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SECRET.

Temple Bar 2151. (Communist Party H.Q.)

Outgoing. 1.3.49.

Man at K.S. rings for Mr. ROBESON at
.... Hotel.

He is told ~~ROBESON~~ will be returning
there on Friday.

(2.50.)
68/299.

HATG
Bib.

~~W.M.~~

X-6/18/16
14/2/49

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DEPARTURE.

Copy of Card in Traffic Index.

Port of Disembarkation
abroad

Same

Name *ROBESON, Paul*

Age *9 4 99* Sex *M*

Names and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanying

Occupation *Actor*

Nationality *U S C*

Address in United Kingdom *Stafford Hotel, St. James St.*

I.O. Stamp No *2* Port *Stranraer* Date *1. 3. 49*

Description of passenger
and class travelled

Other information *PH: 58 303. joined Washington 8. 5. 49*

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~~B.I.A.~~

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B.B.C.

Be f base for ROBERTSON.

I attach for your information extracts from telephone checks on Temple Bar 3151 and Temple Bar 3009.

*In the respect to the former we may be send code 5
New can ite*

[Signature]

(I.C. Sanford)

I.P.I.
3.3.49.
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[Signature]

1/2/49

SECRET

Extract from telephone check on Temple Bar 2151 (Communist Party H.Q.) dated 14.2.49. Outgoing.

Jean says they are fixing up a tour for Dr. DADOO with the India League, and he is going to a lot of provincial Socs straight on to the convention. So he will be in these places all during the next week. She gives a list of where he will be :

Monday - Nottingham. Tuesday - Sheffield. Wednesday - Leeds. Thursday - Glasgow. Edinburgh over that weekend. Newcastle on 28th. From the 1st March onwards to end of that next week he will be around Manchester and Liverpool. He will be going to Birmingham later.

They are writing rounds to all these places to ask them to arrange meetings.

Extract from Telephone check on Temple Bar 3689 dated 21.2.49.

Kumar AGRAWAL rings and says that if DADOO comes on the later train it is going to upset all the arrangements (in Nottingham). Bridget says she will try and change the appointment with ROBESON and let Kumar know.

Bridget rings Paul ROBESON and asks if she and DADOO could come and see him earlier than 2 p.m. He tells her to 'come right along now'. ROBESON is staying at the Stafford Hotel, St. James Place.

Stanley FORMAN, the General Secretary of the British Soviet Society, rings and says he has just returned from Bulgaria and some of friends of DADOO's there have given FORMAN a present for him. Bridget says that DADOO is in the Provinces at the moment, but will be back on the 5th March. FORMAN says he will ring the League on Monday the 7th, as he also has some news for DADOO. Bridget says that DADOO will be here till the end of March anyway.

SILVERMAN rings and Bridget tells that she lunched today with ROBESON, who has agreed to open the meeting at the end of the month to wind up the affair, (meeting on the 25th March).

Bridget has booked the Friends House Hall for the 25th March. Menon thinks that the bulk of DADOO's programme in Manchester is all "my eye".

Extract from telephone check on Temple Bar 3689 dated 24.2.49.

Bridget rings Paul ROBESON and says she has had a word with Desmond and Krishna and they are all willing to fall in with whatever ROBESON wishes. Bridget says she will approach the League of Coloured People. ROBESON doubts whether the League of Coloured People would be right, but some of the West Africans should be included. Would Bridget arrange it all with Desmond as he is going away for a few days.

MENON rings to ask Bridget if she contacted ROBESON. Bridget repeats her conversation. MENON tells Bridget to tell Desmond to come and see him at India House.

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Extract from telephone check on Temple Bar 3689 dated 26.2.49.

Cassim rings Bobby NAIDU and tells him about the Delegates Conference which ROBESON has consented to open. They want to make it the biggest thing of its kind ever held in this country, over 1,000 organisations they hope will be represented. Cassim tells Bobby that there will be a tremendous amount of work to do for the Conference and they want a collection of S. Africans to come to the League and write envelopes, etc. Bobby says that he will do the best he can and anyway Cassim can count on him.

Extract on Telephone check on Temple Bar 3689 dated 28.2.49.

Michael Scott then speaks to Marjorie NICHOLSON and asks her if she is coming on the deputation. Marjorie says that as she is only a subordinate, Rita HINDEN and Frank HORABIN are going. Marjorie asks SCOTT if he has got LINDSAY. SCOTT says he cannot quite remember who is coming. SCOTT says that he went along to the House and saw DRIBERG and SORENSEN, who are going to put some questions, but in the meantime the people in Basutoland are getting beheaded. SCOTT's deputation is going to see Noel BAKER on Thursday.

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3/4/49 - 1/1/50

Cutting from HOME OFFICE MONTHLY BULLETIN, Vol. 10, No. 46, March 1949, pp. 46.

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10. INDIA LEAGUE (Previous reference - see Home Office Monthly Bulletin No. 40)

The South Africa Committee of the League held a meeting on the subject of racial oppression in South Africa, at Friends House, Euston Road, N.W.1. on 25th March, attended by 2,000 people; a further 2,000 people were unable to gain admittance.

The speakers were: Julius SILVERMAN, M.P. (Chairman) J.S. MAMIK, Rev. Michael SCOTT, Marjorie NICHOLSON, Dr. Jusuf DADOO (South Africa) and Paul ROBESON. A resolution was passed expressing horror at the brutal race suppression exercised by the present Government in South Africa on nine million African, Indian and coloured peoples, and calling on the people of Great Britain to protest against such fascist principles.

The popularity of the meeting was due to a large extent to the attraction of ROBESON who sang a number of revolutionary songs. In an impromptu speech he announced that he and his son were communists, and had dedicated their lives to the emancipation of the coloured peoples of the world.

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SECRET

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

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To: Director-General of the Security Service,
(Attention of B.1.b),
Box No.500, Parliament Street
London, S.W.1.

ENCL. [redacted]

Oct 21 1949
B.B./R.B. [redacted]
REF. P.L.H.9.9.12

Subject:

Paul ROBESON
See L. 4/26/2

The F.B.I. have been informed that Paul ROBESON intended to leave the United States via the "Queen Mary" for Southampton on February 11th, 1949, and that he will appear before the British Battalion of the International Brigade in London on an unspecified date. Thereafter his itinerary includes visits to Paris and probably Bucharest. He is due to return to the United States about the end of March.

