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A RRIVING at London Airport from New York yesterday, the most-famous living American, Paul Robeson, spoke of the way the peace movement was sweeping forward, despite war hysteria, in his native land.

"Without question there has been in the last months a terrific turn for the better in the U.S.," he said.

Of Britain he said: "I don't think the British people, however confused some of them might be about the Marshall Plan, will let the Wall Street millionaires fight a third world war to the last Englishman."

Millions of people could and would be won for peace in Britain just as in America, he

He had no doubt that great changes were on the way in his own country.

"We expect millions and millions and millions of signatures to the peace petition," he told me.

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He was convinced that among the rank-and-file, among the great mass of the American people, there was a very deep sentiment for peace—against a background of terror, hysteria and mass confusion.

Mr. Robeson is in London for tomorrow's meeting of the Bureau of the World Peace Committee.

'Depend on us

"I come to Britain," he said, "as one who grew up here and feels so close to the British working class, to let them know that they can depend on us from now on.

"Our movement has already begun. It is in motion and will continue in motion.

"I stand firm in America for the closest co-operation with the world international peace movement.

"I feel there is no possible way to function as an anti-Fascist in this world today without giving all possible support—and certainly receiving an even greater measure of support—from the great international working-class movement that is based on the Soviet Union."

Mr. Robeson spoke of the growing support for peace among the 15 million Negroes in the U.S.

What happened to them could fairly well be decisive; 15 million people won for peace could determine whether there would be peace or war.

First line defence

Work among the Negro people had been one very decisive feature of his work since he was last in Britain.

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It was becoming perfectly clear that what happened to the 11 communist leaders would happen to everybody with Progressive or Liberal views and that the first line of defence was the defence of those leaders of the American working-

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The Peekskill incidents made a great impression on the American people—it showed them that Fascism was rather closer than they imagined.

[At Peekskill violent attempts were made to break up a peace meeting addressed by Robeson.]

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

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THE RED DEAN F SONG

by Tom Pocock

HE outcome of the Cold War will decide whether Paul Le Roy Robeson will be remembered longest as a great bass singer or as a Communist foghorn. Today, as Robeson arrives in London, the Negro singer and actor of "Show Boat" and "Othello" is eclipsed by the embittered man who thinks of Soviet Russia as his " second Motherland."

It is therefore, alarming to hear Robeson say that "I learned my militancy and politics from your Labour Movement here in Britain." He admits that his self-imposed crusade began when, outside a Mayfair hotel, he heard "one of your aristocrats speaking to his chauffeur as one would speak to a dog"

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UNDER the "Red" Robeson a tepid, sugary Communism takes the place of the icy creed of the Kremlin. In America he speaks on behalf of the Progressive Party. On Thursday he is scheduled to speak at a "peace demonstration" in Lincoln's Inn Fields, when a "British Peace Petition' will be announced. Among first-class fellow-travellers, he treads in the footprints of the Dean of Canterbury. Robeson admits that politically and artistically he is a Jekyll and Hyde. But, as he said in his Bloomsbury hotel last night: "I make two of myself, When I come here on politics, I don't sing; when I come here to sing, I forget politics.

"While I'm here on this political trip I'm not supposed to talk to newspapermen. When I come back to London it will be as a concert artist.

"I'm thinking of playing Othello in London soon. It's a part I've always wanted to take in this town."

Colour bar

LAST year, after a visit to the British West Indies. Robeson announced: "I feel I have drawn my first breath of fresh air for many years. The Negroes of Jamaica and Trinidad may form the first free Negro nation on earth."

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This from the man who said:
"The British Empire is one of the greatest enslavers of human beings."

Paul Robeson's own brand of emotional Communism springs from the colour bar which his own brilliant voice, brain, and physique only partly broke down by winning him a scholarship to Rutgers University and making him an "Ali-American" football player.

He has confessed: "Western the said of the

player.

He has confessed: "Whenever I see a fellow being kicked around, I feel that I am the one who is being kicked around."

It was the fear of his son, Paul Jnr., being "kicked around" that made him send the boy not to an American Negro school but to No. 175 School in Moscow.

