise here no defense of the principles of the Communist Party. Our concern is to defend the right of political and other minorities, especially the Negro people, to fight for the kind of society which they consider necessary to give full expression to the principles of American democracy.

We agree fully with the declaration of Henry A. Wallace:

"Defense of the civil rights of Communists is the first line in the defense of the liberties of a democratic people. The history of Germany, Italy, Japan and Franco Spain should teach us that the suppression of the Communists is but the first step in an assault on the democratic rights of labor, national, racial and political minorities, and all those who oppose the policies of the government in power."

The obvious purpose of these Gestapo-like arrests of Communist leaders is to frighten people away from the Wallace Movement and progressive people's organizations generally, practically all of which have been slandered as "communist" or "subversive" by the Attorney General and the Un-American Activities Committee.

Here, clearly, is an attempt to strengthen the current drive to war and reaction in general by intimidating all political opposition to such a program.

It is significant that the indictment of these Communist leaders does not even charge them with any attempt to use "force and violence", for political or any other purpose. Indeed, the asserted basis of their indictment has already been overruled by the Supreme Court of the United States -- in the "Schneiderman Case", where the late Wendell Willkie served as defense attorney.

We take special note of the fact that two Negro leaders are among those involved in the recent "Communist round-up" -- one a veteran, the National Administrative Secretary of the Communist Party; the other a lawyer, whom some 60,000 citizens voted to elect to the Council of the City of New York. The significance of these facts will be understood by the Negro people.

We call upon our Government to halt its fascist-like attacks upon opposition minorities, and to act for the protection of minority rights.

We call upon the Attorney General to use the power of his office to defend the lives and liberties of the Negro people in the South.

We call upon the President to give more than lip-service to civil rights (while acting to destroy them) -- to use his executive authority to abolish discrimination in federal employment and segregation in the armed forces; to throw the full influence of his office into the fight to have Congress repeal the poll tax, establish a national FEPC and outlaw lynching.

PAUL ROBESON AND ASSOCIATE
22 East 89th Street
(Care of Mc Gee)
New York, New York

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DEAR FRIEND:

We invite you to join us in sponsoring the enclosed "Statement by Negro Americans to the President and Attorney General of the United States."

Please indicate your endorsement of the "Statement" by signing and returning the enclosed postal reply card at once. Try to get it to us within two or three days.

It is clear that we Negro Americans will lose even our right to fight for our rights unless an aroused American people puts a halt to the government's hysteria-breeding attacks upon the Communists. The recent "round-up" of national Communist leaders reminds us all too much of the first step fascist governments always take before moving to destroy the democratic rights of all minority groups.

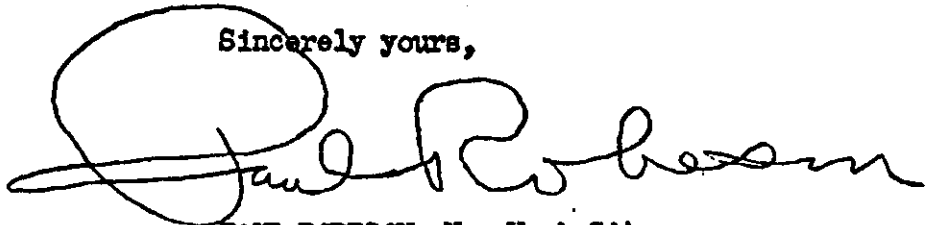
The text of the enclosed "Statement" makes explicit the fact that "we raise here no defense of the principles of the Communist Party"; that our concern is to protect the right of all minorities to fight for the kind of America they consider just and democratic. Unless this right is protected, the Negro people can never hope to attain full citizenship.

As you may have read in the newspapers, this "Statement" has already been signed by about 150 Negro leaders in 21 different states. Included among them are Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. (Ohio), Frederick Nicklewhite (Vt.), Magistrate Joseph B. Rainey (Pa.), Raymond Tillman (La.), Mrs. Mildora Payne (Colo.), Larkin Marshall (Ga.), Capt. Hugh Mulzac (N.Y.), and Hilliard Ellis (Ill.)

Our goal is to obtain the endorsements of 1,000 Negro leaders from all parts of the country. Then the Statement will be presented formally to the President and Attorney General, and released in full to the press.

We hope you will join us in this public expression on a serious issue which greatly affects the welfare of Negro Americans. Please let us have your postal card reply immediately.

Sincerely yours,



PAUL ROBESON, New York City
W.E.B. DU BOIS, New York City
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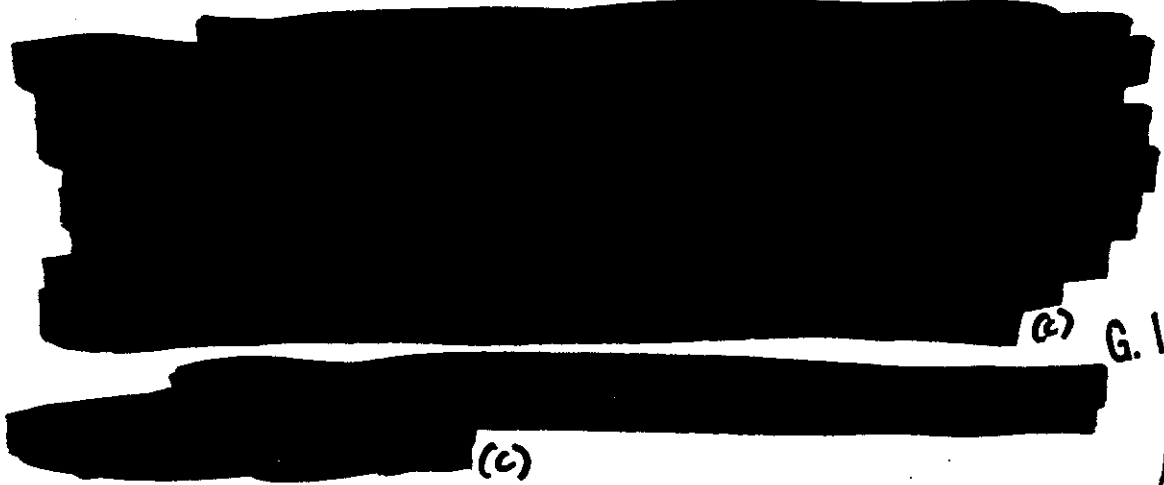
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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NOVEMBER 16, 1948

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PAUL ROBESON, WAS; IS-C. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THE BUREAU THAT SUBJECT INTENDS TO VISIT TRINIDAD ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT IN ORDER TO GIVE TWO CONCERTS AT PORT OF SPAIN ON THAT DAY AND ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIX NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT. ATTEMPT IMMEDIATELY TO DETERMINE IF THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ALSO ATTEMPT TO SECURE ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ROBESON INTENDS TO FULFIL ANY NON-MUSICAL FUNCTIONS WHILE IN TRINIDAD. EXPEDITE AND SUTEL.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, WAS, ISC. REBUTEL NOV. SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. PRETEXT TELEPHONE CALL TO SUBJECT'S BROTHER REV. B.C. ROBESON, MOUNT ZION CHURCH, ONE FOUR NAUGHT W. ONE THREE SEVEN ST, NYC, INDICATES THAT SUBJECT IS NOW IN THE WEST INDIES PROBABLY AT TRINIDAD AT PRESENT TIME. SUBJECT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NYC DEC. FIVE, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ROBESON HAS ALWAYS COMBINED HIS MUSICAL TOURS WITH LEFT WING POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND BELIEVES THAT THIS TRIP WILL FOLLOW THE USUAL PATTERN. HE STATED ROBESON IS EXPECTED TO VISIT HAVANA, CUBA, WHERE HE IS FRIENDLY WITH SEVERAL COMMUNIST LEADERS INCLUDING A COMMUNIST MEMBER OF CUBAN SENATE, NAME UNKNOWN. ROBESON WILL PROBABLY CONTACT LEADERS OF PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY AND TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AT JAMAICA, B.W.I. POSSIBLE CONTACTS ARE KENNETH (?) HILL AND RICHARD HART. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED. IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES.

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PAUL ROBESON, WAS., IS-C. REMYTEL NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

ADVISER ADVISED THAT REPRESENTATIVE ADAM CLAYTON POWELL AND HIS WIFE HAZEL SCOTT, ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN TRINIDAD OR ABOUT TO GO THERE SOON AND THAT THEY WILL CONTACT PAUL ROBESON. REASON FOR POWELL'S TRIP NOT KNOWN. SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

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cc - Mr. Ladd
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SAC,
New York

RE: PAUL ROBESON, wa
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
New York File #100-25857

Dear Sir:

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 11-8-46 at New York.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such as threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

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This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Mr. Ladd

Mr. Fletcher

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PAUL ROBESON, ISC. [REDACTED] REPORTS THAT ROBESON WILL SAIL FOR SOUTHAMPTON ENGLAND, VIA QUEEN MARY ON FEB. 11. WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE BRITISH BATTALION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE IN LONDON ON UNSPECIFIED DATE AND WILL ALSO GO TO PARIS. WILL RETURN TO US FOR TEN DAY PERIOD AT END OF MARCH EXPECTING TO TESTIFY AT CP TRIAL IN [REDACTED]. WILL THEN RETURN TO EUROPE. HIS RESERVATION VERIFIED.

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18 1949

THE ONLY DAILY
PAPER OWNED
BY ITS READERS

Robeson

**Brrr! he
said and
gave up**

IN Robeson's peace message



Daily Worker Reporter

THE great Negro singer Paul Robeson landed in Britain last night. It is his first visit since 1939. "I represent here," he told me, "that fraction of American opinion that feels we can build a world in peace, and that the next war would certainly mean the end of whatever we mean by civilisation." Frankly, we have to face the fact in America and elsewhere that we are dealing with different kinds of life in many parts of the world. "The Wall Street people who don't like Russia don't happen to like English Socialism either." Mr. Robeson spoke with warmth of his love for the Soviet Union. "I am a very, very deep and unqualified and ardent admirer of the Soviet Union," he declared. "Nothing has changed that."

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THE BILL RUST MEMORIAL CIRCULATION DRIVE

More target-smashers

TWO more telegrams yesterday came from branches of the Communist Party which have achieved their targets of new readers for the Daily Worker, won as a tribute to William Rust, our late Editor.

First came from South Wales again.

MINERS IN NEULANDS AND ABERBAIDEN PITS HAVE SMASHED TARGET 10. NOW WON 17. STILL GOING UP.

Second was from the little village of Sandy (Beds) with a population of just over 3,000.

SMASHED TARGET OF 5 WITH 15 NEW READERS—Douglas Mathews.

From Lancashire, too, come claims of over 300 new readers won since the newsprint restrictions were raised.

Leading branch is Platting (Manchester) with 17 new readers, while Gorton have won two new readers every week during this period.

Pledge forms, too, are coming in steadily from all over the country, and today they will be pinned to the Board of Tribute which has just been erected in the front hall of the new building.

Will your pledge form be there?

Sign this pledge today

Make sure of it by filling in this form today and sending it off immediately.

I pledge myself to win one new reader of the Daily Worker as a tribute to the memory of William Rust.

Name

Address

Send to Daily Worker, 75 Farringdon Road, E.C.1.

A BOARD H.M.S. Vengeance with Royal Navy Arctic Force Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander E. Boyd Martin gave up his "planned six-day" exposure test "after less than three days."

He had been perched on a gun platform pretending to be a lonely airman brought down on an ice floe.

He was testing a special airman's protection suit designed by himself for use in Arctic warfare conditions and was living on normal six-day emergency rations.

In a screaming gale, a Bofors gun swung round to sweep away his small tent made from a parachute and within a short time he and his kit were hidden under driving snow.

Heat specially led from the warmed ship thawed the snow and Lieutenant-Commander Martin's sleeping kit soon became soaked with slush and ice. The Kapok stuffing of his sleeping bag was like a wet sponge.

ICY DECK

"In the circumstances, I knew it was useless going on longer. I was virtually lying on an icy metal deck," he said.

"But I have proved my emergency suits flawless. Until the sleeping bag caved in I was so warm I slept merely in underclothes."

The first thing he asked for was a glass of beer.

LATEST NEWS

LABOUR HOLDS BATLEY

Result of the Batley and Morley by-election declared early this morning, was:—

A. D. Broughton (Lab.) 24,514
A. M. Ramsden (Con.) 16,828
Majority 7,686

General Election 1945:

Labour 22,682, Cons. 11,000,
Lib. 5,256. Lab. majority 11,502.

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Four scientists

WEATHER: Fog at first; bright later.
Lighting-up time: 5.50 p.m.



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On the trial of the eleven leaders of the American Communist Party, Mr. Robeson said this: "Once those men were pilloried, then anybody who had any kind of opinion these Wall Street fellows didn't like would also be unsafe."

"It is indeed a basic issue of American civil rights. I think they have done a magnificent job in their struggles for the Negro people."

Mr. Robeson's tour, the bookings for which have been, I understand, "sensational," will last until the middle of April.

Among the cities he is visiting are Birmingham, Belfast, Sheffield, Cardiff, Glasgow, and Liverpool.

"I shall sing," he said, "classical songs, then folk songs. I shall sing a lot of the folk songs of different nations and one special group of songs of the resistance movements."

Mr. Robeson added that while in Europe he hopes to visit the Eastern European countries.

CALL FOR A £20-A-WEEK PAY RISE

From PETER ZINKIN

BIG wage increases, ranging from £300 to £1,250 a year for top-grade civil servants were recommended in a Government committee's report issued yesterday.

The committee wants the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury

for the Daily Worker, will as a tribute to William Rust, our late Editor.

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Four scientists are suspended M15 OPENS NEW ATTACK

From SAM RUSSELL

THE purge of four Government scientists and an Admiralty clerk, announced yesterday by the Institute of Professional Civil Servants, is believed to herald a new wave of sackings or suspensions on political grounds.

All of the scientists are men with honours degrees. Three are employed by the Ministry of Supply at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, and the fourth by the Admiralty.

Apart from the recent purge of War Office messenger Harold King, these are the first political suspensions on Downing Street orders since last October.

It is known that since that time the secret police of M.15 have been perfecting their arrangements for tapping telephone conversations of a large number of Government employees, making inquiries on the basis of anonymous letters received, opening private correspondence and using spies.