The purpose of ROBESON's visit to Europe is not known, but in the past he is known to have engaged in political activities during his tours and he is, of course, known to have been active in Communist circles for many years. In view of his intended appearance before the International Brigade which fought in Spain, it seems more than likely that this tour will follow the usual pattern.

We should be grateful if you would let us have any information on ROBESON's activities while he is in England.

February 18th, 1949

R. Thistlethwaite
R. Thistlethwaite

AS
[Handwritten initials and signatures]

ARRIVAL

Copy of Card in Traffic Index

Port of Embarkation abroad New York

Name ROBESON

Paul

Date of Birth 7. 4. 98 Sex M

and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanying

Occupation concert Artist

Nationality USA

Place of birth USA.

Residential address in United Kingdom of Harold
Fielding . Fielding House
Staysmarket
London

Stamp No. 22 Port Bournemouth

17. 2. 49

Category of passenger
and class travelled M L

Information Pft: 58303 issued
Washington D.C. 8.5.47

MOL permit No 70751
landed 3 months back \$114

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Temple Bar 2151. (Communist Party H.Q.)

Outgoing. 18.2.49.

K.S. rings Manchester, and speaks to Bill WARD about his call to Maud (ROGERSON) earlier in the day. Maud has gone to Leeds for the weekend. Bill says they have been trying to get in touch with Paul ROBESON. They wrote to him in New York asking him to do a meeting for the New International Society in Manchester. Now they find that he has already arrived, and the letter went off only two days ago. Bill wants to know if they can get hold of him urgently to find out what his arrangements are.

K.S. says Desmond BUCKLE is in touch with ROBESON. Desmond was in K.S. in the last couple of days. ROBESON cannot do any meeting until after his concerts are finished. She advises him to get in touch with Desmond at 27, Charlwood Street, S.W.1.

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~~H.M.G~~
~~B.G. / ma~~

~~1/18/49~~
18/2/49

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Extract for FF.42990
Paul ROBESON

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Extract from Telecheck on Temple Bar 9228
Dorothy WOODMAN for 21.2.49
Received 22.2.49

I/c call Mrs. WOOD to Dorothy WOODMAN.

.....DOROTHY asked if Mrs. WOOD would be in London next week because she would like to see her, but the difficulty was that unexpected visitors came up and then demand much of her time. It had been John COAST for the last three weeks.....and now it would be Paul ROBESON to whom she would have to give a lot of her time.....

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23.2.49

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2/3/49

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SECRET.

Temple Bar 2151. (Communist Party H.Q.)

Incoming. 16.2.49.

Jack BRENT (indistinct) rings Maud
ROGERSON and asks if she knows that
~~Paul ROBESON~~ is arriving tomorrow on
the Queen Mary.

She does know.

Jack says he arrives at Victoria at
about five.

Maud thinks someone is meeting him.

Jack asks if there is going to be any
kind of demonstration with a few people
or anything.

She thinks it unlikely, because she does
not think he wants it.

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BRS / HLO
ROBERSON

~~Handwritten signature~~

Handwritten notes: 15/3/49

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or File No.: P.F. 44,990 Name: ROBESON Paul
 n File No.: P.F. 84,466 Serial: 15a Receipt Date: 15.1.49
 Original from: British Embassy, Washington Under Ref. W.1001. Dated: 9.1.49
 Extracted on: 22.6.49 by: IAT Section: R.4.

Extract from report from British Embassy, Washington, re the CHAMBERS/
 HISS "Communist spy case", giving details of the Witnesses, mentioning
 Paul ROBESON.

.....
 As I have already informed B. J. C. Max YERGAN, formerly of the Council of
 African Affairs, has given testimony before the Grand Jury. He told repor-
 ters that, in 1946, on the recommendation of Paul ROBESON, he appointed a
 sister-in-law of either Alger or Mrs HISS to a position on the Council of
 African Affairs.

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tract for File No. : P.F. 44,990 Name : ROBESON
ginal in File No. : O.P. 33/4 Serial : 148a Receipt Date : 11.11.49
Original from : BEM WASHINGTON Under Ref. : W.897 Dated : 4.11.49
Extracted on : 14.1.49 by : e.e.t. Section : R.4.

The attached papers are copies of enclosures
sent by BEM Washington under a covering letter
re COUNCIL on AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

Handwritten signature
17.1.49

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Copied 12.1.49. DMB

For: P.F. 44,990 ROBESON

Original filed in: O.F. 33/4 Serial 148a

e.e.t. R.4. 12.1.49.

Mr. Sabben-Clare.

See 11/11/49

The attached letter from the Council on African Affairs has recently been sent to subscribers to the Council's news bulletin, "New Africa". Accounts of the struggle between Dr. Max YERGAN and Paul ROBESON have appeared from time to time in the press, but you may care to have the following summary:

The Council on African Affairs has recently been split wide open by a feud between its pro-Communist and anti-Communist leaders. The latter supported YERGAN, the former ROBESON. The YERGAN faction decided to split from the Communists because they refused to allow YERGAN to dismiss Doxey WILKERSON, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the U.S.A., who had been employed by YERGAN on the New York Negro newspaper, "People's Voice" (which, like its owner, is now in financial straits). After his break with his Communist colleagues, YERGAN tried to retain control of the Council and on at least one occasion his attempt to do so led to the use of physical violence against the Communists. This in turn resulted in the latter bringing a law suit against YERGAN.

On October 6th, 1948, YERGAN addressed a letter to his supporters on the Council in which he stated that the suit had been settled and that he no longer had any connection with the Council. In referring to his opponents he frequently - and quite correctly - used the terms "Communist-led element" and "Communist element". He maintained that it was the Communist aim either to control the Council or to wreck it regardless of the interests of Africa for which it had been established.

With the withdrawal of YERGAN, the Council is now completely dominated by the Communists. The following letter which they have recently sent to subscribers of "New Africa" gives a good idea of their policy:

COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS, Incorporated.
23 West 26th Street, New York 10, N.Y.