It may be because Paul Robeson's artistic and sensitive mind was kicked and bruised by a passing colour-conscious convention that he has deserted his place in the wide fields of art and music for a drab gathering of fellow-rayellers in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

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NOTE.

Immigration, London Airport, rang Duty Officer, Mr. Leggett, at 11.05 hours today reporting the arrival by plane from the U.S.A of Paul ROBESON, to attend the Peace Rally in London, at which he will sing for charity. Forward Address: Euston Hotel, London. Landed for 1 week. Intends to return to U.S.A in 3 or 4 days time. Has return ticket.

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PF.44990 Original in PF.43734 (65)

British Embassy, Washington.

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To: - Director-General

Subject:

Benjamin Nnandi AZIKIWE

Would you please refer to your L.411/60/0S3 dated March 3, 1950.

The F.B.I. have informed me that no information has come to their attention which indicated that AZIKIWE contacted Paul ROBESON during his recent visit to the United States.

Further enquiries are being made in the State Department about the activities of POST and AZIKIWE and as soon as I hear the result I will of course let you know.

May 26, 1950.

(Sgd.) C.T.D. Patterson.

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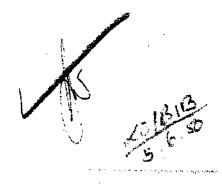
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At serial 279 in FF. 43734, Vol. 5 (AZIKIWE) there is a mention of one Dr. L.D. REDDICK of Atlanta University, Georgia.

This man appears to be identical with a person of the same name who recently has been acting as the representative of AZIKIWE in the U.S.A. (Source Cubist). S.L.O. West Africa reports that in 1944, Dr. L.D. REDDICK participated in the "Conference on Africa" held under the auspices of Paul ROBESON and YERGAN.

There is no trace of REDDICK in our records.

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ROBESON FOR LONDON RALLY

Daily Worker Reporter .

DAUL ROBESON will be speaking and singing at the Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, peace demonstration on Thursday, June 1, at 7 p.m.

This great American artist and fighter for peace will be taking part in the London meeting of the Bureau of the World Peace Movement.

He is expected to arrive in this country about May 30.

Another speaker at the demonstration will be Liu Ning-yi. Chinese vice-president of the World Federation of Trade Unions. Lt.-Col. J. A. Purton, M.C. a member of the Ealing for Peace Committee, has called on all ex-Service men to wear their medals at the demonstration.

THE PETITION Campaign to collect the first 100,000 signatures to the British Peace Petition, to be handed up at Lincoln's Inn Fields, is speeding

Lincoln's Inn Fields, is speeding up.
Group of six supporters of the Peace movement collected 200 signatures in one street in West Newcastle on Monday night.
Three petition forms with 45 signatures have been returned from the Spiritual Sisterhood in Ashington.
In Consett, women canvassing from door to door collected 195 signatures.

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In South Shields a newsagent obtained 165 signatures in her shop, and in Blyth one Peace supporter has collected 132 signatures and 35s. in donations.

Demonstrators bearing peace slogans lined up outside Bedford's Shire Hall, where a civil defence recruiting meeting was in progress.

And when a rally to open a local Territorial Army recruiting week, was held in Tottenham this week, Mrs. P. Revell, mother of three young children, collected scores of signatures outside the local drill hall.

A "Ban the Atom Bomb" conference is being organised in Paddington, by a committee which includes a vicar, a housewife, a busman, a business man, and a railway clerk.

The Stoke Newington Branch of the Amalgamated Engineering Union has called upon the Hackney and Stoke Newington trades councils at once to form a local section of the British Peace Committee.

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17pm

PF. 44990/052/CJLE

To: S.L.O. Trinidad

We enclose a copy of our letter to the Foreign Office giving our views on Paul ROBESON's proposed visit to Trinidad.

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1st May 1950

Dear Jackson.

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Please refer to your minute of 24th April on the subject of a possible visit by Paul Robeson to Trinidad. Your file AU/1064/1 refers and is returned herewith.