Particular attention is being paid to scientists of all grades working at places like the Telecommunications Research Establishment at Malvern, the Atomic Energy Establishment at Harwell, and the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough.

Sections of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research are also receiving attention.

WHAT DO THEY READ?

The agents employed by M.15 to

Memorial for William Rust Dean to speak

AMONG the speakers at the William Rust Memorial Meeting next Thursday will be the Dean of Canterbury.

The meeting will be held at the Friends' Meeting House, Euston Road, London, and will begin at 7 p.m.

Lieutenant-Commander ... sleeping kit soon became soaked with slush and ice. The Kapok stuffing of his sleeping bag was like a wet sponge.

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"In the circumstances, I knew it was useless going on longer. I was virtually lying on an icy metal deck," he said.

"But I have proved my efficiency suits flawless. Until the sleeping bag caved in I was, so warm I slept merely in underclothes."

The first thing he asked for was a glass of beer.

LATEST NEWS

LABOUR HOLDS

BATLEY

Result of the Batley and Morley by-election declared early this morning, was:—

A. D. Broughton (Lab.) 24,514

A. M. Ramsden (Con.) 16,828

Majority 7,686

General Election 1945:

Labour 22,662, Cons. 11,996,

Lib. 5,256. Lab. majority 11,532.

WEATHER: Fog at first; bright later.

Lighting-up time: 5.50 p.m.

NO NEWS YET ON STANLEY

MR. CHUTER EDE, Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday that until the Polish authorities had replied to representations made to them, he could add nothing to the facts already known about the intention to deport Stanley.

He was answering questions by M.P.s on what action had been taken to enforce the deportation order made against Stanley.

Asked about possible representations to Israel, he replied: "It is very undesirable to do anything which might militate against my getting Mr. Stanley into Poland."

Stanley described himself as a Pole, said the Home Secretary, and he was trying to deal with this man on the basis of nationality.

Witness resigns

Mr. Francis Price, a witness in the Lynskey Tribunal, has resigned his position as managing director of Stagg and Russell, of Leicester Square.

Saw Baldwin for 105 minutes

THE Governor of the Leeward Islands, Earl Baldwin, had a 105-minute interview with Mr. Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, yesterday.

The Colonial Office stated that another meeting will take place next week.

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JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, ISC. [REDACTED] AD-

ADVISED FEB EIGHT LAST THE JAFRC WILL SPONSOR A FREE SPAIN WEEK APRIL SEVEN TO FOURTEEN NEXT, DURING THE APPROXIMATE PERIOD THE UN IS SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER SPANISH QUESTION. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED DR. EDWARD BARKSKY AND PAUL ROBESON RECENTLY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF A RALLY TO BE HELD UNDER JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF JAFRC AND COUNCIL OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS. ROBESON WILL LEAVE FOR EUROPE FEB TWELVE NEXT AND INTENDS TO VISIT PARIS AND LONDON. BARKSKY INSTRUCTED HELEN BRYAN TO WRITE TO MAN GREEN IN LONDON ADVISING GREEN THAT ROBESON WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LONDON APPEARANCES MARCH SIXTEEN NEXT. ROBESON SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO US TOWARD END OF MARCH, BUT PLANS TO RETURN TO EUROPE AFTER TEN DAY VISIT IN US.

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To: Mr. Jack D. Neal
Associate Chief
Division of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: PAUL ROBESON, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Information has been received indicating that Paul Robeson, the prominent Negro concert singer, planned to leave the United States via the "Queen Mary" for Southampton, England, on February 11, 1949, and that he would appear before the British Battalion of the International Brigade in London on an unspecified date. Thereafter, his itinerary reportedly included a trip to Paris, France, and return to the United States about the end of March, 1949.

Subsequently, information has been received indicating that Paul Robeson has been invited to participate in the World Congress of Intellectuals to be held in Bucharest, Rumania, on March 9 and 10, 1949. This meeting has reportedly been called by the Delegation of Rumanian Intellectuals who formerly participated in the World Congress for the Defense of Peace which was held in Wroclaw, Poland.

Robeson has been active in Communist circles for many years and in the past he has usually engaged in political activities in connection with his tours. It would seem from the fact that he is to appear before the International Brigade which fought in Spain this tour will probably follow the usual pattern.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish this Bureau with any information you may obtain concerning his activities while abroad.

These data are being furnished for your confidential information and are not to be disseminated outside your department.

cc - Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2210 E Street N. W.

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Attention: Colonel Donald H. Calloway
Assistant Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, N. Y.
April 29, 1949

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Director, FBI

RE: ^① PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Dear Sir:

On April 26, 1949, the New York Office received from an anonymous source a letter addressed to PAUL ROBESON, 20 East 76th Street, New York 21, New York from [redacted], dated April 21, 1949. Enclosed with the letter addressed to the New York Office was a handwritten note as follows:

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" The enclosed was opened in error having been delivered to the wrong address - it may prove of interest."

There are enclosed herewith two photostat copies of the above referred to letter. It is possible you might desire to refer this matter to the State Department.

A copy of this letter and the enclosure has been forwarded to the Atlanta Office. The original of the letter is being retained as an exhibit in instant case.

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Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT
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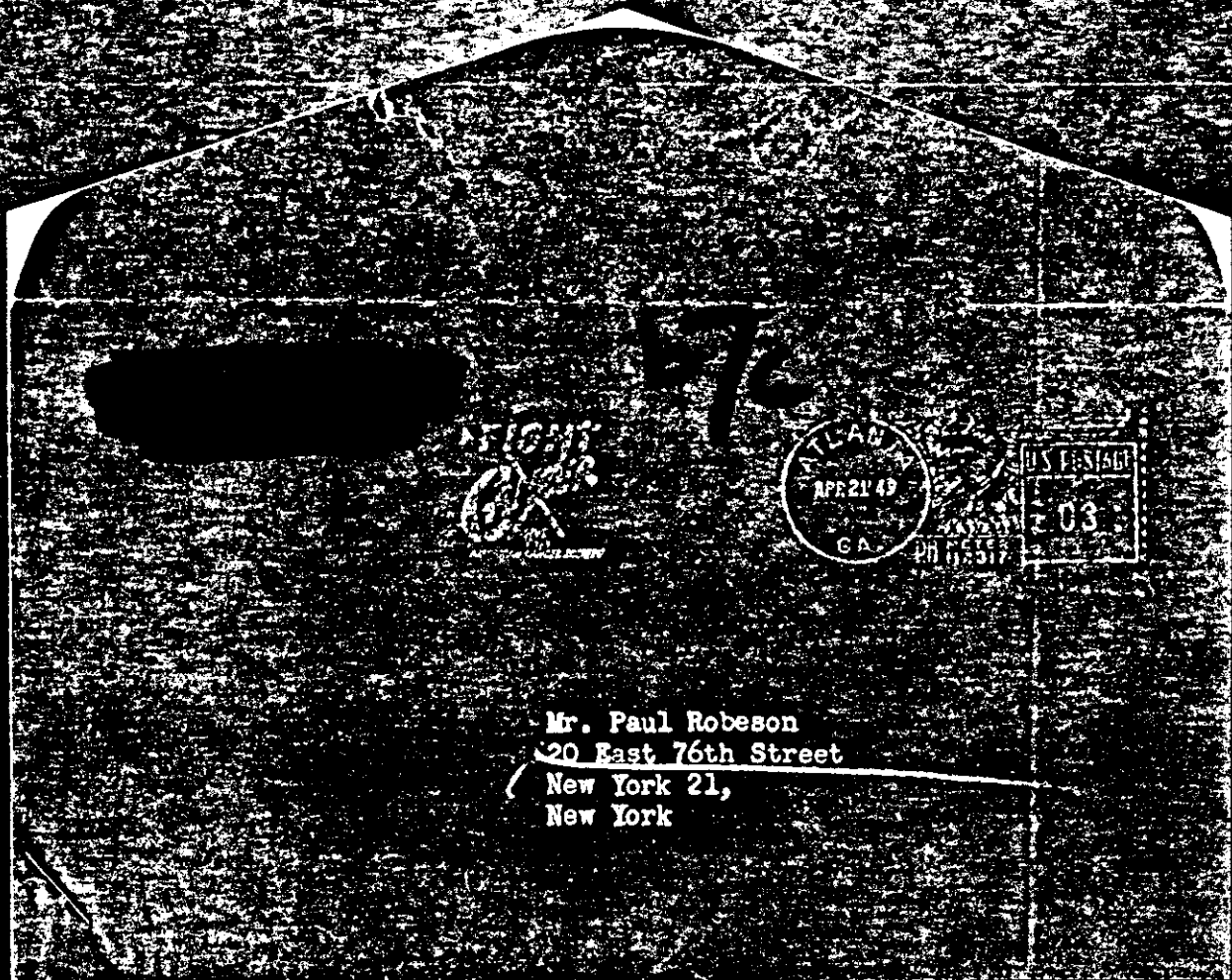
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Mr. Paul Robeson
20 East 76th Street
New York 21,
New York

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Mr. Paul Robeson
20 East 76th Street
New York 21,
New York

Dear Mr. Robeson:

Sometime ago [redacted] was here and he felt that you might be able to help him and his party get into Soviet Russia this Summer. In fact [redacted] requested me to ask you if you would be willing to send Mr. Stalin a cablegram urging him to give consent to his party being admitted to the Soviet Union.

I do not know whether this is something you would want to do or not but I did promise [redacted] that I would make the request.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

Yours truly,

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: May 12, 1949

To: Mr. Jack D. Neal
Associate Chief, Division of Security
State Department
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [REDACTED]
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Information concerning the above-named individual was furnished to you by this Bureau on October 18, 1947. I thought you might be interested in the contents of a letter purportedly sent by [REDACTED] to Paul Robeson, 20 E. 76th Street, New York, New York, on April 21, 1949. The letter was furnished to this Bureau by an anonymous source, bearing the following notation:

"The enclosed was opened in error having been delivered to the wrong address - it may prove of interest."

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The letter reads as follows:

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I do not know whether this is something you would want to do or not but I did promise [REDACTED] that I would make the request.

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- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

cc: 100-1230

I do not know whether this is something you would want to do or not but I did promise [REDACTED] that I would make the request.
 SPECIAL MESSENGER
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With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours truly,



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The above is furnished for your confidential information and should not be disseminated outside of your department.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*
 FROM : R. W. Wall *rew*
 SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: APR 22 1949

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PURPOSE:

To make available to the Internal Security Section information concerning the above captioned individual.

BACKGROUND:

Reference is made to the Loyalty Investigation entitled [redacted] Veterans Administration, Los Angeles, California, Bureau file 121-15839, and to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 4, 1949, at New York City. It is stated therein that Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [redacted] that Paul Robeson, singer and actor, was a member of the Communist Party and that his party name was John Thomas.

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[redacted] is [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended this information be furnished to the Internal Security Section as a matter of interest concerning Paul Robeson in the event this information has not previously been reported to the Bureau.

ETB:rew

We already have this. JRS

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May 6, 1949

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- Mr. Ladd ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
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- Mr. Jones ✓
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- Mr. Pennington
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

The attached was forwarded to the Director by Walter Winchell

Attachment
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Paul Robeson

Noted by [unclear]

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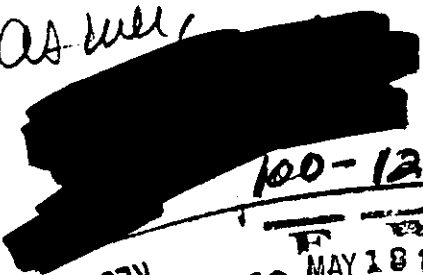
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New York

Dear Walter: *To Home*

I think that this
will interest you. It is from
the "Airmail Edition" of *The*
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MR. ROBESON'S POLITICS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

COPENHAGEN, APRIL 22

Mr. Paul Robeson should have given two concerts in Copenhagen next week, which had been arranged by the Liberal paper *Politiken*.

In an interview with the Communist paper *Land og Folk* London correspondent, Mr. Robeson on Wednesday stated that he regretted that he had signed the contract with *Politiken* after he learned that this paper advocated Denmark's joining the Atlantic Pact, and he would during his stay consider himself the Communist paper's guest. It is understood that *Politiken* have cancelled the contract.

U.S. HOUSING PROGRAMME

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, APRIL 22

The Senate, shortly before midnight last night, approved by 57 votes to 13 a Housing Bill providing for an extensive slum clearance programme and the construction of 810,000 housing units in the next six years. A farm housing programme is included in the measure. Among the amendments which were defeated—by 49 votes to 31—was one which would have barred racial segregation in housing projects.

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cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Fletcher
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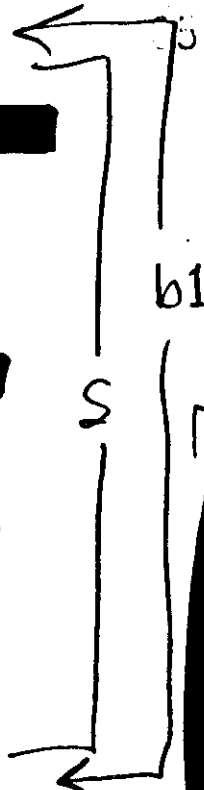
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cc: Legal Attache
The American Embassy
London, England

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Since 1946 ROBESON has been active in behalf of numerous CP front organizations, including Independent Citizens Committee of ASP, ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE, National Committee to Win the Peace, Council on African Affairs, Civil Rights Congress, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, World Congress of Culture, United Public Workers of America, American Council of American-Soviet Friendship, JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE and American Youth for Democracy. He was co-chairman of the Progressive Party, having actively campaigned in behalf of HENRY WALLACE; marched in 1948 May Day Parade. Plans to testify at trial of CP leaders in New York. Testified before Senate Judiciary on MUNDT-NIXON Bill. Has stated "It is important not to be afraid of saying we are Communists"---"The best country in the world today to test the principles of MARXISM might be America"---"People of the world are looking upon the Soviet Union as their liberator and real friend."

