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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBESON concert in 1950 in Los Angeles sponsored by JPFO, "California Eagle," and IPP. Subject's appearance in Los Angeles in May, 1951 sponsored by CRC. Subject's 1952 Los Angeles appearance sponsored by Los Angeles NLC, IPP and Hugh Gordon Bookshop. Subject was reported in attendance at six functions in Los Angeles from June 14 to 21, 1953, sponsored by Los Angeles NLC, Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and JPFO. Subject's public appearances generally confined to musical recitals but some pertinent remarks of subject set out.

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DETAILS:

All sources in this report designated by T symbols are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

The Los Angeles County Communist Party will be hereinafter referred to as the LACCP.

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I. SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1950

The "Daily People's World" (DPW) in its issue of April 3, 1950, contained an item which states in part: "PAUL ROBESON... will be brought to Los Angeles by the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) for its 20th anniversary celebration in Embassy Auditorium, May 6 (1950)."

The DPW is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

The JPFO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The California Eagle" in its issue of April 27, 1950, contains an item which states in part: "PAUL ROBESON ... will be presented in concert at Elks Temple, 4016 South Central Avenue, under the auspices of 'The California Eagle,' Friday, May 12 (1950)."

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The DPW in its issue of May 5, 1950 contained an announcement that subject would make three appearances in Los Angeles, sponsored twice by the JPFO and jointly by "The California Eagle" and "IPP."

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In [REDACTED] advised that ROBESON's appearances at the International Workers Order (IWO) Convention in Los

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Angeles on May 6 and 7, 1950 at the Embassy Auditorium and Park View Manor respectively, were "handled" by the LACCP.

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to [redacted] ROBESON was one of the main speakers at a meeting of the JPFO of the IWO at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles on May 6, 1950. [redacted] stated that ROBESON said in part: "We hear a lot of nonsense about fear and so forth but I've seen the people from below, among the Negro people, among the Mexican people, among the foreign born, among the workers who are saying we are going to have peace in our time, we're gonna have a decent world for our children whoever they may be, whether they be black or white ... Those kind of people...aren't frightened, they aren't stepping back anymore than you are stepping back tonight... The Fascist America, I will fight against... with every fiber..."

According to [redacted] ROBESON was the speaker at a meeting of the Young Progressives of America (YPA) at 2125 South Harvard Boulevard on May 9, 1950.

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According to [REDACTED] subject was presented in a concert and speech by "The California Eagle" and IPP at the Elks Temple, 4016 South Central Avenue on May 12, 1950. [REDACTED] advised that in his speech, ROBESON stated in part that "The California Eagle" needs "our" support and "we" will raise funds to help insure the "Eagle's" continued growth. ROBESON stated that in Russia there had never been any discrimination or cause of national conflict or class distinction in the government. He stated there has never been such a thing as the daily battles between the big industrialists and the little laboring man in the Soviet Union (such as occurs in America). He said the absence of discrimination clears the way for peace and makes possible a government for the people and by the people. He stated that such words as these spoken by him caused "Fascists" of this country to rise to a hate campaign against him and all individuals and organizations that fight against a war with Russia.

ROBESON appeared as speaker on the same platform with CHARLOTTA BASS, 1952 IPP Vice Presidential candidate.

[REDACTED] advised that while in Los Angeles in 1950, subject stayed at the Dunbar Hotel at Central Avenue and 42nd Place upon his arrival and that he was scheduled to then stay at the home of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, May 7 through 9, 1950.

With reference to JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, in 1951 in public sessions of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, LAWSON was identified in sworn testimony of fifteen witnesses as a Communist Party member.

## II. SUBJECT'S APPEARANCES IN LOS ANGELES IN 1951

[REDACTED] advised that subject appeared in concert and as a speaker at a Civil Rights Congress (CRC) sponsored meeting on May 14, 1951 at 5851 Avalon Boulevard Boulevard, Los Angeles. [REDACTED] stated this was advertised as a WILLIE McGEE memorial meeting and that ROBESON eulogized McGEE in his speech.

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The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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According to [REDACTED] subject appeared at a CRC sponsored meeting at 5851 Avalon Boulevard on May 14, 1951. [REDACTED] were also present at the above meeting and heard ROBESON's remarks. [REDACTED] stated that ROBESON said that the fight will go on in connection with WILLIE MCGEE "until we achieve victory in all aims and until every Fascist and reactionary is destroyed and until all peoples are free and equal" [REDACTED] quoted ROBESON as stating, "Our enemies in this country would want us to kill our brothers in Korea, China and Europe... Our enemies would like to conquer Korea, China, then move to Brazil, Europe, Far East, and finally South Africa." Informant advised that when ROBESON used the term "enemies" he was referring to what he termed "Fascists" in the United States. X u

### III. SUBJECT'S APPEARANCES IN LOS ANGELES IN 1952

#### A. Concert on May 25, 1952

[REDACTED] advised that subject was present in a non-political musical program at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, on May 25, 1952. [REDACTED] stated this concert was sponsored by the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC) and United Freedom Fund. This concert was partly in the nature of a birthday celebration for ROBESON and [REDACTED] stated he received a thunderous standing ovation. According to [REDACTED] programs distributed at the concert included a plea for contributions to the United Freedom Fund and contained the following statement: "The Negro Labor Council and the people of Los Angeles salute Mr. PAUL ROBESON on the occasion of his 54th birthday." b/D

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According to "Freedom," Volume 2, Number 3, Page 2, March, 1952, the United Freedom Fund is the name given to a coalition of various organizations to celebrate PAUL ROBESON's birthday on a nation wide tour. "Freedom" is a monthly newspaper published in New York whose issues reflect that subject is Chairman of the Editorial Board.