✓ Paul ROBESON ✓ W.E. DUBOIS ✓ Estelle M. OSBORNE ✓ W.A. HUNTON ✓
Chairman Vice-Chairman Treasurer Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, September 28, 1948

COUNCIL URGES JUST AND PROMPT
DECISION ON ITALIAN COLONIES

New York-- The Council on African Affairs today circulated to leaders and organizations throughout the country, requesting endorsement, copies of a petition urging that "the United States Delegation to the United Nations, in dealing with the question of the former Italian colonies, remember that Africa belongs to the Africans, and that the paramount considerations should be the needs and aspirations of the peoples of Libya, Eritrea, and Somaliland".

The petition called for prompt action on this question at the current U.N. General Assembly Meeting in Paris; U.S. support for the plan of "a truly international administration directly responsible to the United Nations" as originally proposed in 1945 by then Secretary of State Byrnes and now endorsed, with minor modifications, by the Soviet Union; and the return of all Eritrea, if not also Italian Somaliland, to Ethiopia - but to an Ethiopia free of British, American, or other foreign domination.

The Council's statement criticized the backing now given by the U.S. government to British proposals which would, if adopted, enlarge that country's, and incidentally America's, sphere of control in North and East Africa. It is also urged the immediate withdrawal of British military forces in these areas.

The decision to seek public support of this petition was made at the semi-annual membership meeting of the Council on African Affairs held in New York on September 17, with the Chairman, Paul ROBESON, presiding.

At that meeting it was also agreed to send a letter to the N.A.A.C.P. National Board requesting reconsideration of "its ill-advised action in severing the tenure of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, and a communication to the State Department demanding a 'frank and unevasive apology' for the insult to the Minister of Ethiopia, Ras H.S. Isru, at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., when he and his party were asked to move from their assigned box seats to another section 'reserved for his race'."

The Council to date has received no reply or acknowledgment of its letter to the State Department. A copy sent the Minister of Ethiopia, however, brought his prompt response that he was "very much appreciative" of the Council's expression on this matter.

November 3rd, 1948

R. Thistlethwaite

COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS, Inc.

23 WEST 26TH STREET • NEW YORK 10, NEW YORK • MURRAY HILL 3-7622

ROBESON, Chairman

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W. E. B. DU BOIS, Vice Chairman

ESTELLE M. OSBORNE, Treasurer

W. A. HUNTON, Secretary

October 7, 1948

Dear Friend:

The Council on African Affairs wishes to announce that Max Yergan is no longer associated with the organization in any capacity.

The long disruption of the Council's work is ended. The office is again open and functioning, under the direction of Dr. Hunton. And every effort is being made to carry forward the organization's work with maximum speed and efficiency.

We wish you to understand that since last February and up until last week the present officers of the Council were unable to secure access to the records of the organization and mail addressed to it. If your communications to the Council during that period have remained unanswered or been returned, please accept our apology and regret. If you have sent a subscription or contribution to the Council and received no acknowledgment or receipt, please let us know at once, giving date and form in which it was sent and to whom addressed.

As soon as possible, we plan to resume publication of the monthly news bulletin, NEW AFRICA, the last issue of which appeared January, 1948. If you are a subscriber to that publication, your subscription will be extended to cover the number of issues, as published, still due you. Meanwhile, you will receive releases and other material issued by the Council.

Africa looms large today in Anglo-American military strategy, in the economic programs of the Western-European powers, and in the eyes of American Big Business looking for new worlds to conquer.

The scope of the Council's work, the number of people it can reach with its information and program of action for African freedom, depends upon the extent to which you and other friends of the organization rally to its support NOW, for we are faced with heavy financial burdens resulting from the litigation and other obligations unfortunately incurred in saving the Council and keeping its objectives uncompromised. It is necessary to clear up these debts quickly and equip the Council so that it can expand its functions. With your help we can do this and push ahead without delay to the big tasks awaiting the Council.

The cry of the people for freedom in Africa, Asia and elsewhere, including in our own Southern United States, cannot be smothered or stilled. It becomes ever more insistent. It must be answered. It must be answered by the progressive forces here in America.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul Robeson

PAUL ROBESON, Chairman

W. A. Hunton
W. A. HUNTON, Secretary

~~SECRET~~

TELEGRAM (SAVING)

DUPLICATE

From: ~~COLONIAL SECRETARIAT~~ Governor, Trinidad.

No. 73

To: British Embassy Washington

Repeated to Secretary of State

No. 1104

Governor Jamaica

No. 205

Governor British Guiana

No. 206

G.P., TR/TO-10470-5M-848

10 December 1947

~~SECRET~~

Addressed British Embassy Washington saving no. 73, repeated saving no. 1104 to Secretary of State and Governors Jamaica and British Guiana saving no. 206.

Your top secret telegram no. 60 of November 19.

1. Paul Robeson visited Trinidad last week. He left for Jamaica on November 23.
2. The visit was sponsored by a local self-styled impresario named Gilman Thomas who enjoys the reputation of a "smart" business man. Robeson gave two subscription concerts in a Port-of-Spain cinema. His share of the proceeds was reported to be \$4,000. The seats ranged from \$4 to \$10 each. I attended the first concert (\$10 a seat!). The proceedings started half-an-hour late for which Mr. Thomas apologized to me. A number of the most expensive seats was empty.

The acoustics of the hall were bad enough to blanket even Robeson's magnificent voice and a noisy milling crowd outside, anxious to hear the great artist without paying, did not improve matters. The programme was very long and Robeson gave about 12 encores at the end. Only a singer of his physique and capacity could have sustained such an ordeal. God Save The King was played when I arrived at the end of the performance. On the second occasion Robeson's own accompanist played it.

Robeson made a short speech from the stage, thanking the audience for their reception of him. He said nothing of political significance but was complimentary about Trinidad. No doubt unintentionally he even made it seem, by implication, that there was something to be said for British rule for he spoke of the freedom enjoyed by coloured people here which gave him a new sense of dignity. This was a theme that he played upon more than once during his visit and, if there was any significance in it at all, the inference seemed to be that in this respect Trinidad compared favourably with the United States.

Robeson took liberties with one or two lines of "Ole Man River" which might have had a faintly political flavour, but if I had not had my ears pricked for communistic sentiments, I should not have noticed this.