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[REDACTED] Stated at Communist sponsored World Peace Conference in Paris that American Negroes would not go to war for the United States against Russia.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-12304.
Bureau letter, 1/17/49.
Report of SA [REDACTED] 11/8/46, at New York. b7c

DETAILS:

b7D ↘ On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reported that PAUL ROBESON was one of the sponsors and a member of the Executive Committee of the American Crusade to End Lynching which had set up headquarters at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. According to the informant, the said Committee planned to hold a "march on Washington on Monday, September 23, 1946, delegates from all over the country to be participants therein." In New York City, the Negro Congress planned to send representatives and the Communist Party, Harlem, also would send representatives, according to the informant. ↗ b7c

On September 12, 1946, at a pre-election rally, sponsored by the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and the National Citizens Committee-PAC held in Madison Square Garden, PAUL ROBESON stated that no government as done so much for its people as Russia has. He described Russia as "the world's outstanding advocate of people and freedom."

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reported the agenda of the Veterans of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE Convention, held on September 21 and 22, 1946, at the Fraternal Club House, 110 West 48th Street, New York City. Addresses were made by BEN DAVIS, Communist Party Councilman; EUGENE CONNELLY, Communist Party Councilman; and the subject. Representatives of the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia were present. In the course of the speech made by the subject, he stated "It is important not to be afraid of saying we are Communists." b7E

b7D On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reported that the Third American-Slav Congress sponsored the "Rally to Win the Peace" at Madison Square Garden on the previous day. According to the informant, ROBESON spoke as Co-chairman of the National Committee to Win the Peace. He called upon the American people "to get along with" the Slavs led by Communists. A member of the Russian delegation to the rally, dressed in a b1

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Red Army uniform, went to the platform and kissed ROBESON on both cheeks.

In the "New York Times" issue of October 8, 1946, it is reported that PAUL ROBESON testified at a hearing of the TENNEY Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities in Los Angeles, California. He was described in the article as a surprise witness at a series of hearings nominally concerned with the Ku Klux Klan and left wing activities in Hollywood and he had been subpoenaed presumably because of his co-chairmanship with General EVANS CARLSON of the National Committee to Win the Peace and other pro-Communist activities. During the hearing he stated that the "best country in the world today to test the principles of MARXISM might be America"; that he had chosen Russia as the place for the early education of his son; and that many Negro Americans would prefer the equality achieved in Russia to the "shadowy" freedom they have in the South.

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 30, 1946, reported that PAUL ROBESON had endorsed the candidacy of CHARLES A. COLLINS for the New York State Senate for the 21st Senatorial District. COLLINS is a well known Communist, being a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party.

In the January 27, 1947, issue of the "New York Times" PAUL ROBESON was quoted as saying that he intended to abandon the theatre and concert stage to "tour up and down the nation against race hatred and prejudice. Also, according to the said issue of the "Times", ROBESON had marched on the previous day at the head of a picket line, which about thirty members of the Civil Rights Congress of St. Louis had formed in front of the American Theatre to protest its alleged racial-segregation practices.

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The "New York Times" issue of April 26, 1947, reported that ROBESON spoke on April 25, 1947, at the 10th Annual Rally of the Council on African

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Affairs in New York City of which he is Chairman. He stated that Peoria, Illinois, (where he was barred from singing because of his pro-Communist activities) was an example of Fascism at work in the United States and it was clear that the "Communist bogey had been used to break the back of the liberal movement in the United States."

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 22, 1947, reported that 100 leaders of the Negro people, headed by PAUL ROBESON and W. E. B. DUBOIS, Negro writer, called upon President TRUMAN and Congress "to repudiate decisively the Fascist-like proposal to illegalize the Communist Party."

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on June 6, 1947, that ROBESON had given a concert in Panama City on May 27, 1947, and that in a press conference after the concert he refused to say whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party. He said he was "anti-Fascist" and remarked that he intended to devote the next two years to active participation in a movement to improve the lot of the Negroes. He also stated the hysteria "was the cause of fear of Soviet Russia."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON attended a mass meeting of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order at Madison Square Garden, New York City, and that after singing several songs, including a Soviet melody, he delivered a speech in which he stated that the people of the world are looking upon the Soviet Union as their "liberator and real friend." The aforementioned meeting was held on July 15, 1947.

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] stated that at a Communist/Party Directors conference on August 20, 1947, at Rio de Janeiro, [redacted] stated that ROBESON and a group of American writers had been invited to Brazil to study the situation and for the purpose of writing in the United States press concerning political and economic conditions there. This, according to [redacted] was intended to counterbalance anti-Communist propaganda in the United States.

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On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that PAUL ROBESON sent a form letter to numerous people on October 27, 1947, requesting contributions to the Veterans of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE drive and \$15,000 to free Spain. Enclosed in the form letter was a reply envelope addressed to the Veterans of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE with the subject's name appearing in the lower left corner.

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In the "Daily Worker" issue of October 30, 1947, it was reported that ROBESON on the previous day, as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, protested to FRANCIS B. SAYRE, United States representative to the United Nations Trusteeship Committee, the vote of the United States against India's resolution on the Southwest Africa question. The vote in the Trusteeship Committee was on India's motion requiring South Africa to give its old League of Nations mandate over Southwest Africa to the United Nations Committee by the next General Assembly.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 4, 1947, contains a picture on page 16 of ROBESON and LARRY PARKS, the accompanying news item reporting that LARRY PARKS obtained the signature of PAUL ROBESON on Civil Rights Congress petition demanding the end to the House Un-American Activities Committee. PARKS is described as star of the motion picture "The Jolson Story".

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] furnished the New York Office with a list of the Directors and Directors-at-Large of the now defunct GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL which had been a Communist Party controlled and dominated institute. The name of PAUL ROBESON appears on the list as a Director-at-Large.

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SA'S [redacted] and [redacted] on November 3, 1947, attended a Civil Rights Congress rally in the St. Nicholas Arena, 69 West 66th Street, New York City. Purpose of the rally was to open an intensive campaign against the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The aforementioned agents heard ROBESON sing several songs, one of which he dedicated to GERHART EISLER, and make a general attack in a speech on the House Committee for its alleged violation of people's rights.

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] advised that ROBESON on November 30, 1947, attended a rally at Manhattan Center, New York City, sponsored by the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE and Comite Coordinador pro Republica Espanola, Communist Party front organization. ROBESON, according to the informant, spoke against racial discrimination and announced that he planned to make a tour of Porto Rico in the near future. The principal

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address at the rally was made by ~~JUAN MARINELLI~~ VIDAURRETA, Vice President of the Cuban Senate and head of Partido Socialista Popular, which is the equivalent of the Communist Party in Cuba.

b7D On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on that date ROBESON appeared as a special guest at the regular annual meeting of the Committee of Women of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship at the Hotel Astor at New York City. The subject gave a short speech concerning the work of the National Council of said organization, stating that it needed more help so that in the near future all Americans, as well as he, might feel a warm glow of friendship toward the Russian people. He then sang several Russian songs.

b1 Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] stated that the New York Branch of the American Youth for Democracy would hold a mass meeting on December 19, 1947, at the St. Nicholas Arena, at which the main speakers would be Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO.

The former New York newspaper "PM" in its January 15, 1948, issue reported that ROBESON would sing at a benefit to be held at Manhattan Center New York, on January 19, 1948, under the auspices of the United Public Workers of America-CIO.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 19, 1948, reported that the 2nd Annual Convention of the Progressive Citizens of America, held at Chicago on the previous date, authorized the PCA National Board and State Chapters to take steps toward affiliation or merger with the 3rd Party started by HENRY WALLACE. Among the Vice Chairmen elected at the convention was PAUL ROBESON.

On January 29, 1948, the "New York Herald Tribune" reported that PAUL ROBESON had been one of the principal speakers at a rally of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union held at the Yugoslav American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, on the same date. The rally was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress of New York. ROBESON, who spoke at the rally, discussed "Thought Control or Freedom."

The subject, according to the "Daily Worker" issue of February 6, 1948, was one of the three speakers scheduled to appear at the 4th Anniversary Dinner of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, Communist Party front group,

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the said dinner to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania on February 9, 1948.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 16, 1948, reported that on the previous day a monster WALLACE For President rally was held at the Golden Gate Ballroom, Harlem, six thousand persons having attended.

Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO, one of the speakers, stated that he would recommend that the state chairmanship of the new party be offered to PAUL ROBESON.

According to the February 19, 1948, issue of the "Morning Freiheit" ROBESON attended and spoke at a memorial meeting on that date for SOLOMON MIKHOEIS, late President of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow. The theme of the meeting was establishment of a lasting friendship between the United States and the USSR. Another speaker at the aforesaid meeting was Soviet Vice Consul BAKUNOF.

On March 10, 1948, the Honolulu Office of the FBI advised that PAUL ROBESON arrived at Honolulu on that date and was greeted by a number of prominent local Communists. While in Hawaii, he visited the islands of Kanai, Malokai, Lanai and Maui, giving a total of fifteen public concerts on the islands. At a press conference prior to his departure for the United States on March 21, 1948, ROBESON declined to state whether or not he was a Communist, but remarked that as far as he knew "The Communist Party is a legal party." ROBESON said he was a real Socialist and a "strong WALLACE man", but one who "goes beyond WALLACE'S thinking on progressive capitalism." He also indicated that if there were a strike or a shooting, he would be "on the union's side."

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of April 13, 1948, reported that an organizational meeting of the New York State WALLACE for President Committee would be held on that date at the Manhattan Center, New York City, five hundred representatives from New York City and up-state being expected to attend. PAUL ROBESON, as Co-Chairman of the National WALLACE Committee, was scheduled to speak at the said meeting.

The "New York Post-Home News" on April 5, 1948, reported that MAX YERGAN, Executive Director of the Council on African Affairs, charged PAUL ROBESON, as Chairman of the said organization, with part of "a Communist plot" to seize the Council on African Affairs prestige and policy. YERGAN

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according to the paper, said the Council was not a Communist group as such. He had been attacked by the ROBESON faction in the Council for being a Red baiter, the paper reported.

According to the "Herald Tribune" of April 7, 1948, ROBESON replying to the charges of MAX YERGAN mentioned above stating "You can't fight the struggles of Africa by being non-partisan or being a Red baiter—Someone has to point out that things are not beautiful here in America, in Africa and other parts of the world. If that makes me a Communist, then I'm proud to be one."

The "New York Post-Home News" on April 16, 1948, reported that ROBESON, who had been campaigning for HENRY WALLACE in Columbus, Ohio, was asked by GEORGE LAWRENCE, Managing Editor of the "Ohio State News", the Negro weekly, whether or not he was a Communist, to which ROBESON replied "It is none of your damn business." The subject stated, according to the newspaper account, "The last person in the world I would expect to ask that question would be a Negro and a representative of the Negro press. This is no longer a matter of Communism. It's a matter of civil rights." ROBESON accused "big money men" of "Fascist activities" and asked "who could blame a Negro for being a Communist or anything?"

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reported that he observed PAUL ROBESON b1 marching in the 1948 May Day Parade with members of the May Day Committee.

The "New York Sun" on May 29, 1948, reported that as the subject left on the aforesaid date for Washington to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee against the MUNDT-NIXON anti-Communist bill, he stated in a press conference that he would have to "decide on the issue" before choosing sides in the event of a war between the United States and Russia.

Testifying before the above mentioned committee on May 31, 1948, ROBESON, according to the "New York newspaper "PM", after telling the committee he thought members of the Communist Party had done a magnificent job in America, declined to state, in answer to a question Senator HOMER FERGUSON (Michigan) asked, whether or not he was a Communist. He said he would go to jail before he would say whether he was a Communist. He also declined to tell the committee whether he would fight for the United States in the event of a war with Russia.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of June 3, 1948, reported that five thousand people picketing the White House on the same date in protest against inaction on civil rights legislation, were led by PAUL ROBESON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, New York City Communist Councilman. The pickets were a part of a delegation of seven thousand from nineteen states organized by the Non-partisan Delegation in Washington for Civil Rights legislation and the Committee for Democratic Rights. This group opposed the MUNDT-NIXON Bill and pressed for passage of anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and fair employment practices legislation. When questioned by a reporter concerning his being a member of the Communist Party, ROBESON replied, "That question has become the basis of the fight for civil liberties, and until that fight is won, I refuse to answer it. That is the only reason I have for not answering.

The "New York Sun" of June 4, 1948, reported that during a hearing on a motion in Supreme Court, New York County, New York, for an injunction restraining MAX YERGAN from representing himself as the Executive Director of the Council on African Affairs, YERGAN'S counsel told the court that a dispute had arisen within the Council when the Department of Justice included it among a group of organizations listed as "totalitarian, Fascist or subversive." At that time he stated that YERGAN told reporters that the Council sought only to interest the public in improving conditions among the peoples of Africa and was not "totalitarian, Fascist, Communist or subversive. PAUL ROBESON criticized this statement, according to YERGAN'S counsel, stating to members of the Council at a subsequent meeting that YERGAN should have attacked the Attorney General. YERGAN'S counsel also told the court that YERGAN was the rightful Executive Director and that the ROBESON faction was seeking to "pull a squeeze play to get YERGAN out" because of his efforts to rid the Council of Communist influence.

The "New York Times" issue of June 4, 1948, reported that on the previous evening, at a meeting at the Manhattan Center, New York City, sponsored by "Masses and Main Stream", PAUL ROBESON renounced the MUNDT-NIXON Bill. He stated that it was the responsibility of artists and writers to make strong opposition to any legislation seeking to crush civil rights in the country.

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] reported that, according to MAX YERGAN, former Executive Director of the Council on African Affairs, ~~MARY McLEOD BETHUNE~~, member of the Executive Committee of the COAA, b7I

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stated that PAUL ROBESON sought her support in his controversy with YERGAN over Communist Party control of the Council, and that during an interview with her stated "My money, shoes, clothes—everything—belongs to the Communist Party and I am willing to fight anyone who opposes them."

As reported by the "Amsterdam News", New York Negro newspaper, on June 5, 1948, PAUL ROBESON appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee holding hearings on the MUNDT-NIXON Bill on the previous Thursday and refused to answer Senator HOMER FERGUSON in response to whether or not he was a Communist. The paper quoted ROBESON also as saying "Many leading Americans are going to jail for refusing to answer that question."