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were also present at the ROBESON concert on May 25, 1952 and corroborated its sponsorship as outlined in the paragraph above.

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[REDACTED] advised of a private reception for PAUL ROBESON at 2103 South Harvard Boulevard in the evening following his concert at Embassy Auditorium on May 25, 1952. [REDACTED] stated that ROBESON discussed the need to build the IANLC and to elect Negroes to public office.

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B. Reception on August 26, 1952

According to [REDACTED] a reception was held at 4818 South Avalon Boulevard on August 26, 1952 under the auspices of the IPP honoring subject and CHARLOTTA BASS.

[REDACTED] stated that ROBESON sang two songs and then spoke in favorable terms in support of the IPP and Mrs. BASS. He also spoke of the oppression of the African people and other "colonial" peoples of the world who are under "capitalistic domination", and who are beginning to rise up in revolt. "which means some changes are going to be made."

[REDACTED] were also present at the above reception and heard subject's remarks.

According to [REDACTED] the regular Section meeting of the 62nd A. D., IACCP, was postponed so that the entire Section could attend this reception.

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██████████ stated he was informed this reception was an invitational affair sponsored by the Harriet Tubman Club of the IPP.

C. Mass IPP Rally on August 27, 1952

██████████ provided a throwaway leaflet announcing a mass meeting of the IPP on August 27, 1952 at Culver City Stadium stating that subject would be the featured speaker.

According to ██████████, it was announced at a regular Section meeting of the ██████████ LACCP, on ██████████ that 100 "bodyguards" would be needed for ROBESON's appearance on August 27, 1952.

██████████ also advised concerning this meeting of the ██████████ Section, that members thereof were appointed to be ROBESON's bodyguards.

██████████ further stated that ██████████ LACCP, met at Culver City Stadium on August 27, 1952 for the IPP rally at which subject spoke.

██████████ stated that at this rally, subject presented a concert and spoke briefly in support of the IPP Presidential candidate.

██████████ advised that in subject's speech, he stated that nothing on earth could change the course of those countries that are now Communist.

In reporting on ROBESON's remarks, ██████████ stated that subject criticized the "power in Washington who wants to enslave the Negro people and other minorities as before 1776." He further stated the "war mongering forces in Washington cannot reverse the gains of the Russian people and the heroic Chinese people of today who are marching forward."

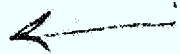
██████████ advised that subject appeared on the same platform with VINCENT HALLINAN, 1952 IPP Presidential candidate, and CHARLOTTA BASS, 1952 IPP Vice Presidential candidate.

██████████ also was at the above rally and remarked that ROBESON praised the Russian and Chinese people for their brave struggles in the past and condemned the United States for its aggression.

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[redacted] advised that this rally last from approximately 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. and that a crowd of 10,000 resulted in a collection of over \$10,000 which was ostensibly marked for the IPP.

The following informants were also present at the above rally in Culver City Stadium, observed ROBESON in attendance and overheard his remarks; [redacted]

D. Subject's Appearance at Hugh Gordon Bookshop

[redacted]

[redacted] has advised that on September 2, 1952, an autograph party was held at the Hugh Gordon Bookshop in order that subject might autograph one of his books.

E. 1952 Residence

[redacted] has advised that while in Los Angeles in 1952, subject stayed at 236 East 102nd Street, which is the home of an officer of the LANLC.

IV. SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1953

A. General

In [redacted], [redacted] advised that ROBESON's appearance in Los Angeles from June 14 to June 21, 1953, would be under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee. [redacted] stated that the Los Angeles Citizens Committee is composed in its entirety of members of the LANLC.

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[redacted] has also furnished information concerning this matter and stated that the Los Angeles Citizens Committee is a temporary group set up by the LANLC for the purpose of lending an apparent public spirited support of ROBESON.

However, [redacted] has advised, on June 13, 1953, a group of persons known to him to all be members of the LANLC met at 4118 South Central Avenue, preparatory to proceeding to the International Airport to meet subject on his arrival.

According to [redacted] a meeting of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee was held on June 14, 1953 at 847 South Grand Avenue to welcome subject to Los Angeles.

- B. Mass Meeting, Embassy Auditorium, June 14, 1953, under the auspices of Los Angeles Citizens Committee (See IV-A above)

[redacted] stated that ROBESON sang several songs and made comments from time to time concerning the ROSENBERG case, (See IV-C). [redacted] said ROBESON stated he had traveled extensively throughout the United States and countries abroad telling everyone that "his people" were going to have a first class citizenship because they are going to fight for it.

[redacted] were also present at the above rally and observed and heard the subject.

[redacted] mentioned in passing that admission to this concert ranged from \$1.20 to \$4.00 per ticket and T-46 stated that the tickets for this concert were completely sold out before June 12, 1953.

- C. Emergency Meeting of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (LACSJRC), June 15, 1953 at Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles

With reference to the LACSJRC, [redacted] advised in [redacted] that this organization was formed in early 1952 for the

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avowed purpose of preventing the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG who were sentenced to death on April 15, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiring to commit espionage by furnishing United States atomic secrets to the government of the U.S.S.R. (subsequently executed).

[redacted] has advised that the LACSJRC is controlled and dominated by the LACCP through the assignment of Communist Party members to the steering committee of the LACSJRC. The LACSJRC receives advise and directives on all important issues from leaders of the LACCP.