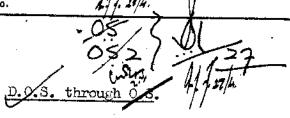
We feel, as we did in 1948 when our views were sought on the desirability or otherwise of excluding Robeson from Jamaica, that we would not be justified in advising that on security grounds he should be refused a visa. It may well be that Robeson's presence in Trinidad at or near the time of the General Election may be embarrassing to the Authorities. However, this is a political matter for the Governor to consider. In doing so, he will doubtless take into account the views of his Commissioner of Police and of our Security Lisison Officer. on the local security aspects.

Yours sincerely,

A.J. Keller

G.N. Jackson, Esq., M.B.E., Foreign Office.

SECRET



45 a.

You may wish to see the attached Foreign Office file about a possible visit to Trinidad by Paul ROBESON.

We have not yet been asked for our observations by the Colonial Office. You may however think that we could appropriately reply to the Foreign Office on the lines of our previous answer to a similar question when ROBESON wished to visit Jamaica. On that occasion we. considered that we would not be justified on security grounds in recommending the refusal of a visa for ROBESON to visit the U.K. We then argued that the decision whether or not to grant him a visa to visit a Caribbean Colony must be left to the Governor to decide on political grounds but in the light of the local security situation.

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- 1. We have not yet been asked for our observations by the We have, however, been asked for our observations by the F.O. nested F.O. minute paper. It comes to the same thing, for prescribed purposes.
- As stated in these papers, Robeson visited Tring dad during my Governorship of that Colony. Folio 764 in Volume I of F. 44990 was my report. written by myself, of his visit. At the time othe question

THIS IS A COPY ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 3 (4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS Image Reference:2 of refusing him a wisa was raised by the Police &c. I decided, with hesitation, that it was out of the question to do so. The same point wa raised at the time in regard to a visit to British Guiana, and I think t the same conclusion was reached (though in the event P.R. did not go the

- 3. Of course, thaking part in electioneering business in a British Colis another matter, though personally I should very much doubt if P.R. wou spare the time and loss of earnings to do this; but, even so, I should be very dubious about the wisdom and advisability of refusing him a visal However, these are political matters for the Governor of the day to consider, not the Security Service.
- 4. I agree with the proposed reply to the F.O.: I should content myself by saying that although Paul Robeson's political propensities are well known and his presence in Trinidad at or near the time of the gener election may well be embarrassing to the Authorities, we do not feel just ied in advising that on security grounds he should be refused a visa.

(Possibly we should tell Lee that we have been consulted and that this i the advice that we have given? I leave this to you to decide, but we do want him to speak to the Governor with a voice different from the voice with which we are speaking in London).

27.4.50

EXTRACT FROM FOREIGN OFFICE FILE, No.AU.1064/1.

Received 26 April, 1950.

- 16.3.50. From Government House, Trinidad, to Colonial Office re Paul ROBESON's intended visit to Trinidad to electioneer for the Bryan-Solomon Party, suggesting possible ways of preventing his landing.
- 19.4.50. From Colonial Office to Colonial Attache, Washington, informing them of ROBESON's intended visit to Trinidad and undecided as to necessary action.

 (Copy to American Dept., Foreign Office.)

Minute:

This is a tricky business. To refuse Paul ROBESON entry into Trinidad will certainly rouse strong native protests; but there should certainly be some Way of preventing him from taking part in the Election campaign in What is, after all, a foreign country as far as he is concerned. Under U.S.Law l think U.S.citizens are liable to forfeit their citizenship by taking part in foreign elections. Perhaps Mr.Child, F.O.R.D., would confirm that and we might then consider drawing the point to the attention of the C.O. demi-officially.

22.4.50. M.I.5. - For observation please. signed, M.Jackson.

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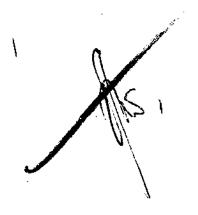
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P.U.S.D. F.O.R.D. (Mr. Child) Passport Office P.C.D.

O.S. Division M.I.5.

For observations, please.

G.N. Jackson. 24.4.50.



The Church House,

Great Smith Street,

S.W. 1.

19th April 1950.

Ref: 12/94076/1

SECRET.

Dear Mackenzie,

I am sending for your demi-official information a copy of a letter, with its enclosure, which Becket has written to J.K. Thompson, the Colonial Attache in Washington on the subject of Paul Robeson and a possible visit by him to Trinidad.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Juxton Barton.