3. The coloured population went mad about Robeson - not unnaturally, for he is undoubtedly a great artist and a commanding personality. I did not meet him in person: I intended, if he had signed my visitors' book, to ask him to lunch, but he omitted that trifling formality. He was feted everywhere, dined and wined, given civic receptions by the Municipalities of Port-of-Spain and San Fernando, and so on. He made several impromptu speeches such as the lines recorded above. On the Saturday night he gave an open-air recital (free) in Woodford Square Port-of-Spain. This is said to have been arranged by the Hon. Victor Bryan M.L.C. 10,000 people were estimated to be present and Robeson was mobbed with enthusiasm. He had difficulty with police assistance, to get to and from the rostrum. No political speeches were made.

4. Robeson departed vowing eternal admiration of and friendship for Trinidad. He said he would return again and again and bring his family with him.

5. This visit was harmless enough, politically speaking. Robeson's conduct and behaviour seem to have been quite correct. He restricted himself to his artistic activities. What would happen if on any future occasion he elected to sponsor and lead in Trinidad a political crusade in the communist interest I should not like to say! He would only have to lead off by singing a few hymns and negro spirituals, "Ole Man River", etc., and the rest would be nobody's business.

Authorized by: H. E.

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BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

W.940

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To: Director-General of the Security Service,
(Attention of B.3.b),
Box No.500, Parliament Street B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

Subject:

not known
Paul ROBESON
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Further to my W.930 of November 22nd 1948, we have now been informed by the F.B.I. that Representative Adam Clayton POWELL and his wife Hazel SCOTT are believed either to be in Trinidad or to intend to go there soon, and that while there they will contact Paul ROBESON. The reason for POWELL's trip is not known.

POWELL is Representative in the House for Harlem, and both he and his wife are Negroes. She is a well-known coloured singer. While he could not be classed as a Communist, he is undoubtedly a left-wing progressive and is more likely to vote for Marcantonio than against. I am not informing the Governor of Trinidad of his visit because he will almost certainly be aware of this as soon as it transpires and also because POWELL is a well-known member of Congress who should not necessarily be treated as a security case.

November 30th, 1948

R. Thistlethwaite

R. Thistlethwaite

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MM 7 DEC 1948

TO *B3B-1/11*

REF *PE 44995*

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BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

W.930

730

To: Director-General of the Security Service,
(Attention of B.3.b),
Box No.500, Parliament Street B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

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Subject: Paul ROBESON.

Please refer to your telegram DS/6060/48 dated
November 13th, 1948.

You will by now have seen the telegram from this
Embassy to the Governors of Trinidad and Jamaica, repeated
to Colonial Office, Brief No.9 Saving, informing them of
ROBESON's visit to the West Indies and of his general back-
ground.

We have now heard that he is friendly with several
Communist leaders in Cuba, including a Communist member
(name unknown) of the Cuban Senate; and it is therefore
possible that he will approach these friends if he visits
Havana. The F.B.I. also think it probable that he will
contact the leaders of the People's National Party and of
the Trade Union Movement in Jamaica, including Kenneth HILL
and Richard HART, both of whom are well known to you.

R. Thistlethwaite

November 22nd, 1948

R. Thistlethwaite

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SECRET TELEGRAM FOR DESPATCH IN CIPHER/CLEAR

P.A. in Paul ROBESON'S file

(Copy for FF. - ROBESON)

To: WASHINGTON Office File No. OF 334 Section of Origin B. 30/DEAN
(copy checked w OF 334)
Date 12th November, 1948 Signed NAH

Copy to.....

Reference your letter No. W. 897 of 4. 11. 48
~~OF 334~~

1. Colonial Office state Trinidad Guardian of 2.10.48 carried notice that Paul ROBESON would arrive in Colony on 24.11.48 and give two concerts in FORT OF SPAIN on November 24th and 26th.
2. Colonial Office imagine Paul ROBESON has been given necessary visa by Trinidad.
3. Please give details your W. 897 and other suitable background of Paul ROBESON to Governor of Trinidad if you think ROBESON is likely to undertake this journey.

6060/48
13.11.48

The text of this telegram is **Unparaphrased** and must not be distributed outside British Government Departments or Headquarters, or re-transmitted, even in cipher without being **Paraphrased**. Messages marked 'O.T.P.' need not be paraphrased.

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Extract for File No. P.F. 44990. Name: ROBESON.
 Original in File No. S.F. 411/U.S.A. v.17. Serial: 647a, Receipt Date: 6.10.48.
 Original from: S.I.S. report. Under Ref.: CX. 48550 Dated: 6.10.48.
R.5.C.1.
 Extracted on: 9.11.48. by: PJS Section: R.4.

Ext. from S.I.S. Periodic Summary of Communist and Allied Activities, U.S.A., mentioning ROBESON.

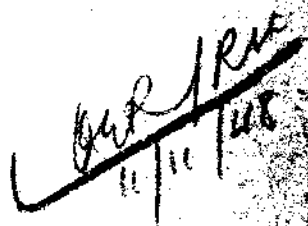
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Permanent Officers of the Progressive Party are:

.....

Co-Chairman-Paul ROBESON, Albert FITZGERALD.

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 A handwritten signature, possibly 'G. R. R.', is written over a date '11/10/48'.

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ract for File No.: PP 44990..... Name: ROBESON, Paul / ROBESON, Essie.....
 inal in File No.: OF 347..... Serial: 118..... Receipt Date:.....
 Original from: Int. cable re Intellectual..... Under Ref:..... Dated: 29.8.48.....
 Congress at Wroclaw.
 E sted on: 13.12.48..... by OER..... Section: R/a.....

EXTRACT FROM INT. CABLE FROM WARSAW TO DAILY WORKER, NEW YORK, RE INTELLECTUAL
CONGRESS AT WROCLAW, MENTIONING Paul ROBESON, AMERICAN TO BE NOMINATED
IN PERMANENT CTTEE.

Wroclaw Aug. 29. calling intellectuals everywhere to rally against war, great congress of culture ended here with proposal that 'National committees for peace be formed everywhere and international ties between men of culture of all countries be strengthened in the interests of peace. Alexander FADIEYEFF closed Saturday night session with expressions of optimism and emphasis on hard work to be done.

Delegates speeded by overnight trains to Warsaw where they are being feted by Polish Premier, Josef CYRANKIEWICZ, and shown ruins of incredibly renescent Warsaw.