According to [redacted] subject appeared at the meeting of the LACSJRC on June 15, 1953 at 607 South Western for a brief program of songs and a speech in behalf of the ROSENBERGS. [redacted] stated that ROBESON spoke concerning the fact that he identified himself with "this kind of struggle" because he, himself, is a member of a minority group and felt very keenly the kind of punishment these people (the ROSENBERGS) were faced with since his own people had been inflicted with this type of punishment for many decades. He stated that the ROSENBERGS must be saved and that the people must do it and not depend on the courts.

[redacted] in reporting subject's speech, stated that ROBESON said, "We have hundreds of millions of friends throughout the world and we cannot lose the battle for freedom as long as we, the Negroes and Jews, stick together and fight."

[redacted] attended the above meeting and advised that ROBESON spoke of the oppression of the Negro people throughout the world and the fight he is having in spreading his belief in a world community.

[redacted] also attended the above meeting and observed subject and overheard his remarks.

D. Reception for Subject,

[redacted] has advised that a reception for subject was held at [redacted] on [redacted] under the auspices

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of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee. As previously noted the Los Angeles Citizens Committee was in reality the LANLC. Informant stated there were approximately fifty persons present and that ROBESON spoke on the oppressive conditions in Africa.

E. LANLC Meeting, [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] the above meeting was held at [REDACTED] the theme of which centered around placing of Negroes in trade unions and the upgrading of jobs for Negroes. [REDACTED] stated that ROBESON brought out that the church is a good place for Negroes to fight for equal rights. He was asked about Russia and the Negro and stated that being an American, he was concerned with the Negro in America not the Negro in Russia. He went on to state that he had been accepted in Russia, that Russian children are taught to love black people, and that Russia was the first country to accept the Negroes as equals.

[REDACTED] was also present at the above LANLC meeting, observed subject and overheard his remarks.

F. 23rd Anniversary Celebration of  
JFFO, June 20, 1953

The DPW in its issue of June 17, 1953, Page 7, Columns 3 through 5, refers to subject's concert "before a crowd of 2,000" under the sponsorship of a "citizen's committee of leading Negro men and women" on "last Sunday" (June 14, 1953). The item states that subject will appear again at the Embassy Auditorium on Saturday, June 20, 1953, "on the program celebrating the 23rd jubilee of the JFFO."

[REDACTED] attended the above celebration and stated that ROBESON in his speech said that the peoples of Africa would obtain their freedom, that the common struggle of the Jewish and Negro peoples must continue, that the most recent loss of two martyred victims was not in vain and that the common enemy shall be defeated. He gave greetings to his many friends in their native tongues.

[REDACTED] advised that one of ROBESON's songs included a Russian song about a starving beggar boy ignored by all passers-by. When ROBESON completed the song he remarked, "As I have often said, that is why we had to have some

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changes made." Informant stated he understood this remark to be a reference to the Russian Revolution.

[REDACTED] were also present at the above celebration, observed subject in appearance and overheard his remarks. b7D

G. Concert at First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles, June 21, 1953

It is noted that the pastor of the First Unitarian Church is STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN.

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In connection with the First Unitarian Church concert, it is of note that [REDACTED] has advised that the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council instructed its membership to be at the First Unitarian Church to hear subject on June 21, 1953. ←

In [REDACTED], [REDACTED] stated that the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, which is the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, was the most important Communist controlled organization in the Hollywood professional field at that time and its policies paralleled the Communist Party line on all important issues. [REDACTED] has pointed out, however, that membership in the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, of itself, however, does not connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party. b7D

[REDACTED] advised of being in attendance at the above concert and estimated that attendance was in excess of 1200 people and that when ROBESON made his appearance, he had an escort of bodyguards. ←

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H. Miscellaneous

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During subject's appearance in Los Angeles from June 14 to June 21, 1953, he stayed at 236 East 102nd Street.

According to ROBESON's manager, the proceeds of his 1953 Los Angeles concert are to go to ROBESON.

This informant stated that as a result of the ROBESON concert held at the Embassy Auditorium on June 14, 1953, about \$1,500 was realized. Informant stated that this concert was the one actually sponsored by the LANLC under the name of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee.

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[REDACTED] of the \$1,500 which was raised, \$1,000 was given to ROBESON.

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At one point ROBESON wanted to know who would be the LANLC representative to attend the National Convention of the Negro Labor Council and seemed very much disturbed and criticized the Council when it was announced they did not have enough money to send a delegate.

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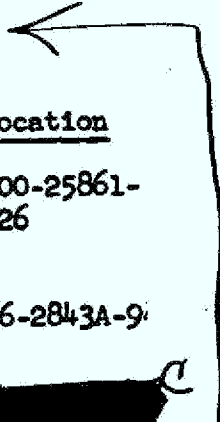
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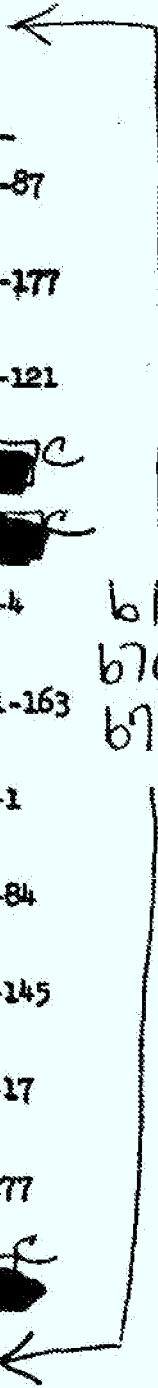
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The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist Newspaper on 12/24/52, page 3, cols. 1-4 carried an article entitled "Robeson accepts Stalin prize on behalf of United States Peace Fighters". The article states the prize established for Premier Stalin's 70th birthday consists of a gold medal and a 100,000 rubles payable in the currency of the winner's country, roughly equivalent to \$25,000.00 in American currency. There was no explanation on the cable advice as to the reason for the payment to Robeson.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