J.Y. MACKENZIE, ESQ., FOREIGN OFFICE, (AMERICAN DEPARTMENT). 12/94076/1.

19th April 1950.

SECRET

Dear Thompson,

I am enclosing a copy of a demi-official letter which I recently received from Renison in Trinidad about Paul Robeson. Our first reaction was to telegraph to Renison to say that, before commenting on his letter, we would like to know the outcome of his discussions with the American Consul-General; adding that, if the latter had referred the matter to Washington, it would be desirable for us to keep our Embassy there informed. Renison has now telegraphed to say that the Consul-General has referred the matter to Washinton, but has not yet received a reply, and that he (Renison) agrees that our Embassy should be informed.

I should make it clear that we have not yet formed any final view on the advice which we would give to Renison. We are of course fairly fully informed as to Robeson's Communist activities but, as you will remember, he gave a series of concerts in London only a few months ago; and when, in May 1949, the Governor of Jamaica asked us whether, in view of Robeson's public utterances at the World Peace Conference in Paris, the Security Service considered that any further application by him for a visa to Jamaica should be granted, we told him that the Security Service advice was that on information then available they would not recommend refusal of a visa into the United Kingdom. We have not yet taken the advice of the Security Service on Remison's letter but I rather think that, if and when we do, we shall get the same reply as in 1949; and it will remain for decision whether the particular conditions in Trinidad would warrant special action there despite the storm of protest which such action would no doubt evoke.

We shall not come to any final decision until we hear what the Emerican reaction is and have taken the views of the new Governor who will arrive in Trinidad during this month.

I have thought it as well to keep you fully in the picture and I am sending a copy of this letter demi-officially to Mackenzie of the American Department of the Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) H. Becket.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

TRINIDAD

16th March 1950.

Dear Beckett

You will remember that at the end of 1948 and the beginning of 1949 you had correspondence with Sir John Shaw about Paul Robson's visit to Trinidad. I would particularly draw attention to our saving telegram to the British Embassy, Washington of the 10th December, 1948 repeated to the Secretary of State as No.1104.

I have now heard a rumour that the Bryan-Solomon Party backed by Jack Kelshall with his known communist leanings have a plan afoot to persuade Robeson to come to Trinidad to do some electioneering for them before the general elections. This may be merely one of the many unfounded political rumours which are circulating as the prospective candidates are manoeuvering for positions; but I think it is very much one of which we should take notice in order that we may concert a plan of defence in advance in case it should become a reality. I draw attention to paragraph 5 of Sir John Shaw's saving telegram quoted.

The difficulty is that, as you know, American citizens do not require a visa to visit this Colony. Section 4 (4) of the Immigration (Restriction) Ordinance Chapter 20 No. 2 reads as follows:-

"Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance the Governor may in his absolute discretion prohibit the entry of any alien into the Colony".

We could therefore refuse him permission to land but such refusal after he had already come here might lead to a public outcry in view of his great popularity. If the necessity ever arose, I should very much prefer to prevent him embarking from the United States.

I have thought it best to discuss the possibility in strict confidence with the American Consul General to find out whether the U.S. Authorities could help us prevent him coming, or at least give adequate warning of his approach so that we could tell him that he would not be allowed to land before he started.

If you have any ideas or comments I shall be very glad to receive them.

Yours ever,

(Sgd.) P. Renison.

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Robeson Talk Cancelled

Because of an "influx of protests" the National Broadcasting Company has cancelled the appearance of Paul Robeson on Mrs. Roosevelt's weekly television programme next Sunday. He was to have joined in a discussion on "The position of the Negro in American political life." There were disorders at two concerts by Robeson in New York State last year. He is an avowed Russian sympathiser.

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PAUL ROBESON DENOUNCES VISAS BAN

PAUL ROBESON, famous Neg o Press the U.S. State Department's refusal to grant entrance visas to delegates from the World Peace Congress into the county.

This action he declared, was aimed "against the overwhelming majority of Americans and people throughout the world who support the cause of peace.

"Is our State Department afraid of peace?" he asks.

