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PF.65,777/B.L.G./GROGAN

PF.1143.

To: **S.L.O. Trinidad.**

From: **Director General.**

Please refer to your PF.1143 of 11 April, 1961.  
We apologise for omitting the reference to the year  
of our previous letter; this was 1949.

I enclose two copies of the note on Paul ROBINSON.  
It does not seem to concern either you or S.L.O.,  
Jamaica very closely.

*- Cathlar*

for Director General.

10 APRIL, 1961.  
GROGAN/PN

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## EXTRACT.

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Cross reference from Int. letter from Secretariat du Conseil Mondial de la Paix, Paris, to Jessie STREET, Park West, Edgeware Road, London, W.2, eng. copy of Le Bulletin du Conseil Mondial de la Paix, to note that the following are members of delegation to from W.P.O. to the United Nations 1-

M. Pietro NENNI (Italy)

Mrs. S. DAVIES (Great Britain.)

M. Emmanuel d'ASTIER de la VIGORIE (France)

M. Pablo NESUDA. (Chile).

Mr. Paul MURPHY. (America).

Mrs. Jessie STREET, (Australia.)

Gabriel d'ARBOUSSIER (N. Africa.)

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OP.645/19/B.1.1/ N.H.

To: A.L.O. West Africa.

From: Director General.

You sent us under cover of your OP.22 dated 15 January, 1951, a letter written by Louis [redacted], in which a Reparatory Commission to organise the work of the Pan-African Trade Union Conference was mentioned. We now learn that, as might be expected, the Commission found difficulty in collecting names of organisations or individuals actually in Africa who could be approached for help and support. This difficulty may be gauged from the attached list of suggested contacts in the Gold Coast none of which appear of any importance.

We should be interested in knowing whether any of these organisations have come to your notice from the security aspect and whether the P.A.T.U. is likely to have any success in their dealings with them. It should perhaps be added that this list of names was given to the Commission by Desmond BUCKLE and that, therefore, these organisations are possibly in contact with the British Communist Party; though this is unlikely. It may also interest you to know that the suggestion has been put forward that Paul ROBESON, chairman of the Communist controlled Council on African Affairs, should be invited to open the Pan-African Trade Union Conference; the sponsors anticipate that the U.S. Government will refuse his permission to leave the country and that this could then be used for propaganda amongst the African masses.

*Arthur*

for Director General.

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PP.44990/B.1.b/P.MH.

To : G.T.D. Patterson, Esq.,  
British Embassy, Washington.

From : Director General.

We learn from source CHEST that Leonard BUCKLE, British Communist Party official and permanent member of their African committee, has suggested that Paul ROBESON might be invited to open the Pan-African Trade Union Conference which is due to take place this month in Duala in the French Cameroons.

In making this suggestion BUCKLE did not anticipate ROBESON being allowed to make the necessary journey (your PP.143 of 4 August, 1950, refers), but considered that a first-class propaganda issue could be made out of the refusal.

The holding of the Pan-African Trade Union Conference is an attempt by the W.F.T.U. to draw together the leaders of the African Trade Unions with a view to setting up an African Liaison Bureau on the lines of the Asian and Australasian one in Peking.

We have chosen to give you this information in this form as the proposal to send ROBESON is only tentative and the holding of the conference seems to be liable to postponement due to lack of support. As far as is known ROBESON himself has not been approached.

For Director General.

7 February, 1951.

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PF. 44990. ROBESON.

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Extract from an intercepted letter, statement and cutting from the "Daily Mirror", sent to Mr. T.F.McWHINNIE, W.F.T.U., 1, Rue Vernet, Paris, from Desmond BUCKLE, 57, Charlwood St., London, and mentioning ROBESON.

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Lastly, I am putting forward the suggestion - if, indeed, it has not been made already - that Paul ROBESON be invited to open the Pan-African T.U.Conference. If the U.S.Government refuses him permission to leave the country to attend the conference, as they will almost certainly do, then we shall have a first class issue for propaganda for arousing the African working masses.

With fraternal greetings and best wishes.....

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# ROBESON DEMANDS HIS PASSPORT

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

**PAUL ROBESON** has asked the Federal District Court here to order the State Department to stop preventing him from going abroad.

Mr. Robeson, who told the World Peace Committee in Paris last April that American Negroes would never go to war against Russia, informed the court yesterday that the Department cancelled his passport last July.

He asked that the Department be ordered to revoke the cancellation and cease any acts which would prevent his leaving the United States.

Mr. Robeson said he had derived his entire income for more than 25

years from singing and acting in this country and Europe.

To prevent him from making a projected concert and speaking tour abroad, he added, was to deprive him of a property right guaranteed by the Constitution.

Mr. Robeson was prevented by the cancellation of his passport from attending the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw. The Congress elected him on to the World Peace Council.

A leader of the peace movement in the United States, he is also a leader of the Negro peoples and is President of the Council on African Affairs—an organization which the U.S. Attorney-General has listed as "subversive."—Reuter.

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Extract from Int. letter from PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, to Desmond BUCKLE, mentioning Paul ROBESON.

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Paul and others here join me in sending their warmest greetings. Paul is, as you may know by the Press, doing a very magnificent job and is working at it almost 24 hours a day.

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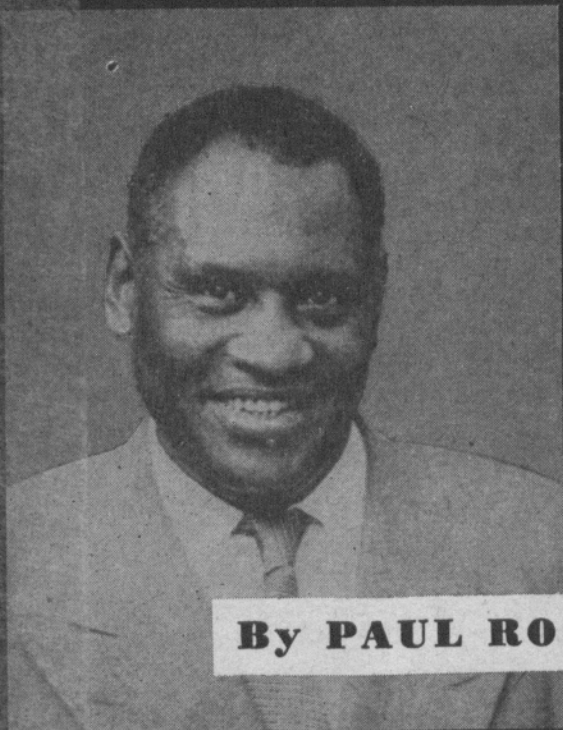
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ON THE EVE of Stalin Peace Prize awards in Moscow, singer Paul Robeson was to receive a £2,500 prize at a Chicago hotel. It was from the Warsaw "Peace" Congress. But now the hotel refuses to rent the hall to Robeson's friends.

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**By PAUL ROBESON**

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