PAUL ROBESON arrived Seattle, Wash., via air 8/14/53. While in Seattle he resided at 132 - 20th North, the residence of EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE. Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advises that EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE are members of the District Committee, Northwest District, Communist Party. On 8/16/53 ROBESON sang and spoke at a concert at Blaine, Wash., which was sponsored by the British Columbia District, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Vancouver, B. C. On 8/18/53 ROBESON attended the trial of the six Smith Act subjects in Seattle, Washington, and during intermission was observed talking with the defendants. ROBESON also had lunch with Dr. HERBERT PHILLIPS, an admitted member of the Communist Party, who is presently incarcerated in the King County Jail, Seattle, on a contempt of court citation.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, made available the tentative schedule of a concert tour for PAUL ROBESON. This schedule had PAUL ROBESON at Cleveland, Ohio July 19-28, 1953; August 11-14 at Seattle, Washington; August 16 at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Washington; August 18-19 at Portland, Oregon.

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The July 31, 1953 edition of the "People's World" (Northwest Edition) on page 3, column 3, carried the following article:

"Invites Out To Robeson Aug. 16 Concert

"Seattle, July 30 - Two mobilizations to spread information on the Paul Robeson concert at Blaine Peace Arch Aug. 16 are scheduled this weekend, the U. S. committee supporting the concert said this week.

"Attractive, illustrated invitations to the concert, sponsored again this year by the British Columbia District of Mine, Mill & Smelter Union, will be distributed from 1 p.m. Saturday and again from 12 noon Sunday.

"The mobilization point will be at 1809 Jackson St.

"Information on the concert is available at LO 0745 or LA 4392 in Seattle."

On May 14, 1951 the Committee on Un-American Activities U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., released a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications". On page 131 of the above described publication the "Daily People's World" is described as "the official organ of the Communist Party on the West Coast".

On [REDACTED] made available the following letter, which he received in the mail. This letter contained a photograph of PAUL ROBESON in the upper right-hand corner. The letter is as follows:

"BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT  
International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers  
Phone: Marine 0640  
Vancouver 3, B. C.

"May 1, 1953

"Dear U. S. Friends:

"Once again this year our union has the honor of being host to your own fellow countryman--and beloved citizen of

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the world,--Mr. Paul Robeson at the International Peace Arch which stands as a symbol of brotherhood on the borders of our two countries.

"Last year some 40,000 persons, mostly from Canada, greeted and heard Mr. Robeson in an inspiring concert. From all sides came demands that we make this an annual event. This we hope to do. We know that many thousands more from your country would have attended last year had they known about it. This year we know it will be different when Mr. Robeson sings on Sunday, August 16.

"All of us are proud of our symbolical Peace Arch, built by the pennies from the school children of Canada and the United States, as well as of the beautiful parks maintained by our two countries as a lovely setting for it.

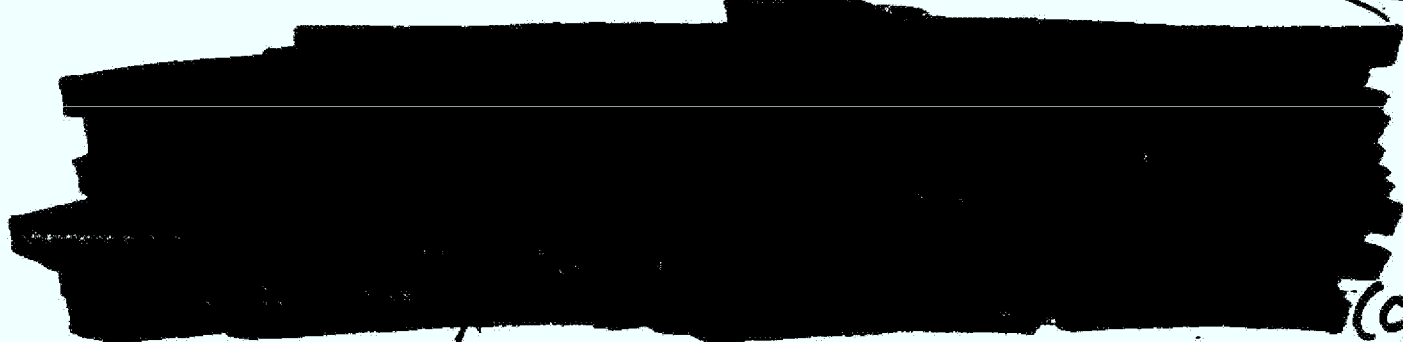
"So it is a pleasure to invite all of you our neighbors--regardless of race, creed, color or beliefs, to join with us in an afternoon of song and international fellowship.

"Mr. Robeson will sing at 1:30 p.m. So we say pack a picnic lunch and bring the family.

"Hoping to see you Sunday, August 16 at the Peace Arch.