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that ROBESON attended a rally of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on June 24, 1948, sang several songs and then delivered a speech about "The Fight for Freedom." b1

JOSEPH STAROBIN, "Daily Worker" writer, in an article cabled to the aforesaid paper from Wroclaw, Poland, reported the agenda at the World Congress of Culture at Wroclaw. The Congress was Communist controlled and passed many resolutions, among which was a resolution against FRANCO SPAIN, a resolution in support of the "Greek Democrats" and a resolution for the immediate liberation of GERHART EISLER. PAUL ROBESON, according to STAROBIN, attended the World Congress of Culture and was invited to become a member of the permanent committee of the said organization.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 23, 1948, reported that ROBESON, as Co-Chairman of the Progressive Party, would conduct a series of street corner meetings in behalf of Mrs. ADA B. JACKSON, American Labor Party candidate for Congress in the Brooklyn 10th Congressional District.

According to the "Daily Worker" issue of September 29, 1948, the "battle" between the COAA and its ex-Director, Dr. MAX YERGAN, ended the day before when YERGAN resigned as an officer and member of the Council. The settlement was made before Supreme Court Judge HENRY CLAY GREENBERG. PAUL ROBESON, Chairman of the Council, declared, according to the "Daily Worker", "I am happy that the disruption caused by YERGAN is at an end. The way is now clear for the Council to go forward with its work which is now more important and more sorely needed than ever before."

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According to the "Daily Worker" of October 11, 1948, PAUL ROBESON, on the previous Saturday, returned from a two-week Southwide Third Party campaign tour. On being interviewed, he stated that the Negro people, no matter what anyone might say, cannot move into the Democratic Party in the South because the Democratic Party there--as well as the Dixiecrat--is the white supremacy party." He stated that with the proper work by the Progressive Party, the Negro people should form the bulk of the Party's membership in the South."

The "Daily Worker" of October 20, 1948, reported that the wives of the "Hollywood 10" were sending an emissary to the Women Fight Back rally which was to be held at the Manhattan Center, New York City, on October 25, 1948. The rally was one of a dozen to be held throughout the country in large cities to protest the deportation of alien Communists. PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to speak at the rally. The "Hollywood 10", referred to above, were the group who refused to answer the question concerning their alleged membership in the Communist Party before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The "Daily Worker" of November 11, 1948; reported that PAUL ROBESON signed a "Rollcall For Peace" distributed throughout the nation by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. According to the paper, the document demanded that the United States stop the "cold war" and work for peace based upon United States and Russian cooperation.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 30, 1948, stated that ROBESON was scheduled as a speaker at a "Liberation Rally" to be held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The purpose of the rally, according to the paper, was to keep FRANCO Spain out of the United Nations and to press for application of economic and diplomatic sanctions against Spain.

The Council on African Affairs, headed by PAUL ROBESON, according to the "Daily Worker" of December 27, 1948, in its monthly bulletin, opposed a proposed loan by the United States to the Union of South Africa and urged that the United States refuse to purchase South African gold until South Africa's vicious system of state approved racial discrimination and oppression are abolished.

It was reported in the "Daily Worker" of December 28, 1948, that PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to appear at a "Freedom Rally" on January 12, 1949, at the Music Hall at Detroit, Michigan. Said rally, according to the paper, was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress of Michigan. LEO KRZYCKI, President of the All-Slav Congress, and Dr. W.E.B. DuBOIS, were also scheduled speakers at the rally.

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According to the "Daily Worker" of January 24, 1949, in an article written by JOSEPH NORTH, ROBESON attended the trial of the twelve Communist Party leaders on January 23, 1949, shaking hands with each of them. He reportedly stated to NORTH, "I came here because I, too, am on trial." ROBESON also stated to NORTH that he attended not only as a private citizen but as Co-Chairman of the Progressive Party, as a leader of the Civil Rights Congress and as Chairman of the COAA. He stated that Communists in the Scottsboro case risked their lives to enter the South to challenge the jury system and that he respected the Communists for it.

The "New York World Telegram" issue of February 3, 1949, reported that ROBESON headed a picket line of three hundred members of the International Workers Order parading near City Hall in protest of the Board of Education's ban against after-hour classes conducted by Communist fraternal groups in New York City school buildings.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 4, 1949, b1

b7c [redacted] expressed a desire that ROBESON, who was scheduled to sail for England on the Queen Mary on February 11, 1949, contact aboard [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that on February 8, 1949, b1 while in England, ROBESON would appear in London before the British Battalion of the International Brigade and would go later to Paris. According to the informant, ROBESON planned to return to the United States for a ten day period at the end of March to testify at the trial of the Communist leaders in New York City. He would then return to Europe, according to the informant.

According to "New York Times" issue of March 10, 1949, PAUL ROBESON, in a speech at Glasgow, Scotland on March 9, 1949, said "MARXISM is on trial, it is a way of life, a philosophy. The trial of the Communist leaders in New York should be very interesting. I am going to take the view that MARXISM is a cultural philosophy."

According to the "Daily Worker" issue of February 9, 1949, PAUL ROBESON and BEN GOLD, Co-Chairmen of the Provisional Committee for a Democratic Jury System, on the previous day announced plans for a mass conference for the elimination of the system of "hand picked juries" in the Southern District

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of New York. The conference was scheduled to be held at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City, on the following Monday evening. ROBESON and GOLD urged "the widest participation in this conference by every trade union and community organization interested in the defense of our democratic rights. The shocking discrimination revealed by the defense lawyers in open court, means that no trade union or minority racial, religious or political group can hope for a 'trial by peers' a right which is granted to everybody in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution.

In the "New York Sun" issue of February 12, 1949, it was reported that PAUL ROBESON, in an interview before sailing for Europe on that date, stated concerning the Cardinal Mindszenty case "I was not there, but evidently Cardinal MINDSZENTY did commit overt acts against the state. What happens to ten million American Negroes should occupy our attention. Alabama is worth more attention than the business in Europe. I am an anti-Fascist." Referring to the trial of the Communist leaders in New York, ROBESON said he did not care to compare that trial with that of the Cardinal. He stated "The courts will be used to serve the interests of those who are not democratic. The trial of the Communist leaders is a subtle way to bring force on the people."

According to the "Daily Worker" of March 10, 1949, ROBESON, when interviewed at Glasgow, Scotland, said that following the trial of the Communist leaders in New York at which he intended to testify as a defense witness, he would tour Eastern Europe and Russia and would complete his concert tour in China in the fall.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 23, 1949, reported that PAUL ROBESON and LEE PRESSMAN, former CIO Counsel would address nine rallies for "Peace and Jobs" sponsored by the Bronx County American Labor Party.

ROBERT WESTGATE, London correspondent of the "Daily News", in an article in the said paper on March 31, 1949, reported that ROBESON'S concert engagements have taken him to Birmingham, Sheffield, Cardiff, Glasgow and Liverpool. According to WESTGATE, ROBESON would discuss Negro problems with Prime Minister ATTLEE and Colonial Secretary GREECH JONES.

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 17, 1949, reported that ROBESON was scheduled to speak at the ~~Scottish-USSR Society~~ "peace" demonstration in Glasgow on May 12, 1949, and that ~~HEWLITT JOHNSON~~, Dean of Canterbury, also would be a speaker at the aforesaid demonstration.

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The "World Telegram" issue of April 20, 1949, reported that at the Communist sponsored World Peace Conference in Paris PAUL ROBESON declared that the focal point of world Fascism is the United States and that President TRUMAN'S program for African development meant "new slavery" for millions of Negroes. ROBESON reportedly brought the eighteen hundred delegates to the conference to their feet with a call for "a fight for friendship with Russia." He then stated that American Negroes never would go to war for the United States against Russia.

The "Post & Home News" on April 22, 1949, reported that a concert given by PAUL ROBESON in Stockholm, Sweden, on April 21 turned into a political row. The trouble, according to the said paper, started when ROBESON sang a Russian anthem. The first verse, sung in Russian, was greeted quietly; however, when he sang the second verse in English, which most of the audience understood, a demonstration started, which for a time drowned out the singer. Anti-Communists whistled loudly and many left the hall in protest. Pro-Communists answered with loud cheers and frantic applause. Following the anthem, ROBESON stepped to the microphone and told the audience he could no longer draw the line between his art and his political convictions. He said he wanted universal peace, but above all peace with the Soviet Union.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 25, 1949, reprinted an article which appeared in the British "Daily Worker" on April 18, 1949, concerning an interview with PAUL ROBESON by SHEILA LIND, British "Daily Worker" writer. According to the article, ROBESON, after discussing his early history and his realization that other Negroes are not so fortunate as he, stated that he had visited the Soviet Union where he first "felt the full dignity of being a human being." He said that he loved what he found in Russia and until the war returned there every year. In Moscow, he said he studied MARXISM, finding MARK' experiences "capital", "enthraling." He would have settled in Moscow, he further remarked, if friends had not told him "If you believe in Socialism, you have a job elsewhere." He also mentioned that his son, now in an American university, had received his early education in Moscow. Referring to the people of Africa, ROBESON stated that once the Africans have learned the meaning of Socialism, they could not be enticed to fight the Soviet Union. America, according to ROBESON, is ready to fight the war with Socialism to the last European and last Negro.

According to the "New York Daily News" of May 26, 1949, one of the biggest international Communist meetings since the war opened on that date in Prague, Czechoslovakia in an atmosphere of secrecy. Newspaper men

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were barred from the sessions. Top ranking Communist politicians and intellectuals from twelve foreign countries attended the opening of the Ninth Czechoslovakian Congress. Red draped pictures of STALIN, LENIN and Czechoslovakian President KLEMENT GOTTWALD decorated public places throughout the country. PALMERO TAGLIATTI of Italy, ANDRE MARTY of France, and HARRY POLLITT of England headed their delegations. PAUL ROBESON attended the conference to sing.

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Dear Sir:

RE: PAUL ROBESON
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There is attached an item which appeared in the Polish Press for June 2, 1949, written by PAUL ROBESON and which was made available to me by [redacted]

Same is being forwarded to the Bureau for its information and the completion of its files.

Very truly yours,

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NEGROES IN THE RANKS OF THE WORLD FRONT IN ITS FIGHT FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS.

"TRYBUNA LUDU"
June 2, 1949

This article was especially written for "TRYBUNA LUDU".

Paul Robeson

I come to you as a representative of progressive America. The America of Henry Wallace and twelve valiant Communist leaders, who are being prosecuted today for their affiliation with the American labor class. I greet you in the name of the American workers, since I, too, am one of them. As a fourteen-year-old boy I worked on the farm. When I was fifteen I worked as a stable boy, later as a shipbuilder, then at docks and hotels, working hard to obtain some money to continue my education in a world full of prejudices. My father was a slave, and my cousins and their children are still working on tobacco and cotton plantations, fighting hard to earn a living. That is why I am devoting all that I possess, all my faculties and energy to the fight for a better tomorrow.

The progressive camp is gaining strength in America

I must state that today the strength of the progressive camp in America is greater than during the elections in 1948. Proof of this may be the continuous wave of strikes, which even the union leaders, rightists and devotees of the capitalists, are unable to check. The American nation is beginning to realize that Wallace was justified when he demanded during the 1948 elections cooperation with the USSR and national democratic countries and a type of peaceful economy which would not be a threat to the world. A military policy and the Marshall Plan weigh heavily upon the shoulders of the American labor world. While the American trusts earn thousands of millions on so-called "American aid" — its costs are paid — on a par with European nations — by the American taxpayer — by the poorly dressed American. That is why the strength of the camp for peace and progress is increasing daily in the United States. Despite the policy of reactionary leaders of the A.F.L. and CIO, steadily increasing numbers of workers and entire labor unions are voicing their disapproval of the present policy of the governing classes. The Transporters' Union of the Western Coast, the Electricians Union, the Smelters' Union in copper foundries and many union organizations of miners, textile and leather industry workers are announcing their support of the progressive forces.

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Today we are waging a difficult fight in the United States. But our entire history consists of long battles, waged in defense of our democratic tradition. Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt ——— they all fought against reactionary forces in our country. This fight must bring us permanent, positive results, just as it is doing for the entire world.

One of the problems that is confronting America today is the so-called Negro problem. Even this problem is connected with the fight for peace and progress, not only in America but throughout the world. I would like to stress that the Negro problem is only one phase of the labor problem. Ninety-five per cent of the Negroes in America and other countries are laborers. The emancipation fight of the Negroes is closely connected with the fight of the labor class, because discrimination against Negroes is a desire to insure cheap labor. That is why the majority of the Negroes ——— except those few who are in the service of the imperialists and are enacting in Negro society the same role that the rightist union leaders are enacting in the entire labor movement ——— is in the camp for peace and progress.

Ask the Negro workers from the cotton plantations in Alabama, the sugar cane plantations in Louisiana, the tobacco districts of the South, the banana plantations of the West Indies, the African peasants who have been deprived of land in South Africa, and ask all the Negro inhabitants of the African continent if they want to fight for peace and cooperation with the Soviet Union and national democratic countries. Ask them whether they desire friendship with the Soviet Union, where the definition "backward colored nations" is just a hallow sound, where former colonial nations within the Soviet structure were able during one generation to rise to an incredible level of cultural and economic development. Ask the Negroes whether they want to join these forces of peace, or if they will allow themselves to be hurled into the abyss of a new war in the interests of those who are denying them the elementary rights of citizenship. Ask them if they desire to join the modern slave dealers, or whether they desire to fight for peace and progress. Obviously they will fight for peace and progress.

The imperialists are gazing at Africa

The imperialists are turning their rapacious stares more frequently and more regularly on the African continent. In their search for cheap labor and crude iron, they are seeking new bases in Africa and the West Indies, after their ignominious defeat in China. American capital is striving to stretch its control over South Africa just as it did over the Philippines. Financial occupation and capitalistic control — this is their way of building a colonial empire.

Africa at the present time is a fragment of the extensive plans of the exploiters.

It is the duty of every progressive individual to fight against these plans, and to explain to the colonial nations that under these conditions the supposed benefits of the gradual industrialization of their countries is nothing else but the imposition of new forms of slavery and exploitation.

Colonial nations are natural allies of European and American workers in the fight for peace.

Truth will be victorious

The imperialists presently are endeavoring to occupy Western Europe and deprive it even of its shadow of economic freedom. In Western Germany they prefer to cooperate with posthumous Hitlerites than with progressive forces. This is all a part of our common fight.

But I am convinced that the reign of capitalism and imperialism will end, just as it ended in Soviet Russia and in national democratic countries and as it is presently ending in China, thanks to the splendid victories of the National Army.