Permanent bureau elected to plan future work with seat at Paris. Howard PAST, Paul ROBESON, among Americans to join with additional Americans yet to be nominated in permanent committee which includes among others: Martin Andersen NEXOE, venerable Danish author; Louis ARAGON, and Mme Irene Joliot CURIE of France; the Congress organiser and Polish leader, Jerzy BOREJSZA; J.G. CROWTHER, of Great Britain, Jorge AMADO of Brazil,

PADIKYEFF and Piotr WEDOSYEFF Of the Soviet Union; Pablo NERUDA of Chile, Emilio SERANI of Italy.

During sessions vast congress of Polish women heard women delegates among them Madame Eugenie COTTON of the World Federation of Democratic Women and Ella WINTER of the Progressive Party of America

In anal? afternoon thirty thousand workers of Wroclaw crowded vast hippodrome to see delegates with NIKOJ, the Soviet writer Leonid LEONOV, and Dean of Canterbury making moving appeals for world front of progressive forces against war.

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SECRET

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16th July 1948.

PF.44990/B3b/DIAH

Dear Sir Marston,

Would you please refer to your letter 12/94076/1/48 of 13th July, enclosing a copy of a telegram from Jamaica concerning Mr. Paul ROBESON's proposed visit.

On the information at present available to us we would not at the present time recommend the refusal of a visa for Mr. ROBESON if he were seeking to visit the United Kingdom for a similar purpose.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Marston Logan,
K.B.E., C.M.G.,
Colonial Office.

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(Cleared with B.1.B)

7/11/48

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Dear Courtenay-Young,

I enclose a copy of a telegram received from the Acting Governor, Jamaica and should be glad of any comments you may wish to make on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Logan

(Sir M. Logan)

14 JUL 1948

To

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COURTENAY YOUNG, ESQ.

13 JUL 1948

Catalogue Reference:KV/2/829

INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM JAMAICA (Acting Governor)

D. 6th July, 1948.

R. 7th " " 07.00 hrs.

No. 625 Secret.

PF 44990.

~~Paul Robeson~~ has arranged to give a series of concerts here in November. In view of reported professed communist sympathies of person named it will be necessary to consult Executive Council on the question whether he should be allowed to enter Jamaica and it may well be that there will be strong opposition on the part of Elected Members to grant permission and that it would greatly assist me in presenting this matter to the Council if I might be informed whether he would be permitted to visit the United Kingdom for a similar purpose. Person named has confirmed through his agents "that this visit to Jamaica will be for the purpose of giving these concerts only".

2. My own view, on information available to me, is that it would not (repeat not) be desirable to refuse permission.

3. Grateful for very early reply.

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Manchester Guardian

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PAUL ROBESON'S STAND

Mundt Bill Opposed

WASHINGTON, MAY 31.

Mr. Paul Robeson, the Negro singer, to-day appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee along with several other witnesses to oppose the anti-Communist Mundt-Nixon Bill. He was asked by Senator Homer Ferguson (Republican) whether he was a member of the American Communist party. "Nineteen leading Americans are going to gaol for refusal to answer that question and if necessary I will join them," Mr. Robeson replied. At this there was an outburst of applause and some hissing from the spectators. He said that he would not say whether he was an American Communist because the question was an "invasion of my right to secret ballot."

There was some applause from the audience when he said the bill was "a Fascist act" which he would not obey. Mr. Robeson said his son went to school in Russia and found complete freedom from racial prejudices. In Russia he himself "walked the earth for the first time with complete dignity." When Senator Ferguson asked if United States Communists gave their allegiance to Russia he replied, "They do not have as much allegiance to Russia as some Americans to Fascist Greece." His father was a slave in South Carolina, and he told Senator E. H. Moore (Republican) that people had "infinitely more" opportunity in Russia than he would have in Mississippi. There had not been as many people "liquidated in Russia as in American slavery."

Senator Ferguson told reporters afterwards that the committee would decide later whether to start action for contempt against Mr. Robeson. The chairman, Senator Wiley (Republican) thought it doubtful that the committee would, but Senator Moore said, "Robeson seems to want to be made a martyr. Maybe we ought to make him one."—Reuter.

Copy for P.F.44990 (Paul ROBESON) ✓

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SECRET

S.P.411/Norway/B1b/MJEB

3rd May 1948.

Dear

Knut WILLOCH, writing to the British Communist Party on 17th April 1948, on behalf of the Norwegian Communist Party, Oslo and Akershus district, stated that as a result of the action taken by the Social-Democrats in the Norwegian Government in speeding up the fight against the Communist Party and "true Socialists", including the issue of slogans for the 1st May, the Communist Party had been forced to hold, together with some Trade Unions, a rival demonstration. Their chief slogan, which was to be adopted at a general meeting, would be: "Unity of the Working Class and the whole people for national freedom, peace, and a people's democracy".

WILLOCH stated that the Oslo Communists had learnt of Paul ROBESON's presence in the United Kingdom and were anxious for him to visit Oslo and address a meeting, preferably on May Day. The British C.P. was asked to contact him on their behalf.

We have been unable to confirm that ROBESON is now in England.

Yours sincerely,

L. J. E. Bagot.
M. J. E. Bagot.

S.I.S.

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Extract for File No. P.F.44990 Name: ROBESON Paul
 Serial in File No. S.F.411/Norway v.3. Serial: 160a. Receipt Date: 20.4.48.
 Original from Int.letter Under Ref. : Dated: 17.4.48.
 Extracted on 27.4.48. by: HESI Section: R.4.

Extract from int.letter from Communist Party Oslo, to C.P. King St. mentioning Paul ROBESON.

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As we have learned that Mr. Paul ROBESON at present is visiting the U.K. we would find it of very great political importance, not only for us in Norway, but from an international political point of view, if he could come to Oslo and make a speech here for the meeting which will be held in connection with the united demonstration on May 1st. If it is not possible for Mr. ROBESON to speak at May 1st, it would of course also be very important if he could speak another day. We can in any case guarantee at least 25 000 peoples at a out of door meeting, and we hope a good deal more. We ask you to get in connection with him for us and at the same time to help us to get a direct contact with him, and we hope to hear from you within a few days.