"Fraternally,

/s/ E. L. Walker *Canada*  
E. L. Walker - Secretary  
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On [redacted], Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council was attempting to obtain some church group in Seattle, Washington, to sponsor

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a concert featuring PAUL ROBESON, but as yet the Council was unable to find such a sponsor.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised [redacted] that the Seattle Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council is completely dominated and controlled by members of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON left Seattle at approximately 10:30 a.m., August 16, 1953, for Blaine, Washington. According to the informant, VINCE and DOT DAVIS picked up PAUL ROBESON at the home of EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE, 152 - 20th North, Seattle, Washington. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that EARL GEORGE and VIVIAN GEORGE are members of the District Committee, Northwest District, Communist Party, and VINCE and DOT DAVIS are known to him to be members of the Communist Party in Seattle, Washington.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, stated that he attended a concert featuring PAUL ROBESON, which was held at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Washington, on Sunday, August 16, 1953. According to the informant, the concert was sponsored by the British Columbia Local of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

According to the informant, the master of ceremonies at the concert was HARVEY MURPHY, an official of the British Columbia Local of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

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According to [redacted] MURPHY then introduced ROLAND LAWRENCE, who stated that he was a member of the Negro Citizens League of Vancouver, B. C. However, he was speaking as an individual and not for the League. ROLAND LAWRENCE praised ROBESON for his fight against discrimination and then introduced PAUL ROBESON to the audience. (c) b7D

ROBESON sang several songs, such as "Let My People Go", "Old Man River", "Water Boy", and "Joe Hill". According to the informant, ROBESON changed the words of several of these

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songs so that they would conform to Communist Party line.

HARVEY MURPHY made the collection speech and the collection was very well organized with numerous members of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers immediately canvassing the audience with small cartons. MURPHY also stated that by coming to the platform you could buy a record album of PAUL ROBESON for \$5.00, which PAUL ROBESON would gladly autograph. PAUL ROBESON also was soliciting subscriptions for his newspaper "Freedom", which will be described in a later section of this report.

After singing several more songs ROBESON made a speech in which he stated that he is from the common people and that he is their voice for freedom. ROBESON continued that now that the Korean armistice has been signed there should be political amnesty granted to the victims of the Korean war who are presently in pris.

With regard to the State Department's refusal to issue him a passport, ROBESON stated that he was furnished with a legal brief by the State Department which explained that the reason that the State Department refused to grant him a passport was that several years ago while on a tour in Europe he made a speech in which he advocated independence for his Negro ancestors in Africa. The State Department contends that this speech interfered with State Department policy.

ROBESON called for a united peace drive by all the peoples of the world and stated that he was extending his hands to "the Korean people of the Soviet Union as well as to the people of new Red China, to the peoples of the Caribbean area, to the peoples of South America and to the peoples of Africa".

ROBESON stated that he had several invitations to sing in Canada and also an invitation from the British Actors Equity Union to play Othello in London, and urged all present to write to the State Department and demand that he be issued a passport.

Following ROBESON's speech, HARVEY MURPHY very sarcastically congratulated the RCMP for the "fine coverage" that they had afforded PAUL ROBESON and the concert.

[REDACTED] estimated that the crowd in the Peace Arch Park was between 3,000 and 4,000. [REDACTED] pointed out that there were approximately 1500 cars on the American side of the park. However, most of these cars belonged to individuals attending a picnic on the other side of the park and were not

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present at ROBESON's concert. The majority of the people present were Canadians.

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The following article appeared in the August 21, 1953 edition of the "Daily People's World", Northwest Edition:

"25,000 Flock to Peace Arch for Repeat Robeson Triumph.

"By WILLY PARRY *W. Parry*

"Peace Arch Park, U.S., Aug. 20 - PAUL ROBESON sang songs of peace and freedom to an international audience of at least 25,000 at his second annual outdoor concert here Sunday. . . .

"Among those greeting and embracing Robeson were Harvey Murphy, regional director, and Ken Smith, president of the British Columbia District, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union. Sponsors for the second consecutive year of the international day of song and brotherhood. . . .

"While he emphasized he had not changed--'I remain the same Paul you know'--yet, he said, 'Time has made it so everyone must fight harder for the freedom we love. If it were not so, I would be with you in Vancouver today, and traveling all over the Canada I cherish so deeply.'

"Last year's border concert was arranged after U.S. Immigration authorities denied Robeson a passport to sing and speak before the Mine-Mill convention in Vancouver. Estimates of the large Canadian crowd that flooded into this park last year in protest against the denial and to hear Robeson ranged up to 40,000. This year, despite a tight commercial press censorship, the tremendous turnout was repeated. . . .

"He (Robeson) lashed out at political persecutions in his native land and said: 'Today in America we fight, as this truce is concluded, for amnesty of those leaders who have been imprisoned, so that they may come back and lead the people in the struggle for peace.' . . .

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On August 18, 1953, PAUL ROBESON was observed in the audience in U. S. Federal Court, where HENRY P. HUFF, Chairman, Northwest District Communist Party; JOHN DASCHBACH, Chairman, Washington State Civil Rights Congress; TERRY PETTUS, Editor, "People's World", Northwest Bureau; BARBARA HARTLE, Educational Director, Northwest District Communist Party; KARLY LARSEN, member of the District Board, Northwest District Communist Party; and PAUL BOWEN, Organizer, Central Region, Northwest Communist Party, are being tried for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. During the recess ROBESON was observed talking with the defendants and ROBESON also visited with Dr. HERBERT E. PHILLIPS, self-admitted member of the Communist Party, who had testified for the defense. Since Dr. PHILLIPS was under a contempt citation he was not permitted to leave the court room at the recess. ROBESON met him in the U. S. Marshal's Office, on 8/17/53.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that "Freedom" is a newspaper organized, directed and controlled by the Communist Party. It deals with Negro life problems, and has PAUL ROBESON for the Editor. It is published by Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York, N.Y.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON's newspaper "Freedom" was distributed to people at his concert on Sunday, August 16, at Peace Arch Park. Several times during the program, informant states, the individuals present were urged to subscribe to the publication.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, made available the following letter which he received from the Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council. This letter reads as follows:

"Dear Council Member:

"We have adopted 'Freedom' as the official national publication of the Negro Labor Council. 'Freedom' along with our local publication 'Progress' will serve to bring to the Negro community national and local news--news of struggle and aspirations of the Negro people. This kind of news is generally noticeably absent from the widely read Negro press.