Murzyni w szeregach światowego frontu walki o pokój i postęp

(ARTYKUŁ NAPISANY SPECJALNIE DLA TRZYBUNY LUDU)

Paul Robeson

Przybyłem do was jako przedstawiciel postępowej Ameryki, Ameryki Henry Wallace'a i dwunastu dzielnych przywódców komunistycznych, którzy stają dziś przed sądem za swe przywiązanie do amerykańskiej klasy robotniczej. Pozdrawiam was w imieniu amerykańskich ludzi pracy, gdyż sam jestem jednym z nich. Jako czternastoletni chłopiec pracowałem na farmie, w piętnastym roku życia byłem chłopcem stajennym, później pracowałem przy budowie okrętów, w dokach i w hotelach, walcząc ciężko, aby zdobyć trochę pieniędzy na kontynuowanie mego kształcenia w świecie pełnym przesądów. Ojciec mój był niewolnikiem, moi bracia i siostry cioteczne, dorośli i dzieci jeszcze, pracują na plantacjach tytoniu i bawełny, ciężko walcząc, by zarobić na życie. I dlatego właśnie oddaję wszystko co mam, całe moje zdolności i energię dla walki o lepsze jutro świata.

Rosną siły obozu postępu w Ameryce

Muszę stwierdzić, że siła obozu postępowego w Ameryce jest dziś dużo większa aniżeli w czasie wyborów 1948 roku. Dowodem może być nieprzerwana fala strajków, których nie zdolają już zahamować nawet prawicowcy, oddani kapitalistom, przywódcy związkowi. Naród amerykański zaczyna sobie zdawać sprawę, że w wyborach 1948 r. rację miał Wallace, kiedy domagał się współpracy z ZSRR i krajami demokracji ludowej i przejścia na typ pokojowej gospodarki, która nie sagraża światu. Polityka wojenna i plan Marshalla kładą się ciężkim brzemieniem na barkach amerykańskiego świata pracy. Podczas gdy tony amerykańskie zarabiają krocie milionów na tzw. "amerykańskiej pomocy" — w Azji jej płaci — na równi z narodami Europy — amerykański podatek — amerykański szary człowiek — z każdym dniem wrzasa o obozu pokoju i postępu w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Wbrew polityce reakcyjnych przywódców AFL i CIO, coraz liczniejsi robotnicy wiążą się przeciwko

nej polityce klas panujących. Związek Transportowców Wybrzeża Zachodniego, Związek Elektryków, Związek Odlewników w hutach miedzi, wiele organizacji związkowych i górników, włókniaarzy i pracowników przemysłu skórzanego opowiadają się dziś po stronie sił postępowych.

Prowadzimy dziś w Stanach Zjednoczonych ciężką walkę. Ale cała nasza historia składa się z długich walk, prowadzonych w obronie naszej tradycji demokratycznej. Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt — wszyscy oni prowadzili twardą walkę z siłami reakcji w naszym kraju. Walka ta musi dać ostateczne, pozytywne dla nas rezultaty tak, jak je daje na całym świecie.

Jednym z zagadnień stojących dzisiaj przed Ameryką, jest tzw. zagadnienie murzyńskie. I ta sprawa wiąże się zarówno w Ameryce jak i w skali ogólnosiwiatowej ze sprawą walki o pokój i postęp. Chcę podkreślić, że tzw. zagadnienie murzyńskie to tylko pewna forma zagadnienia pracy. 95 proc. Murzynów amerykańskich i Murzynów w innych krajach to ludzie pracy. Walka emancypacyjna Murzynów jest ściśle związana z walką klasy robotniczej, jak i odwrotnie dyskryminacja Murzynów, to w pierwszym rzędzie chęć zabezpieczenia sobie taniej siły roboczej. Dlatego też olbrzymia większość Murzynów, z wyjątkiem tych nielicznych jednostek, które stanęły na służbę imperialistów i grają w społeczeństwie murzyńskim tę rolę, jaką prawicowcy przywódcy związkowi odgrywają w całym ruchu robotniczym — stoi w obozie postępu i postępu.

Zapytajcie czarnych robotników z plantacji bawełny w Alabamie, z plantacji trzciny cukrowej Luizjany, z tylnych okręgów Południa, zapytajcie robotników z plantacji bananowych w Indiach Zachodnich, zapytajcie robotników afrykańskich po-

zbawionych ziemi w Południowej Afryce, zapytajcie wszystkich czarnych mieszkańców kontynentu afrykańskiego, czy chcą oni walczyć o pokój i współpracę ze Związkiem Radzieckim i krajami demokracji ludowej? Czy chcą przyjaźni ze Związkiem Radzieckim, w którym określenie „zafarane nacje kolorowe” jest pustym dźwiękiem, gdyż w ciągu jednego pokolenia dawne narody kolonialne mogły w ustroju radzieckim wznieść się na niewiarygodny wprost poziom kultury i rozwoju gospodarczego. Zapytajcie się Murzynów, czy chcą przyłączyć się do tych sił pokoju, czy też pozwolą się strącić w otchłań nowej wojny w interesie tych, którzy odmawiają im elementarnych praw obywatelskich? Czy chcą się przyłączyć do nowoczesnych handlarzy niewolników, czy też chcą walczyć o pokój i postęp? Oczywiście będą oni walczyć o pokój i postęp.

Imperialiści

spoglądają na Afrykę

Coraz częściej, coraz bardziej swawolnie imperialiści amerykańscy swe drapieżne spojrzenia na kontynent afrykański. W poszukiwaniu taniej siły roboczej, w poszukiwaniu źródeł surowców, po haniebnej klęsce, jaka spotkała ich w Chinach, szukają oni nowej bazy w Afryce i w Indiach Zachodnich. Amerykański kapitał finansowy usiłuje rościagnąć swą kontrolę nad Afryką Południową tak, jak to uczynił już z Filipinami. Opanowanie finansowe i kontrola kapitalistyczna — oto ich sposób budowania kolonialnego imperium.

Afryka jest w chwili obecnej ośrodkiem daleko idących planów wyrzyskiwaczy. Jest obowiązkiem każdego postępowego człowieka walczyć z tymi planami i wy tłumaczyć narodom kolonialnym, że w tych warunkach domniemane dobrodziejstwa południowego uprzedmiotawiania ich krajów, nie są niczym innym jak narzuconymi im formami eksploatacji. Kolonialne są na przykład przemyśleńców europejskich i

amerykańskich w walce o pokój.

Prawda zwycięży

Imperialiści usiłują opóźnić obecnie Europę Zachodnią i pozbawić ją nawet prawa własności gospodarczej. W Niemczech Zachodnich wola współpracować z paktami hitlerystycznym i siłami postępowymi. W końcu to są odcinki wspólnej walki.

Ale jestem przekonany, że panowanie kapitalizmu i imperializmu skończy się, skończyło się w Związku Radzieckim, w krajach demokracji ludowej, jak to się w tej chwili w Chinach dzięki wspaniałym zwycięstwom Armii Ludowej.

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TO : DIRECTOR: FBI

DATE: JUNE 21, 1949

FROM : SAC: NEWARK

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re New York tel to Bureau and Newark dated 6/17/49.

[REDACTED] Health Department, Borough Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that all birth records of her Agency from the years 1871 through 1903 were destroyed by fire over thirty years ago.

Birth data obtained from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Trenton, New Jersey, which Agency maintains records for the State of New Jersey, reflected that an unknown male child, color black, was born at 72 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey, on April 9, 1898. These records further reflect that the child's father, WILLIAM D. ROBESON, age 52, occupation clergyman, and his mother, MARIA LOUISA BUSTILL or BASTILL, age 45, were both born in the United States. The number of children in all by the marriage is indicated as seven and the number living is indicated as five. A. S. MacDONALD, Princeton, New Jersey, is reflected as the medical attendant.

[REDACTED] Somerville High School, Somerville, New Jersey, made available ROBESON's secondary school record which indicated he attended Somerville High School from September, 1911 until June, 1915.

[REDACTED] Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, furnished the subject's school records which indicated he attended Rutgers University from 1915 until 1919 and graduated in June of that year with a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

A certified photostatic copy of ROBESON's birth record and certified copies of a transcript of his grades from the Somerville, New Jersey High School and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, are being enclosed for the New York Office. RUC.

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Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: PAUL ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

There are attached newspaper clippings made available to me by [redacted] which appeared in the Polish press for May 1 and 31, and June 1, 1949, giving the details regarding Paul Robeson's arrival in Poland.

It is to be noted that Robeson was met at the airport by Leon Krzycki, an American of Polish extraction who claims to have escaped from America about a year ago, shortly before the beginning of the trial of the 12 Communists in New York City.

Copies of these items are not being retained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman

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'Rzeczpospolita' 1.6.49

Paul Robeson w Warszawie



W poniedziałek 30 km. przybył samolotem z Pragi do Warszawy znakomity śpiewak amerykański Paul Robeson, który wystąpi w Polsce z koncertem z okazji Kongresu Związków Zawodowych. Na lotnisku słynnego artystę powitał przewodniczący Komitetu Ślesian Amerykańskich Leon Krzycki (pierwszy z lewej) i przedstawiciele polskiego świata artystycznego.

'TRYBUNA LUDU'
1.6.49

Paul Robeson pisze do „Trybuny Ludu“

I am very happy
to be in the New Poland
and have the opportunity
to sing and speak
to the Polish People.
I bring greetings from
Progressive workers &
America and from the
Progressive Negro People
in many parts of the world.
Paul Robeson

Dotychczas bardzo szczęśliwy, że znalazłem się w Nowej
Polsce i mogę śpiewać i przemawiać do Polaków. Przyno-
sę Wam pozdrowienia od postępowych robotników Ame-
ryki i od postępowych Negrów z wielu krajów świata.
Paul Robeson

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KURJER COBIENNY

31.5.

30 km przybył do Warszawy wybitny antyfaszysta, bojownik o pokój i postęp, znakomity śpiewak muzyki Paul Robeson.

Goście oczekiwali na lotnisku przedstawicieli władz, związków zawodowych i organizacji artystycznych. Robesona witał również przebywający w Polsce przewodniczący Komitetu Słowian Amerykańskich Leon Krzycki.

Wysiadającemu z samolotu śpiewakowi zebrani zgromadzeni w otwartym powietrzu. W serdecznych słowach powitał go dyr. Starzyński, wyrażając przekonanie, że wizyta Robesona w Polsce pogłębi sympatię narodu polskiego do postępowych demokratycznych rzesz społeczeństwa amerykańskiego.

Robeson bawić będzie w stolicy kilka dni, gdzie wystąpi ze swoim repertuarem i weźmie udział w Kongresie Zw. Zawodowych.

W rozmowie z przedstawicielem PAP — Paul Robeson odwiedził m. in.:

„Cieszę się, że przybyłem do Polski i do jej bohaterskiej stolicy Warszawy. Zetknąłem się z przedstawicielami narodu polskiego w USA i na Kongresie Pokoju w Paryżu. Jestem pełen uznania dla Waszych wspaniałych osiągnięć w budowie nowej socjalistycznej gospodarki. Wasze sukcesy są dzisiaj przykładem dla całej postępowej ludzkości, dla klasy robotniczej Stanów Zjednoczonych.”

W Polsce śpiewać będę m. in. ludo we piosenki murzyńskie, pieśni w języku rosyjskim i angielskim. Mam nadzieję, w okresie mojego krótkiego pobytu zdolam nauczyć się kilku piosenek polskich i podczas następnej wizyty śpiewać będę również po polsku.”

„Korzystając ze sposobności — kończy Robeson — pragnę przekazać narodowi polskiemu i mieszkańcom Warszawy najserdeczniejsze życzenia dalszych, jeszcze wspanialszych osiągnięć na drodze budowania urz-ju socjalistycznego.”

TRZYGINA LUDZI

31.5.

W poniedziałek, 30 maja przybył do Warszawy słynny śpiewak murzyński ze Stanów Zjednoczonych i działacz postępowy, Paul Robeson. Paul Robeson jest jednym z wybitnych bojowników o pokój. Brał on udział w Kongresach pokoju w Nowym Jorku i Paryżu. Wielki artysta poświęcił swe życie pracy dla mas. Poświęcił on, że szuka jego ma służyć przede wszystkim najniższym masom pracującym. Postanowił temu Robeson wyraz w Londynie, gdzie niedawno na wielkim koncercie w jednej z najelegantszych sal oznajmił, że kończy ostatecznie z karierą śpiewaka „dla bogatych”. Stwierdził — mówi Robeson — że bilety na moje koncerty, które ważyły się w czasie około 5 dolarów, są niedostępne dla szerokiej mas pracujących. Oznajmiłem zebranej publiczności, że w przyszłości najdroższe bilety na mo-

je koncerty nie mogą przekraczać ceny 5 szylingów, a przeciętna cena ma wynosić 1 lub 2 szylingi — czyli sumę dostępną dla każdego człowieka pracy. Zdolności moje i sztuki, którą mogę dzięki nim praktykować publiczności, poświęcam ludzkiej pracy.

Na wiadomość o przybyciu do Polski wielkiego artysty i postępowego działacza, udał się na lotnisko specjalny wysłannik naszego piśmie, który prosił Robesona o podzielenie się z czytelnikami „Trybuny Ludu” jego wrażeniami o znaczeniu Kongresu Polskich Związków Zawodowych.

„Znaczenie to jest otchrymie — stwierdził Robeson — jestem szczęśliwy, że w nowej budującej się rzeczywistości polskiej będę mógł zetknąć się z polskim światem pracy i przekazać najserdeczniejsze pozdrowienia od postępowych organizacji robotniczych Ameryki i Anglii, gdzie niedawno przebywałem. Jest mi niezmiernie miło, że będę mógł śpiewać dla robotników polskich, budujących nową lepszą przyszłość. Moją działalność artystyczną poświęciłem całkowicie masom ludowym i sprawie postępu i pokoju. Ta droga choć przebiega najserdeczniejsze życzenia polskim masom pracującym i życzy im jak największych osiągnięć na drodze postępu i pokoju, którą kroczą.”

„Dziennik Łódzki”

31.5.