VIOLATES BASIC RIGHTS

The American Union of Civil Liberties has also protested against the State Department's ban on the grounds that this violates the basic rights of freedom of speech and information.

and the 138 prominent Ameri-cans who compose the Welcome Committee for the World Peace De egation joined have voices in the protest.

VIA AIR MAIL AIR LETTER PAR AVION Mr. Baron Mose Peoples Press Poty Society

Mr. Baron Moss People's Press Printing Society Ltd. 75 Parringdon Road London, E. C. 1 England

Dear *r. Moss:

I am sorry to be delayed in replying to your letter of February 15. Wr. Robesom has been out of town and I have only just been able to show him your letter and to get his consent to reproduce as many copies of his recording as you want to make.

He is very happy to grant your request. I am most glad to know that your meeting at Harringay was such a success. Mr. Robeson deeply regrets that he could not be there to celebrate with you.

The address of People's Artists is: 13 Agtor Place New York, New York.

I called them this morning and they will be in touch with you.

May I add that I deeply appreciate your very fine letter and especially your thanks to me although I feel that my role was a very small one.

Sincerely,

Louise 1. Patterson Council on African Affairs 23 West 26th Street

New York, 10, New York

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Extract from S.B. Report re the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the 'Daily Worker' held at the Harringay Arena on 12.2.50. ment ROBESON.

Paul ROHESON, who had been advertised as a speaker, was not present and a gramophone record of his speech which had been sent from America specially for this event, was played to the gathering. It contained excerpts from speeches made by the late President Roosevelt, Wendell Wilkie, Henry Wallace and Senator Taft, to illustrate the falseness of statements that Russia was a warmongering mation and to emphasise the need for unity of the common people in the World fight for peace. The recording was interspersed by ROBESON and a choir dealing with the brotherhood of man and the struggle of the workers for peace and prosperity.

ROBESON's voice then went on to say that the Negro population of America had seen precious little of the good things of life and he compared them with the dock workers in Britain.

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But now, he said, a new era of abundance had arrived for which millions · of workers in the past had died in order that it might be conserved for their class. Fascism had been destroyed and the workers were not going to be cheated by its revival in any form and it must remain in the dust to which it belonged. The essence of the struggle was the fight for peace, independence, and freedom from oppression. In the past there were more important dates such as the revolt of Martin Luther against the Church, and the liberation of the American negroes in 1863. Now the stage was set for another step forward and an important development was the entry of the worker to the fields of art and culture. The language of Shakespeare was the language of the people and all great artists had an affinity with the masses rather than an appeal to the limited few. ROBESON said that the people must struggle for what rightly belonged to them. He derided the myth of the Soviet threat to peace, deplored the mass hysteria against communism and said that the policy to be aimed at was one of the World at peace.

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Extract from S.L.O. Australia report re Nancy WIIIS @ MACMIIIAN, who arrived at Melbourne on 26.12.49., mentioning Paul ROBESON.

of friendship and indeed intimacy with Paul ROBESON. On the voyage out she associated with Thomas KAISER.

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mentioning ROBESON

I was gled to get your letter with the information regarding ROBESON and your cancellation of the Circus Arens at Kelvin Hall.....

CUTTING FROM SDAMARY OF WORLD BROADCASTS, PT. IIA. 18.1.50. 18.4.50. 18.1.50.

A Progressive US Film: A Bratislava item (18.30, 5.1.50) amounced that the progressive US film "My Native Land", showing the stark truth of racial persecution in the USA, and with a preface by Paul Robeson, had its first night in Kosice on 4th January. The item described the acute disappointment of a pro-American bourgeois lady, who failed to enjoy the film.

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Put in PF44990 ROBESON BUCKLE

(Communist Party H.Q.)

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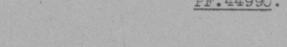
Woman rings on behalf of the Business Men's Forum and asks Reuben FALBER if he thinks Paul ROBESON would do a fixture(?) for them. Reuben says he is not in touch with him in that sense. They would have to get on to Paul. .She says he will not be over until the end of February. She was advised to get on to Dennis someone.

Reuben says it is Dennis BUCKLE. (Meaning Desmond BUCKLE. He gives BUCKLE's address.

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