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P.F. 44990 ROBESON Paul

Cross reference to Letter to S.I.S. From B.I.d.
Copy of original filed in L339/66 Serial 72a

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Ref L339/66/B.I.d./PH.

19th December 1947.

The following information has been forwarded to S.I.S. re AMMAN and ROBESON in connection with the publication of a vernacular newspaper for Africans given by S.L.O. East Africa at Serial 64a.

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act for File No. PF 44,990 Name: ROBESON Paul
 inal in File No. L339/66 Serial: 67a Receipt Date: 5.12.47
 Original from: S.L.O. East Africa Under Ref. PF 15(48) Dated: 28.11.47.
Letter.
 Extracted on: 1.1.48. by: BS Section: R4.

Extract from S.L.O. East Africa letter re Horst AMMAN mentioning ROBESON.

You may be interested to know that AMMAN left the Colony on 26th November for Switzerland where he proposes to stay for six months at least.

Prior to his departure AMMAN stated his interest in the possibility of importing goods into E.Africa from the British Zone of Germany which he proposes to visit. You may therefore feel it worth while to pass a note on his history to Intelligence Division.

AMMAN is also said to have been in correspondence recently with Paul ROBESON in connexion with publications of a vernacular newspaper ~~newspaper~~ for Africans. Although £100,000 is considered to be necessary for this purpose, AMMAN contends that "money is no obstacle". On the other hand in view of AMMAN's failure in the past six months, to keep his job with another publishing concern I have some doubts concerning the likelihood of this project ever materialising. The fact however, that ROBESON has established yet another contact with influential Africans (notably Jomo KENYATTA and Muchohi GIKONYO, African Municipal Counsellor) is not without interest.

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Copy for P.F.44990 ROBESON.

O.P.262/B.Jb.

7th August, 1947.

To: S.D.S.O.,
Caribbean Area.

From: Director-General.

We have received a letter from Thistlethwaite asking that he should be kept informed as fully as possible regarding any information which we may receive on the Caribbean Labour Congress to be held this month. The F.B.I. are interested in the possibility of there being delegates from Puerto Rico and the United States. They also gather that ROBESON has been invited (para. 6 of your CA/Sub/35(71) of 13.5.47. refers) as well as Florento TOLADANG.

I should be grateful, therefore, if you could send us as much material on the Congress as you can, so that we can keep Thistlethwaite fully briefed.

Sir Percy Sillitoe.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 44990 Name: Paul ROBESON.

Original in File No.: S.F. 411/Burma # 71a. Serial: 71a. Receipt Date:

Original from: D.G. S. S. to D. S. C. Burma. Under Ref.: S.F. 411/Burma/B. 3b Dated: 18th July, 1947.

Extracted on: 24th July, 1947. by: Mr. Sa. Section: B. 3b.

Please refer to yours SF.10/5/1 of 28.5.47.

You may be interested in the following notes regarding some of the contributors to the Rangoon Mirror.

.....
Paul ROBESON, American citizen.

Has been an enthusiastic admirer of the U.S.S.R. since he visited that country in January 1935. Is either a member of the Communist Party or a near Communist and has spent a considerable part of his time in Russia where he has had his son and daughter educated. He has been associated with a number of Left Wing movements and is secretary of the International Committee on African affairs, a Communist penetrated organisation.

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Fact for File No. P.F.44990 Name: ROBESON Paul

Serial in File No. S.F.411/Burma Serial: 650 Receipt Date: 5.6.47

Original from: D.S.C. Burma Under Ref: SF.10/5/1 Dated: 28.5.47

Extracted on: 24.7.47 by: M.S. Section: B.3b

Extract from letter from D.S.O. Burma re the "Rangoon Mirror" mentioning contributors including ROBESON, "Rangoon Mirror"

"About three months ago a new newspaper appeared known as the "Rangoon Mirror". It is an extreme left paper and enquiries were made to ascertain who was responsible for its production.

.....

3. External Connections.

Particulars of other contributors are on the list attached.

It seems therefore, probable from this list that the "Rangoon Mirror" is in touch with the Democratic and General News, London, and either through them or directly, with a considerable number of "left" writers.....

I would be grateful for any information you may have about the contributors and their connections as the paper suggests an interesting external link between Communists here, possibly the B.C.P. itself, and persons hitherto unknown to be interested in Burma.

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Contributors to the "Bangoon Mirror".

May.

Sunday 18th

Freelance Note. Book. What
do you know about Africa?

PAUL ROBESON.

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Report No.: P.F. 44990. Name: ROBESON, Paul.
 Serial in File No.: O.F. 33/4. Vol. 2. Serial: 105a. Receipt Date: 19.5.47.
 Original from: S.I.S. Report. Under Ref.: CX.48550 Dated: 17.5.47.
R.5.A.
 Extracted on: 2.6.47. by: M.K. Section: R.4.

Extract from S.I.S. Report re Report received from the U.S.A.

..... A report we have received from the U.S.A. states that on 25.4.47., a "People's Rally", sponsored by the Council of African Affairs and organised by Paul ROBESON, was held in New York. Its slogans were "Rally against Imperialism - for Colonial Freedom through a strong United Nations" and "United Nations for Colonial Freedom".....

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February 10, 1947.

Dear Sir Percy:

PF 44990 over file

Re: Mrs. Eslanda Goode ROBESON

On the 23rd ultimo, at the Canadian Legion Memorial Hall, Montreal, P.Q., the above-noted person addressed a gathering of some two hundred and fifty people under the auspices of "The Canadian West-Indian Progressive Student Centre". This organization was founded a little over one year ago for the purpose of maintaining liaison between visiting students and the local community and of stimulating interest in West Indian, African and Afro-American culture. It is exclusively a Negro Student organization.

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2. Mrs. ROBESON is the wife of Paul ROBESON, noted singer and American Communist. At the aforementioned meeting the subject of Mrs. ROBESON's address was "The Future of Africa". Introductory remarks described this lady as a scientist, author and lecturer. Specializing in anthropology she has studied at Columbia University, U.S.A., Cambridge, Malvern and London Universities, London and more recently studied at Hartford Seminary Foundation, Connecticut, U.S.A., receiving her Ph.D. in 1945.