Paul Robeson przybył do Warszawy

„Na początek — chce przesłać serdeczne pozdrowienia dla narodu polskiego i ludności Warszawy” — oświadcza przedstawicielowi agencji API, znakomity śpiewak murzyński Paul Robeson, który przybył na kongres KCZZ do Warszawy. Jowialny, wysoki mężczyzna uśmiecha się „dobrodziej”, kiedy oświadcza, że „Słyszałem wiele o Polsce na marginesie kongresów pokoju w Wroclawiu, w Jorku, Paryżu i Pradze” — powiada Robeson. „Cieszę się, że jestem w Polsce, wśród was, przyjaźni. Będę śpiewał po murzyńsku i po rosyjsku — pragnę nauczyć się po polsku. Będę tylko kilka dni w Polsce i wracam do USA, jako świadek obrony w sprawie za koma-

Justów — stwierdza się Paul Robeson.

„Jest rzeczą zasadniczą, aby ludzie całego świata dowiedzieli się, iż w Ameryce gwałcone są podstawowe prawa ludzkości tak, jak gwałcone były w hitlerowskich Niemczech. Oświadczam to, że syn niewolnika, który urodził się w 1843 r., a uciekł z pracy w 10 lat przed zmieszeniem niewolnictwa w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Ja byłem jeden z jego siedmiorga dzieci.”

Na zakończenie wywiadu podsuwany Robesonowi kartkę z prośbą o skrócenie paru słów wypowiedzi dla „ogólnopolskiej ligi do walki z rasizmem”.

Ręka śpiewaka pisze w pośpiechu słowa: „Dziękuję Wam za walkę o sprawę mego ludu...” (Rozmowa przeprowadzi Jan Łachwicz).

TRZYGINA LUDZI

1.5.

Wczoraj, dnia 31 maja br. odbył się w przepelnionej sali „Romy” pierwszy występ znakomitego śpiewaka murzyńskiego, Paula Robesona.

Na koncert przybyli: marszałek Sejmu — Kowalski, członek Rady Państwa — wice-marszałek Barcikowski i dr Kolodziejki, członkowie Rady z Premierem Cyrankiewiczem i wicepremierami Zawałskim i Korzyckim na czele, członkowie korpusu dyplomatycznego, przedstawiciele partii politycznych, członkowie prezydium KCZZ, przedstawiciele organizacji społecznych oraz świata kulturalnego i artystycznego stolicy. Przybył również bawiący w Warszawie, przez Komitet Słowian-

skiego w Ameryce — Leon Krzycki oraz delegaci zagranicni na Kongres Związków Zawodowych.

Paul Robeson wykonał bogaty program, złożony z pieśni murzyńskich, radzieckich, słowiańskich, angielskich, włoskich, chińskich oraz pieśni żydowską — poświęconą Gettu Warszawskiemu.

Znakomitego artystę publiczność przyjmowała długotrwałymi, burzliwymi oklaskami, amuzując go do liczących bisów. Artystę wręczono kosze kwiatów.

Po koncercie odbyło się na cześć Paula Robesona przyjęcie w salach hotelu „Polonia”, wydane przez Ministerstwo Kultury i Sztuki.

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PAUL ROBESON, WAS, IS-C. ROBESON IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT NEW YORK AIRPORT FROM LONDON NINE AM SATURDAY, JUNE EIGHTEEN COMPLETING FOUR MONTH TOUR OF EUROPE WHICH CULMINATED IN VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST WEEK. ROBESON REPORTEDLY WILL BE GREETED AT AIRPORT BY "WELCOMING COMMITTEE OF NEGRO LEADERS AND TRADE UNION OFFICIALS". CONFIDENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE WITH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO HAVE AGENTS THIS OFFICE PRESENT AT CUSTOMS SEARCH OF BAGGAGE AND IF POSSIBLE, PHOTOGRAPH DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WILL ATTEND WELCOMING RALLY BY COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS FOR ROBESON AT ROCKLAND PALACE, HARLEM, SUNDAY, JUNE NINETEEN. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Barry Gant
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Garden Grove, Calif.
June 20, 1949.

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

PS-

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Paul Robeson

What action is going to be taken against the famous Paul Robeson — the lover of the Russian people and their treatment to him?

On his tour it was against the United States and he told everyone how the Russian way of life for the Negro is wonderful. I know he would be delighted to be deported to Russia and black-listed from the U.S. forever! Not only would it be a pleasure to see him go, but I would like to help him along with a good swift kick!!

Just because he is a Negro, he should be an example of what to expect for following the Communists! None of this stuff!

"They are investigating his case," when his own words and actions prove what he wants. I do hope that immediate action will be taken against him. If he goes free running over the States screaming the love for Russia, then you might as well forget all these movie writers, actors, producers, etc., because if there is nothing done about Robeson then what good "Justice"?

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Hoping to see some action taken soon,

Yours sincerely
Garden Grove, Calif.
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June 28, 1949

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[Redacted]
Garden Grove, California

Dear [Redacted]

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EX-10 I have received your letter of June 20, 1949, and I want to thank you for sending me your views concerning the matter you mentioned.

For your information, however, the FBI is primarily a fact finding agency and any decision as to action such as you have proposed must be made by the appropriate prosecutive authority.

I am enclosing some literature which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Don't be duped by the Communists
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Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a story of
an American man —

If this guy likes Russia
so good send him over there
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Sincerely —
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Robeson Says He Loves Russians Most

NEW YORK. (AP) - Paul Robeson, addressing a welcome-home rally shortly after seeing his son wed to a white girl, declared last night he loves the "soviet people more than any other nation."

The Negro singer told a Harlem audience of 3,500 persons that he loves the Russians "because of their suffering and sacrifices for us, the Negro people, the progressive people, the people of the future of the world."

Robeson, just returned from a tour of the soviet union and several countries of Europe, said he would "defy any part of an insolent, dominating America to challenge my Americanism."

The Harlem rally was sponsored by the Council of Africa Affairs, a group listed by Atty. Gen. Tom Clark as subversive.

The baritone said he had experienced discrimination as a youth, and declared:

"I never accepted an inferior role because of my race or color, and by God I never will."

Robeson told the crowd that in Paris he had said "it was unthinkable the Negro people of America or anywhere else in the world could be drawn into war with the soviet union."

"I repeat it with hundredfold emphasis. They will not," he declared.

(Several Negro leaders, including Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, previously have repudiated Robeson's statement.)

Robeson addressed the rally after attending the wedding of his son, Paul Robeson, Jr., 21-year-old electrical engineer, to Miss Marilyn Paula Greenberg, 21.

Young Robeson, only child of the baritone and his wife, met his bride at Cornell university, where he starred on the football and track teams.

They were married by a Protestant clergyman in an apartment house. A crowd of several hundred persons gathered outside, and some in the crowd booed as the wedding party left the building.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 27, 1949

No letter and no reply in files.

[Redacted address]

Ottumwa, Iowa

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Dear [Redacted name]

Your letter postmarked June 21, 1949, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for communicating with me concerning the individual you mentioned.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to send me your views with reference to the activities of that person and I am enclosing some literature which I thought might be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's Statement

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *WJA*
ST GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: July 8, 1949

ReNYtels dated June 16 and July 7, 1949.

There are transmitted herewith certified copies of seven passport applications on file at the State Department in the name of the above individual. One passport application dated in 1922 remains to be certified and forwarded to your office. The delay is due to obtaining this passport from the files of the National Archives. It will be forwarded as soon as received.

Also transmitted herewith is a copy of the hearings before the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate, 80th Congress, concerning H. R. 5852, on May 27, 28, 29, and 31, 1948. This copy has attached to the front page a certification of Senator ALEXANDER WILEY, who was chairman of the Judiciary Committee in 1948.

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For your confidential information, there is also transmitted a typewritten resume dated June 21, 1949, which contains information obtained from confidential and restricted papers from State Department officials abroad concerning ROBESON's recent trip to Europe.

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*Copy for
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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 34 16 8-11 PM
DIRECTOR URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, ISC. ROBESON ARRIVED NINE THIRTY EIGHT AM TODAY AT LA GUARDIA. BAGGAGE CONSISTED OF ONE SUITCASE, A MUSIC SCRAPBOOK AND TWO PACKAGES OF SHEET MUSIC. CUSTOM SEARCH MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. DELEGATION OF TWENTY FIVE HEADED BY W. ALPHEAUS HUNTON, COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS, NYC COUNCILMAN EUGENE V. CONNOLLY AND ABNER BERRY AND THELMA DALE, NEGRO NY STATE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS MET ROBESON. CAVALCADE OF TWELVE CARS BEARING SIGNS QUOTE WELCOME HOME PAUL ROBESON UNQUOTE AND ANNOUNCING THE ROCKLAND PALACE RALLY - HARLEM, JUNE NINETEENTH PROCEEDED FROM AIRPORT TO HARLEM. IT WAS OBSERVED THAT THE MOTOR CAVALCADE BEARING ROBESON RECEIVED NO OVATION OR RECOGNITION FROM HARLEMITES. BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ROBESON-S CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

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SUMMARY REPORT

PAUL ROBESON, Negro, is a concert singer and actor residing at 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut, and at 22 East 89th Street, New York City. His business address is Metropolitan Music Bureau, Steinway House, 113 West 57th Street, New York City.

ROBESON was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey and was educated at Rutgers College, from which he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1919 and Columbia University, from which he received a Bachelor of Law Degree in 1923. He is the son of the late WILLIAM DREW ROBESON, a former minister in New Jersey.

ROBESON first came into prominence in 1918 when he was "picked" by WALTER CAMP as a member of the 1918 All American Football Team. In 1925 ROBESON gave his first concert and since that date has gained fame internationally as a singer.

ROBESON is the Chairman of the Council on African Affairs and has been affiliated with many Communist front organizations.

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ROBESON was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey and at the time of his registration on February 16, 1942 he was in Chicago, Illinois and advised that Board that he was a concert singer employed by the Metropolitan Music Bureau, 113 West 57th Street, New York City, and was on various tours.

The records further reflect that he married ESLANDA GOODE on August 21, 1921 at Port Chester, New York and has one child, PAUL ROBESON, Jr.

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Former Confidential Informant [redacted] b1

This Informant on [redacted] reported that PAUL ROBESON spoke at a memorial dinner for the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade at Manhattan Center, New York City, and that the subject was made an honorary member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Informant advised that ROBESON stated at the time he received the pin of membership of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, "It is the proudest moment of my life and I will always wear the pin." b7D

Former Confidential Informant [redacted] b1

On [redacted] this Informant advised that PAUL ROBESON'S Communist Political Association name was JOHN THOMAS. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] b1

In [redacted] this Informant advised that PAUL ROBESON attended a meeting sponsored by the National Council for American Soviet Friendship at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on November 14, 1945. Informant stated that this meeting was an anniversary meeting of the twenty-eight years of the existence of the Soviet Union and of the twelve years of American recognition of the Soviet Govern- b7D

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ment. Informant reported that ROBESON sang several English and Russian songs and made a strong speech against the United States, England and the United Nations for their undemocratic handling of the colonial people and the minority groups. Informant advised that ROBESON strongly praised the Soviet Government for freeing the colonial people and solving the question of national minority.

Former Confidential Informant [redacted] c b1

In [redacted] this Informant advised that PAUL ROBESON had addressed a meeting of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party on June 26, 1946 in New York City.

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Former Confidential Informant [redacted] c b1

On [redacted] this Informant advised that PAUL ROBESON was one of the sponsors and a member of the Executive Committee of the American Crusade To End Lynching, which had set up headquarters at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. According to this Informant the above committee planned to hold a "March on Washington" on Monday, September 23, 1946, and delegates from all over the country were to be participants therein.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] c b1

On [redacted] this Informant reported that the "New York Committee to Win The Peace" and the "Committee For A Democratic Far Eastern Policy" combined in an action to arouse the people in the United States to force the Government to withdraw the United States Armed Forces from China and that this action would take place

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during the week of September 22nd to September 28, 1946 under the title "Get Out Of China Week." Informant advised that PAUL ROBESON and General CARLSON were slated to head the movement and that all Communist Party organizations throughout the country were notified to take an active part in the above-mentioned action.

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Former Confidential Informant [redacted] b1

On [redacted] this Informant reported that the Independent Citizens Committee For Arts, Sciences and Professions and the National Citizens Committee - PAC held a pre-election rally in Madison Square Garden, New York City, on September 12, 1946 and that PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at the rally. Informant stated that ROBESON said, "Never has a Government done as much for its people as Russia has." Informant further advised that ROBESON described Russia as "The world's outstanding advocate of peace and freedom."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] b1

This Informant on [redacted] advised that ROBESON attended a "Rally To Win The Peace" held under the auspices of the American Slav Congress in Madison Square Garden, New York City, on September 22, 1946. The subject, according to the Informant, spoke as a co-Chairman of the National Committee To Win The Peace and called upon the progressives in America to fight against the reactionary elements in America. Informant also advised that the subject called upon the American people to get along with the Slavs led by the Communists in many parts of the world. According to the Informant, a member of the Russian Delegation to the rally, dressed in a Red Army uniform, at the conclusion of subject's speech went to the platform and kissed ROBESON on both cheeks.

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that the agenda of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Convention was held September 21 and 22, 1946 at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 West 48th Street, New York City. Informant advised that addresses to the convention were made by BEN DAVIS, Communist Party Councilman; EUGENE CONNOLLY, Communist Party Councilman and PAUL ROBESON. Informant stated that representatives of the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia were present at the convention. Informant also stated that PAUL ROBESON in the course of his speech said, "It is important not to be afraid of saying we are Communists. We cannot live in the world without them and we must stop worrying about them. We have always been put on the spot. We have a Communist in the City Council today -- BEN DAVIS."

Special Agent [redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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This Special Agent can testify that he observed PAUL ROBESON marching in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union section of the May Day Parade.

Confidential Informant [redacted]

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This Informant on [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON attended a mass meeting of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order at Madison Square Garden, New York City, which was held June 15, 1947. Informant reported that the subject, after singing several songs, including a Soviet melody, delivered a speech in which he stated that the

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people of the world are looking upon the Soviet Union as their "liberator and real friend."

Special Agents [redacted]
and [redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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On November 3, 1947 the above Agents attended a Civil Rights Congress rally at the St. Nicholas Arena, 69 West 66th Street, New York City. The purpose of this rally was to open an intensive campaign against the House Committee On Un-American Activities. The aforementioned Agents heard ROBESON sing several songs, one of which he dedicated to GERHART EISLER, and made a general attack in his speech on the House Committee for its alleged violation of people's rights.