"It is incumbent upon all members of NLC first to subscribe and read 'Freedom' and then proceed to sign up your friends and neighbors. Let me suggest that you send in a dollar (\$1.00) for your subscription to Earl George at the above address, and then get others to do likewise.

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"Mr. Robeson, the great artist for Negro Liberation and the editor of the newspaper 'Freedom' will be here to sing the songs of his people soon. Let us all compete to present Mr. Robeson with at least 200 additional 'Freedom' subs.

"We need at least 10 'Freedom' builders to go to work at once selling this paper in the Negro Community. Will you volunteer to become a 'Freedom' builder? Contact me at 131 - 30th, Seattle.

"Fraternally,

/s/ Eugene Wilkins

Eugene Wilkins,  
Chairman, 'Freedom' Committee

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that EUGENE WILKINS is a member of the Communist Party. *Wish* <sup>67D</sup>

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ESLANDA, ROBESON, IS-C. DAYLET. ON [REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED THAT ESLANDA ROBESON SPOKE AT A MEETING OF THE HARTFORD NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL AT 829 ALBANY AVENUE, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON OCTOBER 11, 1953. MRS. ROBESON STATED THAT "THE MAU MAUS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB" AND ADDED THAT "ALL THAT THE NATIVES OF SOUTH AFRICA DESIRE IS THE LAND THAT BELONGS TO THEM AND FOR THE WHITES TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY." SHE STATED THAT "THE COLONIAL PEOPLE ARE GOING MAD BECAUSE THEY OCCASIONALLY FIND A DEAD WHITE PERSON AFTER EXPLOITING THE NATIVES FOR YEARS." SHE ADDED THAT THE "LILY WHITES ALL LEFT THEIR LAND BEHIND AND MOVED INTO THE BIG CITIES, AND THE MAU MAUS ARE HAPPY BECAUSE THEY HAVE OBTAINED WHAT THEY WANT, THEIR LAND." MRS. ROBESON CONTINUED BY STATING THAT "THE SAME THING IS HAPPENING HERE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES. IF FIFTEEN MILLION NEGROES COULD FORGET THEMSELVES AND COME OUT FIGHTING, IT WOULD BE A TERRIBLE MESS FOR THE 'LILY WHITES' DOWN SOUTH AND AROUND THE MISSISSIPPI." SHE STRESSED THE FACT THAT "TWO THIRDS OF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD ARE COLORED AND IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD THEY ARE PUT IN JAIL FOR THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS." SHE ALSO STATED THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS COUNTRY TOOK A NOTION TO INCARCERATE PAUL ROBESON, IT COULD BE THAT LATER HE MIGHT TURN OUT TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND, "I WOULD BE THE FIRST LADY OF THE LAND. I AM SURE I WOULD DO A BETTER JOB THAN MAMIE." SHE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SHE WAS NOT SURE THAT

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"THEY WON'T DARE TO PUT PAUL ROBESON IN JAIL." MRS. ROBESON ALSO REMARKED CONCERNING HER APPEARANCE BEFORE A SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE HEADED BY SENATOR MC CARTHY, AND STATED THAT SHE "MADE MONKEYS OUT OF THEM." SHE ADDED THAT "MC CARTHY HAD ME ON TV, BUT AFTER HE WAS ON HE WISHED HE HAD FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME BECAUSE HE WAS ASKING ME ABOUT SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES, AND I WAS TALKING TO HIM ABOUT THE STRUGGLES OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE."

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November 4, 1953

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GOODE ROBESON, DEWEY A. WILKESON  
TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON INVESTIGATIONS (MCGARTHY COMMITTEE) ON THE  
"STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION PROGRAM - INFLUENCE  
CENTERS," PART V, IN PUBLIC SESSION ON JULY 1, 2, and 3,  
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This printed copy of Part V sets forth public session testimony of above-captioned persons, all of whom are writers whose works were reportedly purchased by the Government for inclusion in information centers abroad. All were uncooperative witnesses invoking the privilege of the Fifth Amendment as to past or present Communist affiliations.

The Executive Session testimony of all of these persons has previously been received and reviewed as well as the public session testimony of d'Usseau and Robeson (62-96810-102; 100-327749-14). The Public Session testimony is substantially the same as that in Executive Session and presents no new information requiring action by the Bureau at this time.

**ACTION:**

1. File original of this memorandum and printed copy of Part V of "State Department Information Program - Information Centers" in the McCarthy Control file 62-96810.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ROBESON employed as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom", and self employed as a concert singer. Resides at 22 East 89th Street, New York City, in care of HAROLD MCGEE. Subject winner of 1952 International Stalin Peace Prize and was awarded a medal and promise of \$25,000.00 on 9/23/53. Spoke at Stalin Memorial meeting [REDACTED] Voiced support of Civil Disobedience Campaign in South Africa which began 4/6/52. Attended Soviet Embassy reception 11/7/52 commemorating the October Revolution. ROBESON'S records being recorded by Othello Recording Company, NYC. Spoke at Steve Nelson Rally on [REDACTED] Reception held in honor of ROBESON on [REDACTED] under auspices of the CP Committee, UPWA-CIO District number 1.