3. On August 17, 1921, she married Paul ROBESON. It was stated she has travelled extensively in South Africa, Kenya, Uganda and the Congo. In 1936 she visited Africa to observe the peoples and countries which had been labelled "primitive" and "backward", but through difficulty encountered by Negroes to obtain visas to Africa, had cited her studies and desire for practical anthropological research as her reason to enter Africa. Her speech was one of so-called European exploitation of Africa and she clearly displayed an anti-Colonial attitude. While she did not directly condemn British policy it was apparent that most of her derogatory remarks were directed at British control of colonies in Africa. During the entire speech she read prepared notes but did not speak from her personal knowledge or observations.

4. She stated that Africa is now in the revolutionary stages and acquainted her listeners with the different divisions of the "dark continent". "European ruling is responsible for the territorial separations so that the ruling European countries could administer their regimes to their own profit and pleasure," she added. She pointed out that Russia, China and the Phillipines have spoken for the independence of the people of Africa. She cited the restricting laws which are inflicted upon the African people, specifically naming the "Land Laws, the Clerk Law and the Industrial Relations Act."

r Percy Sillitoe, C.B.E.,
Box 500, Parliament Street, B.O.,
LONDON. S.W.1. England.

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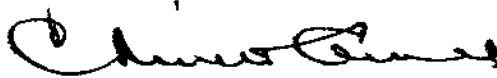
5. Mrs. ROBESON attacked the policy of Colonization, declaring European exploitation has reduced the population there. "Freedom has never been won without a struggle", she stated, referring to the unsuccessful revolt of the Africans to obtain their freedom. She pointed out that during the recent war, Central Africa had become an increasingly important land, in a strategical sense.

6. She harshly castigated the backward social conditions of colonization and interpreted colonization as "taking over by force and keeping by force" by the Colonial Powers, stating the minority rule the majority to their own profit and pleasure. She stated that colonization methods do not make sense as people everywhere are fighting for their common freedom. The fight for freedom seems to be a universal fight and the oppressed peoples will continue fighting until they achieve their freedom and colonization will be completely eradicated.

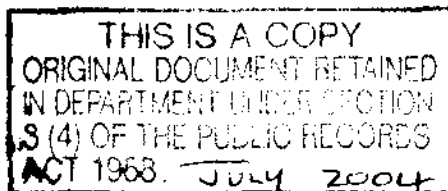
7. In reply to a question she stated French Equatorial Africa was the most prosperous economically. She stated she was glad to belong to the numerically superior "black" race, in case of trouble, stating the white race had ably taught the Arabs how to methodically exploit and regiment the black races.

8. This information is forwarded to you in the event that this person should come to your attention in the future.

Yours sincerely,



(C. E. Rivett-Carnac), Supt.,
for Commissioner.



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Police Headquarters,

Bathurst. Gambia.

1st August 1946.

Dear Sir Percy Sillitoe,

I thank you for your letter P.F.44990/B.3.C. of 24th July 1946 and the information regarding Mrs Easlanda Robeson.

Should she pay us a visit I will keep an eye on her activities and let you know if anything unusual occurs.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Superintendent of Police.

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P.F. 44990/B.3.c.

24th July 1946.

Dear Hill,

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Eslanda ROBESON, the wife of Paul ROBESON the singer, is reported to be considering paying a visit to the British West African Colonies. She is thought to be in the Belgian Congo at the moment.

Paul ROBESON is a member of the Communist Party which he joined secretly during one of his visits to Russia before the outbreak of war. Mrs. ROBESON is not thought to have taken a very active share in her husband's political activities, but she has been somewhat indiscreet during her stay in the Belgian Congo and we therefore thought it advisable to let you know of her proposed visit.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Capt. R.L.Hill,
Superintendent of Police,
Bathurst, Gambia.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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P.F.44990/B.3.c.

24th July 1946.

Dear Ward,

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Ealanda ROBESON, the wife of Paul ROBESON the singer, is reported to be considering paying a visit to the British West African Colonies. She is thought to be in the Belgian Congo at the moment.

Paul ROBESON is a member of the Communist Part which he joined secretly during one of his visits to Russia before the outbreak of war. Mrs. ROBESON is not thought to have taken a very active share in her husband's political activities, but she has been somewhat indiscreet during her stay in the Belgian Congo and we therefore thought it advisable to let you know of her proposed visit.

Yours sincerely,


Sir Percy Sillitoe.

C.H. Ward Esq, O.B.E.,
Commissioner of Police,
Police Headquarters,
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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P.F. 44990/B.3.c.

24th July 1946.

Dear Ballantine,

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Eslanda ROBESON, the wife of Paul ROBESON the singer, is reported to be considering paying a visit to the British West African Colonies. She is thought to be in the Belgian Congo at the moment.

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Yours sincerely,



Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Captain R.W.H. Ballantine,
Commissioner of Police,
Accra.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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P.F.44990/B.3.c.

24th July 1946.

Dear King,

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Gladys ROBESON, the wife of Paul ROBESON, the singer, is reported to be considering paying a visit to the British West African Colonies. She is thought to be in the Belgian Congo at the moment.

Paul ROBESON is a member of the Communist Party which he joined secretly during one of his visits to Russia before the outbreak of war. Mrs. ROBESON is not thought to have taken a very active share in her husband's political activities, but she has been somewhat indiscreet during her stay in the Belgian Congo and we therefore thought it advisable to let you know of her proposed visit.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Percy Sillitoe.

W.C.C.KING
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Esq., C.M.G.,
Commissioner of Police,
Lagos, Nigeria.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

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dated 11.7.46.

Dear Miss Bagot,

In case you have not seen it, the attached is the text of a letter sent by the British Consul General in LEOPOLDVILLE to the Director of Passport Control here.

Yours sincerely,

for H. A. R. Philby.

Miss M. J. E. Bagot,
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"I don't know whether you are aware of Mrs. Paul ROBESON's presence in the Congo. She arrived about ten days ago by air from the States and it is her intention to go to French Equatorial Africa, there to gather material and background for a film depicting the life and achievements of the late Governor, Ebove, who as you know was a native.

Mrs. Robeson is at present in Leopoldville and her remarks leave no doubt about her very advanced Leftist opinions and her determination to champion the negro cause at all costs. Her indiscretions have been numerous; her crowning one was the suggestion that the native in the Congo would only get a square deal when he was governed by one of his own kin!