Confidential Informant [redacted]

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On [redacted] this Informant furnished the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a list of the Directors and Directors - At - Large of the now defunct George Washington Carver School which had been a Communist Party controlled and dominated institute. The name PAUL ROBESON appeared on the list as a Director - At - Large of the school.

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Special Agents [redacted]
and [redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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On [redacted] this Informant reported that PAUL ROBESON sent a form letter to numerous people on [redacted] requesting contributions for the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade drive and stated that fifteen thousand dollars was needed to free Spain. Informant stated that enclosed with the form letter was a reply envelope addressed to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade with the subject's name appearing in the lower left corner.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] c

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This Informant on [redacted] advised that on November 30, 1947 PAUL ROBESON attended a rally at Manhattan Center, New York City, sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and Comité Coordinador Pro Republica Espanola, Communist front organization. ROBESON, according to the Informant, spoke against racial discrimination and announced that he planned to make a tour of Puerto Rico in the near future. The principal address at the rally was made by JUAN MARINELLO VIDAURRETA, Vice President of the Cuban Senate and Head of Partido Socialista Popular, which is the equivalent of the Communist Party in Cuba.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] c

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On [redacted] this Informant advised that on that date PAUL ROBESON appeared as a special guest at the regular annual meeting of the Committee of Women of the National Council For American Soviet Friendship at the Hotel Astor, New York City. Informant reported that the subject gave a short speech concerning the work of the National Council For American Soviet Friendship, stating it needed more help so that in the near future all Americans, as well as he, might feel a warm glow of friendship towards the Russian people. Informant stated that after his speech subject sang several Russian songs.

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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On [redacted] this Informant reported that PAUL ROBESON was desirous of having the Council on African Affairs adhere closely to the Communist Party line. Informant also reported that the subject said, "The Communist Party is a legal American Party and the Council should not avoid being affiliated with the Communist Party."

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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On [redacted] this Informant reported that he observed PAUL ROBESON marching in the 1948 May Day Parade with members of the May Day Committee.

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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On [redacted] this Informant advised that PAUL ROBESON attended a rally of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on that date.

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This Informant on [redacted] reported that the subject addressed a meeting of the International Workers Order held at the Hotel Diplomat, New York City, on June 30, 1948. Informant said similar meetings were held in thirteen cities with telephone hook-ups and that PAUL ROBESON spoke to the International Workers Order meeting in New York from Boston, saying, "He was sorry he could not attend the meeting but that he is engaged in work for the Third Party." ROBESON, according to the Informant, said he was proud to be a member of the International Workers Order.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] ^{7c} b1

On [redacted] this Informant reported on the activities concerning the Freedom Crusade of the Civil Rights Congress which was held in Washington, D. C. on January 18, 1949. Informant advised that PAUL ROBESON in his speech before the delegates to the Civil Rights Congress said that he was fighting with everything he had for the Negro struggle and that "China and Russia won't be Red baited." b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] ^{7c} b1

On [redacted] this Informant advised that ROBESON spoke at a dinner sponsored by the Jefferson School of Social Science on February 7, 1949 at the Hotel Statler, New York City. Informant reported that ROBESON said, "No school in existence could offer the courses or instructions that were to be had at the Jefferson School." According to the Informant, ROBESON stated that his son was graduating from college here in the United States and was also receiving a diploma from the University of Moscow and that he wished there had been a school like the Jefferson School to send his son to sooner. b7D

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QUESTIONABLE EVIDENCE

The following evidence is being incorporated in this report with a view to its possible admissibility in an extra-judicial proceeding or in cross-examination in a judicial proceeding:

"Soviet Russia Today"
Published monthly by the
Soviet Russia Today Publications, Inc.
114 East 32nd Street
New York City

In the August, 1936 issue of "Soviet Russia Today" there is an article written by BEN DAVIS, Jr., concerning his interview with PAUL ROBESON. In this article ROBESON is reported by DAVIS to have said, "The Soviet Union is the only country I've ever been in where I've felt completely at ease. I've lived in England and America and I almost circled the globe - but for myself, wife and son the Soviet Union is our future home.

" For awhile, however, I wouldn't feel right going there to live. By singing its praises wherever I go, I think I can be of the most value to it. It's too easy to go to the Soviet Union, breathe free air and live happily ever afterwards."

ROBESON further stated in the interview, "Of course I'm a member of the Friends of the Soviet Union in London. But I'm not very active because I'm away so frequently either singing or acting. One thing I always try to do is to help make people understand the importance of the Soviet peace policy."

The article reflects that ROBESON'S wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, has two brothers living in Moscow and that Mrs. GOODE,

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ROBESON'S mother-in-law, is also residing in Moscow. It was also noted in this article that ROBESON'S son, PAUL ROBESON, Jr., age nine, would secure most of his education in the Soviet Union.

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On [redacted] the above-mentioned Informant b7D
of [redacted] furnished information concerning a conver- b1 b7D
sation he had with a [redacted] (c) b1 b7D
[redacted] is reported by the Informant to have related to him that
and that PAUL ROBESON had joined the Communist Party after a professional
tour in England. [redacted] is also reported to have stated that while on
this tour ROBESON met a man by the name of HARRY POLLET (Phonetic) who
was believed to have converted ROBESON to the Party. In addition, [redacted]
claimed that upon ROBESON'S return to the United States he donated his
entire earnings from this trip in the amount of three hundred thousand
dollars, to the Communist Party. b7D

Finally, according to the Informant, [redacted] is reported
to have said that ROBESON and Mother BLOOR had spent three months in
England and that [redacted] had used this information concerning
ROBESON with great success at the time he [redacted]

"Peoples Voice" (now defunct)
Was Communist controlled New York Negro Newspaper
Published by Powell - Buchanan Publishing Corporation
210 West 125th Street
New York City

In the January 23, 1943 issue of the above publication

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appeared an advertisement to free Professor MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, an alleged Communist of City College, New York City, who was imprisoned for perjury by the State of New York. In this issue of the "Peoples Voice" the subject is quoted as saying, "I want to be identified in every way with this movement to free MORRIS SCHAPPES The responsibility is the first charge upon all of us to fight Fascism for freedom."

"Daily Worker"
Issue of October 7, 1943
East Coast Communist Daily Newspaper
Published by Freedom of the Press, Inc.
50 East 13th Street
New York City

On Page Three there appears an article which indicates that PAUL ROBESON would support BENJAMIN DAVIS on the Communist Party ticket for New York Councilman at the Davis For Victory show which was to be held on October 24, 1943 at the Golden Gate Ballroom in Harlem, New York City.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of March 17, 1944

This issue of the "Daily Worker" reports a speech by PAUL ROBESON which was delivered at a Sun Yat Sen tribute meeting held March 12, 1944 at the Metropolitan Opera Hall in New York City. In this speech the subject is reported to have said, "The picture of Chinese internal conflict is the Kuomintang versus the Chinese Communists is as false as Martin Dies' picture of his Committee defending Congress and the Government against American Communists."

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"Equal Justice And Democracy In The Service Of Victory"
A pamphlet Published in September, 1944 By The
International Labor Defense In Tribute to ANNA DAMON,
Former Secretary of the International Labor Defense

In this pamphlet there appeared a list of individuals who were listed as officers and members of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense. On the National Committee was listed the name of PAUL ROBESON.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of February 13, 1945

In this issue there appears an article under dateline of Los Angeles concerning a meeting of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee which was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. This article reflects that PAUL ROBESON was a guest speaker at the meeting.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of April 17, 1945

In this issue of the "Daily Worker" appears an article to the effect that the Council On African Affairs, headed by PAUL ROBESON, had submitted a memorandum to the delegates of the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, California calling for the establishment of an International Colonial Commission in the proposed World Organization.

"Peoples Voice"
Issue of November 10, 1945

This issue carried an article stating that "Robeson Answers Fascist Criticism." This article further stated that in response

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to criticism by the "Montreal Gazette" for including in his concert a talk against FRANCO, the subject stated, "They will have to take what I have to say along with my songs." The article contained a statement made by ROBESON to the effect that he was delighted that he had been "able to get a rise out of the reactionaries."

Former Confidential Informant [REDACTED] c b1

On [REDACTED] this Informant reported that PAUL ROBESON was listed as an instructor at the George Washington Carver School and that to his knowledge the subject was a member of the Communist Party. b7D

"New York Times"
Issue of October 8, 1946

In this issue it is reported that PAUL ROBESON testified at a hearing of the Tenney Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities in Los Angeles, California. ROBESON was described in the article as a surprise witness at a series of hearings nominally concerned with the Ku Klux Klan and Left Wing activities in Hollywood and that he had been subpoenaed presumably because of his co-Chairmanship with General EVANS CARLSON, of the National Committee To Win The Peace and other pro-Communist activities. During the hearing ROBESON is reported to have stated, "The best country in the world today to test the principles of Marxism might be America;" that he had chosen Russia as the place for the early education of his son and that many Negro Americans would prefer the equality achieved in Russia to the "shadowy" freedom they have in the South.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of October 30, 1946

It is reported in this issue that PAUL ROBESON had

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endorsed the candidacy of CHARLES A. COLLINS for the New York State Senate for the Twenty-First Senatorial District. COLLINS is a well known Communist, being a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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"Daily Worker"
Issue of April 22, 1947

This issue reported that one hundred leaders of the Negro people, headed by PAUL ROBESON and W. E. B. DUBOIS, called upon President Truman and Congress "to repudiate decisively Fascist-like proposal to illegalize the Communist Party."

Confidential Informant [redacted]

On [redacted] this Informant reported that at a Communist Party Directors' Conference held August 23, 1947 at Rio de Janeiro, [redacted] had stated that ROBESON and a group of American writers had been invited to Brazil to study the situation and also for the purpose of writing in the United States Press concerning political and economic conditions there. This, according to [redacted], was intended to counter-balance anti-Communist propaganda in the United States.

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"Daily Worker"
Issue of November 4, 1947

On Page 16 of this issue there is a picture of PAUL

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ROBESON and LARRY PARKS reflecting that LARRY PARKS obtained the signature of PAUL ROBESON on a Civil Rights Congress petition demanding the end of the House on Un-American Activities Committee. PARKS is described as the star of the motion picture "The Jolson Story."

"Daily Worker"
Issue of January 19, 1948

This issue reports the Second Annual Convention of the Progressive Citizens of America meeting which was held at Chicago and authorized the National Board of the Progressive Citizens of America and State Chapters to take steps towards affiliation or merger with the Third Party started by HENRY WALLACE. Among the Vice Chairmen elected at this convention was PAUL ROBESON.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of February 6, 1948

It is reported in this issue that PAUL ROBESON was one of the three speakers scheduled to appear at the Fourth Anniversary Dinner of the Jefferson School of Social Science. The dinner was to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania on February 9, 1948.

"Morning Freiheit"
Issue of February 19, 1948
Published Daily By The Morning Freiheit Association, Inc.
35 East 12th Street, New York City

According to the above issue of the "Morning Freiheit," PAUL ROBESON attended and spoke at a memorial meeting on February 19, 1948 for SOLOMON MIKHOEIS, late President of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow. The theme of the meeting was establishment of a lasting friendship between the United States and the USSR. The above

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issue also reflected that another speaker at the aforementioned meeting was Soviet Vice Consul BAKUNOF.

"New York Post Home News"
Issue of April 5, 1948

It is reported in the above paper that MAX YERGAN, Executive Director of the Council on African Affairs, charged PAUL ROBESON, as Chairman of said organization, with part of "a Communist plot" to seize the Council on African Affairs' prestige and policy.

YERGAN, according to the paper, said that the Council was not a Communist group as such and that he had been attacked by the ROBESON faction in the Council for being a "Red baiter."

"Herald Tribune"
Issue of April 7, 1948

It is reflected in this issue of the "Herald Tribune" that PAUL ROBESON, in replying to the charges of MAX YERGAN, referred to above, stated, "You can't fight the struggles of Africa by being non-Partisan or being a Red baiter Someone has to point out that things are not beautiful here in America, in Africa and other parts of the world. If that makes me a Communist then I am proud to be one."

ROBESON is reported to have said that he has worked with Communists and will continue to do so because Communists are against many of the injustices which he, himself, has long opposed.

"New York Post Home News"
Issue of April 16, 1948

It was reported in the above issue that PAUL ROBESON,

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who was campaigning in Columbus, Ohio, was asked by GEORGE LAURENCE, Managing Editor of the "Ohio State News," the Negro weekly, whether or not he was a Communist, to which ROBESON replied, "It's none of your d--- business." ROBESON stated, according to the newspaper account, "The last person in the world I would expect to ask that question would be a Negro and a representative of the Negro Press." ROBESON is reported to have stated, "This is no longer a matter of Communism. It's a matter of civil rights." ROBESON accused "big money men of Fascist activities" and asked, "Who could blame the Negro for being a Communist or anything?"

"New York Sun"
Issue of May 29, 1948

The above issue of the "New York Sun" reported that as the subject left on the aforementioned date for Washington to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee against the Mundt-Nixon Anti-Communist Bill he, ROBESON, stated in a press conference that he would have "to decide on the issue" before choosing sides in the event of a war between the United States and Russia.

"New York Times"
Issue of June 1, 1948

It is reported in the above issue of the "New York Times" that ROBESON, while testifying before the above-mentioned Committee, had after telling the Committee that he thought members of the Communist Party had done a magnificent job in America, had declined to state in answer to a question Senator HOMER FERGUSON (Michigan) asked, whether or not he was a Communist. ROBESON stated he would go to jail before he would say whether or not he was a Communist. He also declined to tell the Committee whether he would fight for the United States in the event of a war with Russia.

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"Daily Worker"
Issue of June 3, 1948

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The above issue of the "Daily Worker" reported that when questioned by a reporter concerning his being a member of the Communist Party ROBESON replied, "That question has become the basis of the fight for civil liberties and until that fight is won I refuse to answer it."