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**DETAILS:**

Residence

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the subject maintains his residence at 22 East 89th Street, New York City, in care of HAROLD MCGEE and also receives his mail at this address.

Employment

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom" and also Chairman of [REDACTED]

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the Council on African Affairs. Both of these organizations are located at 53 West 125th Street, New York City.

██████████ advised that "Freedom" is a monthly publication of Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York City.

Members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board are Communists active in racial matters. PAUL ROBESON, LOUIS E. BURNHAM, and GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR. were active in organizing the publication, according to ██████████

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██████████ of known reliability, advised that a PAUL ROBESON concert was held at the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, on September 11, 1953, under the auspices of the Robeson Concert Committee.

#### Activities

██████████ of known reliability, furnished a pamphlet entitled "The Negro People And The Soviet Union" by PAUL ROBESON, published in January 1950, in which ROBESON stated:

"I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to join more than half the people of the world in celebrating a great anniversary. Yes, with fully half of humanity -- and even this is an underestimation. For it would be a mistake to assume that this 32nd anniversary of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is an occasion of joy and pride and thanksgiving only for the eight hundred million people who live in the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe and China.

"True, these eight hundred million, as direct beneficiaries of the establishment of the Soviet Union and of its policies of struggle for peace and democracy, are rejoicing because of the new economic security and political liberty, the new promise of a fuller and richer life for all, which they enjoy because they live in the Soviet land or in countries of the People's Democracies. The feelings of all these people must be very like those of the President of the Chinese People's Republic, Mao Tse-tung.

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"The Soviet Union is the friend of the African and West Indian peoples. And no imperialist wolf disguised as a benevolent watchdog, and not Tito disguised as a revolutionary, can convince them that Moscow oppresses the small nations. Africa knows the Soviet Union is the defender and champion of the rights of all nations -- large and small -- to control their own destinies.

"The Soviet Socialist program of ethnic and national democracy is precisely the opposite of the Nazi, fascist, South African and Dixiecrat programs of racial superiority...

"Finally, my friends, I want to say that I believe the great majority of the American people will come to realize their identity of interests with the people of the Soviet Union and the growing People's Democracies. In this era of change, normal trade relations and peaceful cooperation can be the only answer.

"I am and always will be an anti-fascist and a fighter for the freedom and dignity of all men. We anti-fascists -- the true lovers of American democracy -- have a tremendous responsibility. We are not a small band -- we are millions who believe in peace and friendship. If we mobilize with courage, the forces of world fascism can and will be defeated -- in Europe, in Africa and in the United States.

"Because of this, I am and always will be, a firm and true friend of the Soviet Union and of the beloved Soviet people."

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 24, 1952, page 3, columns 1-4, stated, "PAUL ROBESON, sole American winner of one of the 1952 Stalin peace prizes as 'the standard bearer of the oppressed Negro people' yesterday accepted the award not as an individual but as a part of the growing peace movement in the United States."

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ROBESON gave the press copies of his cablegram to DMITRY SKOBELTSYN, Chairman of the Committee on International Prizes in the Soviet Union, in which he declared, "For the peace fighters in America, this award has the greatest significance. Already the prize has called forth profound gratification and pride among many sections of the Negro people and the progressive forces of our land. For me personally, it is a moving experience

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a great award and honor which I shall cherish all my life. Again, my deep and sincere thanks".

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that a reception was given for PAUL ROBESON at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City, on September 23, 1953, on the occasion of ROBESON being presented with the International Stalin Peace Prize. b7D

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HOWARD FAST said that it was a great honor to be asked by the Soviet People to present the award to Mr. ROBESON. Mr. FAST stated all other awards have been presented in Moscow, but the United States prevented ROBESON from going there to receive it. FAST read a cablegram from Moscow acclaiming ROBESON as a great American hero of peace. FAST then presented the award and a promise of \$25,000.00 to ROBESON.

ROBESON stated he would accept the award in the name of the people all over the world who wanted peace. ROBESON told of his visit to the Soviet Union in 1937, and his great admiration for STALIN and the Russian way of life, where all people are equal and there was no discrimination.

[redacted] of known reliability, furnished a "New Release" pamphlet dated April 24, 1953, which reflected the following statement issued by PAUL ROBESON on behalf of the CAA concerning the Justice Department's order for that organization to register under the McCarran Act: b7I

"The consistent job of the Council on African Affairs through the years since its establishment in 1937 has been to provide accurate information on the conditions and struggles of the peoples of Africa and to support their efforts toward liberation. In recent months the Council has endeavored to rally American assistance for the desperate fight of black and brown South Africans against Malan's fascist oppression, and for the Africans of Kenya whose struggle for land and survival the British seek to crush with the most ruthless and inhuman punitive measures.

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"This attack upon the Council represents an attempt to frighten and silence all those Americans, particularly the Negro people, who are in any way critical of U.S. policies in Africa.

"The real issue in our case is the right of advocacy and support for the freedom of Africa's enslaved millions, --including the descendants of Africa who have yet to achieve their full liberty and rights here in the United States.

"The Council on African Affairs will continue to carry forward its work and will fight all efforts to restrict its usefulness to the cause of African freedom by means of the unconstitutional and un-American McCarran Act."