What Mrs. Robeson's intentions are after she has finished her researches in French Equatorial Africa I do not know, but I have heard it rumoured that she wants to go to our West African Colonies.

I realise it may be impolite to stop her formally but I thought you might like to know that she is, in my opinion, potentially a dangerous customer and there is no doubt about the fact that she is, ideologically at least, advance Left in her views."

(dated 2nd June 1946)

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 Original in File No. O.F. 33/4 Serial: 85a Receipt Date: 21.6.46.
 Original from: American Embassy(London) Under Ref.: No. 2002 Dated:
Memorandum on African Affairs.
 Extracted on 4.7.46. by: H.C. Section: R.H.

Extract from memorandum fwd by American Embassy(London)
re recent meetings of the Council on African Affairs
held in New York.

COUNCIL on AFRICAN AFFAIRS

On June 6th 1946, at Madison Square, New York, the Council on African Affairs held an African Freedom Rally ostensibly to collect money for relief work in Africa.....

Paul ROBESON, a nationally known singer, quoted Molotov's statement at the San Francisco Conference that colonial countries should have independence and he asserted the Soviet Union had demonstrated how to wipe out colonialism. He stated the cry of materialists to stop Russia really means to stop the forces of the new democracy, and to suppress the Negro people.....

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t for File No.: PF 44990 Name: ROBESON
 d in File No.: OF 33/4 Serial: 31a Dated: 10.6.43
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: CX/22722/C.1./58
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 Extracted on: 6.7.43 by: HMH Section: R.4

Extract from report dated 31.5.43, forwarded by S.I.S. on 10.6.43.

Attached is a publication entitled "Africa in the War", written by Max Yorgan, and published by the Council on African Affairs.

Paul ROBESON is known to be rather gullible, and the fact he is merely chairman therefore means little. He is rather strongly anti-white and slightly anti-British as a result of a social insult sustained at the Savoy Hotel in London. He is a crank on the colour question.

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EXTRACT.

for File No.: RF 44990 Name: ROBESON.

in No.: O.F. 33/4 Serial: 29a Dated: 1.6.43

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Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: V.A.1.

Extracted on: 6.7.43 by: HMH Section: R.4.

Extract from report dated 21.5.43. from S.I.S. New York representative forwarded by S.I.S. on 31.5.43.

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"News of Africa", which is published by the Council, is edited by Freda NEUGEBAUER. An issue of this publication, dated October, 1942, emphasized the importance of Indian freedom, as a preliminary to the liberation of the African peoples, and reported a "Free India Rally", which was held under the auspices of the group in September, 1942. Dr Max YORGAN spoke on the 'meaning of India's freedom to Africa'. Other speakers were:Paul ROBESON, singer and actor;

From this rally, resolutions were sent to the President of the United States, the British Government, and the Indian National Congress Party calling for the opening of a second front now, and the establishment of an Indian National Government, as the most compelling issues which demand immediate action by the United Nations.

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act for File No.: P.F. 44990. Name: ROBESON, Paul.

inal in File No.: S.F. 411/Germany/4 Vol. 2. Serial: 51b. Dated: 6:7:42.

Original from: Under Ref.: EP.-629.

Extracted on: 30:7:42. by: F.W.C. Section: R.4.

FROM: Apartado 10214, Mexico, D.F.

TO: HOOVER LIBRARY ON WAR, REVOLUTION AND PEACE, Stanford University, Calif, E.U.

MATTER: Political. Date of letter: 7:5:42.

COMMENT.

Cover contains four copies of "FREIES DEUTSCHLAND", (Numbers 1 to 4 inclusive beginning Nov: 1941) a monthly magazine published in Mexico, D.F. APARTADO 10214. 32 pages per copy.

VON BROADWAY AUS GESEHEN by Alfred KANTOROWICZ.

Article reports that at one of the FREIES DEUTSCHLAND organization dinners held in New York, Oct: 1941, the following outstanding people were present: Lillian HELLMAN, Ernest HEMINGWAY, representative of "EXILED WRITERS" committee of the "LEAGUE of AMERICAN WRITERS", "UNITED AMERICAN-SPANISH AID COMMITTEE", Eric KNIGHT, Diana FORBES ROBERTSON, Emil LENGYEL, Edgar SNOW, Radio commentator, John STEEL, all of whom gave speeches. Paul ROBESON related in a touching manner the tribulations of internees in concentration camps, \$7,000 was collected for members of FRENCH concentration camps. SR.D. RAFAE DE LA COLINA, Mexican general consul, was one of the sponsors of this dinner.

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act for File No.: P.F. 44990 Name ROBESON, Paul

nal in File No.: S.F. 411/Gen/7 Serial: 6a, 7a, Dated: 5.6.42

Original from: S.I.S. dated 4.6.42 Under Ref.:

Extracted on: 17.8.42 by: ERD/RA Section:

Extract from report by S.I.S's

NEGRO ORGANISATIONS IN THE U.S.

.....
The Communist General policy is extremely attractive to all negro groups, and renders them very vulnerable to Communist infiltration or control. The chief centre of Pan-Negro activity in the U.S.A. is the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People Many of the N.A.A.C.P.'s subsidiary and associated groups are more definitely front organisations, the chief of these being the National Negro Congress Closely tied up with the Congress is the International Committee on African Affairs of which Paul ROBESON is the executive secretary ROBESON, if not actually a C.P. member is very close to C.P. circles, including BROWDER personally, and has spent a considerable time in Russia, where he sent his son to be educated. P.T.O.

This committee has recently received a considerable amount of publicity, and is to supplement its finances from the proceeds of mass meetings such as that mentioned when Paul ROBESON and Pearl BUCK were the star performers.....

NoteThe mass meeting mentioned was a rally of the International Committee on African Affairs at Manhattan Center in which Paul ROBESON, chairman, called for arming a billion Africans and other colonial people for the defeat of fascism..... and added that the freedom of the American people was bound up with the freedom not only of 15,000,000 coloured Americans but with the freedom of millions of other coloured peoples, and certainly of the 160,000,000 Africans who might stand between Hitler and Dakar, between Hitler and South America, between Hitler and New York. A cable from Sir Stafford Cripps in reply to ROBESON's appeal that African troops should be armed to the fullest extent followed.....

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