"New York Sun"
Issue of June 4, 1948

It was reported by the "New York Sun" on the above date that during a hearing on a motion in Supreme Court, New York County, New York, for an injunction restraining MAX YERGAN from representing himself as the Executive Director of the Council on African Affairs, YERGAN'S counsel told the court that a dispute had arisen within the Council when the Department of Justice had included it among a group of organizations listed as "totalitarian, Fascist or subversive."

YERGAN told reporters that the Council On African Affairs was not "totalitarian, Fascist or subversive" but sought only to interest the public in improving conditions among the peoples of Africa. ROBESON criticized this statement, according to YERGAN'S counsel, stating to members of the Council on African Affairs at a subsequent meeting that YERGAN should have attacked the Attorney General. YERGAN'S counsel told the court that the ROBESON faction was seeking to "pull a squeeze play to get YERGAN out" because of his efforts to rid the Council On African Affairs of Communist influence.

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According to MAX YERGAN, MARY MC LEOD BETHUNE, member of the Executive Committee of the Council On African Affairs, stated that PAUL ROBESON sought her support in his controversy with YERGAN over Communist Party control of the Council and that during an interview with her stated, "My money, shoes, clothes, . . . everything belongs to the Communist Party and I am willing to fight anyone who opposes them."

"Daily Worker"
Issue of August 30, 1948

In an article cabled to the aforementioned paper from Wroclaw, Poland JOSEPH STAROBIN, "Daily Worker" writer, reported the agenda at the World Congress of Culture at Wroclaw, Poland. The Congress was Communist controlled and passed many resolutions including one for the release of GERHART EISLER. PAUL ROBESON, according to STAROBIN, attended the World Congress of Culture and was invited to become a member of the Permanent Committee of said organization.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of November 11, 1948

The above issue of the "Daily Worker" reported that PAUL ROBESON signed a "roll call for peace" distributed throughout the nation by the National Council For American Soviet Friendship. According to the "Daily Worker" this document demanded that the United States stop the "cold war" and work for peace based upon United States and Russian cooperation.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of January 24, 1949

According to the above newspaper, in an article written

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by JOSEPH NORTH, PAUL ROBESON attended the trial of the twelve Communist Party leaders on January 23, 1949, shaking hands with each of them. ROBESON reportedly stated to NORTH, "I came here because I too am on trial." ROBESON also stated to NORTH that he attended the trial not only as a private citizen but as Co-Chairman of the Progressive Party, as a leader of the Civil Rights Congress and as Chairman of the Council On African Affairs. ROBESON stated that Communists in the Scottsboro Case risked their lives to enter the South to challenge the jury system and that he respected the Communists for it.

"New York World Telegram"
Issue of February 3, 1949

The above paper reported that PAUL ROBESON headed a picket line of three hundred members of the International Workers Order parading near Central Hall in protest of the Board of Education's ban against after hour classes conducted by Communist fraternal groups in New York City school buildings.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of April 17, 1949

It is reported by the "Daily Worker" of the above date that PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to speak at the Scottish - USSR Society "Peace" demonstration in Glasgow, Scotland on May 12, 1949 and that HEWLITT JOHNSON, Dean of Canterbury, also would be a speaker at this demonstration.

"World Telegram"
Issue of April 20, 1949

This paper reported on the above date that at the Com-

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Communist sponsored World Peace Conference in Paris, PAUL ROBESON declared that the focal point of world Fascism is the United States and that President Truman's program for African development meant "new slavery" for millions of Negroes. ROBESON reportedly brought the eighteen hundred delegates to the conference to their feet with a call for "a fight for friendship with Russia." ROBESON also stated that American Negroes never would go to war for the United States against Russia.

"New York Post and Home News"
Issue of April 22, 1949

This issue of the "New York Post and Home News" reported that a concert given by ROBESON in Stockholm, Sweden on April 21, 1949 turned into a political row. The trouble, according to said paper, started when ROBESON sang a Russian anthem. The first verse sung in Russian was greeted quietly, however, when he sang the second verse in English, which most of the audience understood, the demonstration started. Anti Communists whistled loudly and many left the hall in protest. Pro-Communists answered with loud cheers and frantic applause.

Following the singing of the anthem, ROBESON stepped to the microphone and told the audience he could no longer draw the line between his art and his political convictions. He said he wanted universal peace but above all peace for the Soviet Union.

"Daily Worker"
Issue of May 25, 1949

This issue of the "Daily Worker" reprinted an article which appeared in the "British Daily Worker" on April 18, 1949 concerning an interview with PAUL ROBESON by SHEILA LIND. In this interview ROBESON said that he loved what he found in Russia and that until the war he returned there every year. ROBESON further stated that in Moscow

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he had studied Marxism and found it "enthraling."

"New York Daily News"
Issue of May 26, 1949

As reported by the above paper, one of the biggest international Communist meetings since the war opened on May 26, 1949 in Prague, Czechoslovakia in an atmosphere of secrecy. Newspapermen were barred from the sessions. Top ranking Communist politicians and intellectuals from twelve foreign countries attended the meeting of the Ninth Czechoslovakian Congress. PAUL ROBESON attended the conference to sing.

"New York Sun"
Issue of June 15, 1949

This paper reported under the dateline London (AP), that the Moscow radio that day quoted PAUL ROBESON as calling Russia the "Country I love above all." ROBESON was described as telling an interviewer from the official Tass News Agency, "I am truly happy that I am able to travel from time to time to the USSR. I always have been, I am now and will always be a loyal friend of the Soviet Union."

"New York Sun"
Issue of June 16, 1949

The "New York Sun" reported that PAUL ROBESON, upon his return June 16, 1949 after a triumphal visit to Russia said he, ROBESON, considered that the escape of GERHART EISLER, bail jumping Communist, was the "greatest victory for the forces of peace in the world."

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Special Committee On Un-American Activities
House of Representatives
78th Congress
Second Session

The records of the Special Committee On Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, reflect that PAUL ROBESON affiliated himself with the following Communist front organizations, in Appendix IX:

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270	Member of the Committee of the National Citizens Political Action Committee;
270	Associated with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which he visited in Spain;
323	American Committee For Democracy and Intellectual Freedom;
331	Signed Petition sponsored by American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom to discontinue the Dies Committee;
340	American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born;
348	Sponsor of the United Nations in America dinner given under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born;
389	American League for Peace and Democracy;
431	American Peace Mobilization, Vice-Chairman, 1940;
461 and 1602	Soviet Russia Today;

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468 American - Russian Institute for Cultural Relations
With The Soviet Union;

481 Sponsor of Tenth Anniversary, United States - Soviet
Friendship Congress;

491 Sponsor of American Rescue Ship Mission;

564 American Youth For Democracy;

574 Sponsor of Artists' Front to Win the War;

592 Bridges' Defense Committee;

599 Citizens' Committee for Harry Bridges;

615 Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder;

629 Citizens' Non-Partisan Committee to Elect Benjamin J.
Davis to the City Council;

637 Committee to Defend America By Keeping Out of War;

645 Signer of Statement Defending Communist Party;

666 Coordinating Committee to Lift the Embargo;

671 Chairman of Council On Africa Affairs;

677 Written Articles for the "Daily Worker;"

692 Emergency Peace Mobilization;

724 Frontier Films;

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744 Was Associated with Friday Magazine;

814 Member of National Committee of International Labor Defense;

940 Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee;

1193 National Council of American - Soviet Friendship, Inc.;

1222 Member of Executive Commission of National Federation for Constitutional Liberties;

1301 Member of the National Reception Committee to the Russian Delegation;

1343 Negro Labor Victory Committee;

1348 Negro Playwrights Company, Inc.;

1350 Contributing Editor - "New Masses";

1352 On Reception Committee for "New Masses", Thirty-Third Artists and Writers Annual Ball;

1355 "New Masses" Letter to the President;

1484 Sponsor of the American Friends of the Chinese People;

1486 and 1684 Washington Committee for Aid to China;

1530 Reichstag Fire Trial Anniversary Committee;

1555 Schappes Defense Committee;

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1561 Signer of Open Letter to Governor Thomas E. Dewey concerning Morris U. Schappes;

1580 Southern Conference for Human Welfare;

1608 International Chairman of Negro People's Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy;

1610 Supporter of the Campaign to Aid International Volunteers;

1623 One of the sponsors of a Testimonial Dinner for Ferdinand C. Smith;

1647 Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade;

1651 Signer of letter to President Roosevelt and Attorney General Jackson which protested attacks upon Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade;

1711 Washington Peace Mobilization;

1772 Sponsor of the American Pushkin Committee.

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This Informant advised that the name PAUL ROBESON appears on the letterhead of the following organizations:

Member of the Board of Directors in 1943 and 1945 of George Washington Carver School;

Sponsor in 1944 of Negro Freedom Rally;

Sponsor in 1946 of the Conference on Puerto Rico's Right to Freedom;

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Sponsor in 1948 for National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East;

Sponsor in 1946 for the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy;

Sponsor of "Black Book" in 1945 for the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists;

Member of Initiating Committee in 1946 of the Congress on Civil Rights;

Sponsor in 1945 for the "To End Jim Crow In Baseball Committee;"

Sponsor in 1948 for the National Conference on American Policy in Greece;

The American Peace Mobilization, National Council, 1940;

The American Rescue Ship Mission, sponsor, 1941;

The Citizens' Committee for Harry Bridges, member and sponsor, 1941;

Committee for the Release of International Volunteers in Spanish and French Prison Camps, endorser, 1941;

Negro Committee to Aid Spain with the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democrats, sponsor, 1937;

The American Peace Mobilization for Marcantonio, guest of honor, 1941; also sponsor of the same movement in 1941;

Assembly for Justice to National Minorities, sponsor, 1941;

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Committee Defending Rights of Communists to be on Ballot, signer, 1941;

Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democrats, National sponsor, 1938;

American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom; signed petition sponsored by above organization to discontinue the Dies Committee, 1941;

Signed petition sponsored by Citizens Committee to Free Browder, March, 1942;

United American Spanish Aid Committee, sponsor, 1942;

International Labor Defense, National Committee, 1942;

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, speaker at dinner on October 27, 1942.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated July 6, 1949, at New York, New York, are as follows:

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Confidential Informant T-2: Copy of communication received from State Department which was furnished that Department [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-3: Copy of communication forwarded to New York Office by Bureau, which was received by the Bureau from the State Department.

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Confidential Informant T-4:

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Confidential Informant T-5: Various letterheads maintained in the New York Files, source not ascertained.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

yes

New York State Law Board records reflect ROBESON applied to take Bar examination March, 1924 but did not take exam. New York State Court of Appeals records do not reflect ROBESON ever admitted to the New York State Bar.

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Reference:

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Details:

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

The following investigation was conducted by Special Employee, [REDACTED] **b7C**

The records of the New York State Board of Law Examiners reflected PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, 233 West 148 Street, New York City applied to take the New York Bar examination on March 4, 1924, but failed to appear for the examination. At the time of his application, ROBESON advised he was twenty-five years of age. His educational qualifications consisted of a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University in 1917 and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Columbia University, no dates given, except that he had attended there three years.

[REDACTED] New York State Court of Appeals, advised that his records did not reflect that ROBESON had ever been admitted to the New York State Bar. **b7C**

There was no derogatory information concerning ROBESON in the

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Transmitted herewith to the New York Office are two authenticated copies of passport application made by the above individual in June, 1922.

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COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS, ISC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTENDED RALLY FOR PAUL ROBESON AND DR. W.E.B. DU BOIS SPONSORED BY COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS SUNDAY, JUNE NINETEENTH AT ROCKLAND PALACE, NYC. RALLY CALLED BY SAID ORGANIZATION TO WELCOME RETURN OF ROBESON AND DU BOIS FROM WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE IN PARIS. INFORMANTS REPORT ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND ATTENDED RALLY WHICH LASTED FROM THREE PM TO SEVEN TWENTYFIVE PM. PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS WERE ROBESON, DU BOIS, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, REPRESENTATIVE VITO MARCANTONIO, MRS. ANDREW W. SIMKINS, NEGRO REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEWOMAN FROM SOUTH CAROLINA, AND CHARLES P. HOWARD, IOWA PROGRESSIVE PARTY LEADER. ROBESON, DU BOIS, DAVIS AND MARCANTONIO SPOKE AGAINST OUTLAWING THE CP, THE PROSECUTION OF THE ELEVEN ON TRIAL AT FOLEY SQUARE AND THE TRENTON SIX AND ON QUOTE WHITE RULE UNQUOTE OF THE WORLD. ROBESON STATED HE WOULD BE A WITNESS AT THE COMMUNIST TRIAL. LETTER WILL FOLLOW.

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Director, FBI
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Dear Sir:

Re: ^① PAUL ROBESON
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Rebulet 6/8/49, entitled as above.

There is attached a news item from the
Polish press made available to me by [redacted] re-
garding Subject Robeson's arrival in Moscow, Russia.

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A copy of this item is not being retained
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Very truly yours,

J. A. Ciaperman
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"KURJER CODZIENNY"

June 10, 1947

Robeson's Concert in Moscow

Moscow (PAP) - June 8 - Paul Robeson, distinguished Negro singer, gave his first concert at Tschaikowsky Hall in Moscow.

He was given an unusually cordial reception by the public. The ovation for Robeson reached its climax when he commented on the songs in Russian. The song about the Warsaw Ghetto was enthusiastically received by the audience.

The Soviet press commented profusely on the concert and on the singer's biography. It depicted Robeson as a fearless warrior fighting for freedom and democracy and a devoted friend of the Soviet Union.

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'KURJER CODZIENNY'

10.6.1947.

KONCERT

Robesona w Moskwie

MOSKWA (PAP) — 8 km. w największej sali koncertowej Moskwy — w sali im. Czajkowskiego — odbył się pierwszy koncert wybitnego śpiewaka murzyńskiego Paula Robesona.

Koncert spotkał się z niezwykle serdecznym przyjęciem publiczności. Owacja na cześć Robesona dosięgła szczytu, gdy artysta przemówił do słuchaczy po rosyjsku, tłumacząc treść poszczególnych piosenek. Entuzjastycznie przyjęta została m. in. pieśń o getcie warszawskim wykonana przez Robesona.

Cała prasa radziecka zamieściła obszernie sprawozdania z koncertu, w których przytacza charakterystyczne szczegóły życiorysu artysty, podkreślając, iż jest on nieustraszoną bojownikiem o wolność i demokrację i oddanym przyjacielem Związku Radzieckiego.

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