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 12, 1953, page 7, column 1, reports, "Before an audience of 400 guests, including about 100 students of the Jefferson School, speakers from the University campus, the trade union and the most active political battle fronts join together in denouncing the Smith Act, the McCarran Act, McCarthyite Congressional 'witchhunts' as war inspired efforts to stifle independent thought and that all, with varying emphasis, re-examine America's need for Marxist teachings.

"PAUL ROBESON expressed pride in the Jefferson School and called for its support 'because of the clarity it has brought to the struggles of the American people' the leadership it has so unsupportedly given."

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that a STALIN memorial meeting was held at [redacted] on [redacted] under the auspices of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. 7  
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According to [redacted], at this same memorial meeting PAUL ROBESON described his seeing STALIN at a concert in Moscow at the time when his son graduated from a school in Moscow. He said that STALIN held himself as a plain man. ←


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"He didn't look for honors nor glory." He said that "equality of nationalities in the Soviet Union is real. Here the talk of equality are only empty promises." He declared that "the socialist world expended under the magnificent leadership of Stalin. The colonial people of Africa and Asia are marching to freedom and their inspiration is STALIN and the Soviet Union." He underlined that "STALIN has led us in the struggle for world peace." He recited in English a poem "Sleep well beloved comrade." He recited a poem in Russian about STALIN, "the great motherland, the Soviet Union and their struggle for peace. He exclaimed in Russian: "Slava Stalinoo" - glory to STALIN. He concluded his speech with: "sleep well, beloved comrade. We pledge: the fight will go on until victory will be ours."

  
has advised that the CAA is a Communist Front which was under the direction of PAUL ROBESON and MAX YERGAN for a number of years. It was completely under the control of the Communist Party.

In the "Daily Worker" issue of April 4, 1952, page 3, columns 3 and 4, it was reported that, "The New York State Committee of the Communist Party on April 3, 1952, called upon labor and the democratic forces here to back the people of South Africa in their civil disobedience campaign. The Committee urged full support for the week long picket line beginning Monday before the South African Consulate which is sponsored by the Council on African Affairs.

"The New York Communists statement declared:

"The vicious white supremacist drive of the Malan regime to impose the most fascist-like measures of segregation and political discrimination on the African, Indian, and colored peoples of this area follows the fascist pattern of U.S. imperialism and its allies the world over. Chauvinism and racism are the chief stock in trade of the imperialists in their drive to war and in their increasing attacks on the national independence and freedom of peoples everywhere.

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"These fascist actions of the Malan government are a threat to world peace and the democratic liberties of all peoples, as well as to the eleven million persons affected in South Africa itself. They are being met first and foremost by the united action of the African National Congress and South African Indian Congress which launched a national civil disobedience campaign opening April 6 and called for international support.

"The Communist, labor and the democratic forces in America have a special responsibility in answering this call, for it is our own imperialists and State Department who have taken the lead in pushing U.S. jimcrow and white supremacist practices wherever they set foot."

According to [redacted] and the "Daily Worker" issue of April 7, 1952, page one, columns two and three, the CAA, Freedom Associates and the Greater New York Negro Labor Council sponsored a rally at 126th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City, on April 5, 1952, to voice support for a civil disobedience campaign in South Africa which began April 6, 1952.

PAUL ROBESON, chairman of the CAA, declared, "If the South African people win some freedom, we'll win some here." ROBESON said that the South African campaign would electrify the liberation struggles throughout Africa, and, he added, "It is a challenge to us Negroes from the Africans, who are saying to us, 'How long are you going to take it?'"

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on [redacted] that the National Negro Labor Council is a Communist dominated and inspired organization which does not deviate from the Communist Party line.

It is to be noted that the Greater New York Negro Labor Council is a branch of the National Negro Labor Council.

[redacted] <sup>UN</sup> of known reliability, advised that the National Negro Labor Council Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 21, 1952, accepted "Freedom" as sole authoritative newspaper to be sold during the convention. PAUL ROBESON was present at this convention.

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[REDACTED], of known reliability, advised PAUL ROBESON attended the Soviet Embassy Reception on November 7, 1952, at Washington, DC, commemorating the October Revolution.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 24, 1953, page nine, column one, reflects ROBESON has made a record album entitled "Robeson Sings" through the Othello Recording Company, New York City, and is in the preparation of another album entitled "Solid Rock".

[REDACTED] of known <sup>NY</sup> reliability, advised ~~Othello Recording Company, New York City, was organized to make records for PAUL ROBESON and any persons in the Progressive Movement that find it difficult to secure recognition through other recording companies to put their talent on wax.~~

[REDACTED] advised that a rally for STEVE NELSON was held at [REDACTED], on [REDACTED] PAUL ROBESON sang and spoke at this rally and stated that everyone is admiring the courage of STEVE NELSON in his three year fight. He stated that NELSON symbolizes the struggle needed today in the fight of all humanity. He declared that fighting for NELSON, we fight for all that is best in this land of ours. He spoke of the fight of the Negro people in the United States, of the fight of the African and Colonial people for peace, freedom and the dignity of man. He said that "The Soviet Union is fighting for the peace of the world and for the freedom and dignity of all men". He said in Russian, "Shiroka Moya Rodina Beskoneichie Steppi" (Wide is my motherland. Endless are the steps). "I can hear the people of Stalingrad, named after the great STALIN, and of all over the world say this struggle will not end until total victory is won. The great STALIN has left a monumental heritage to the people of the Soviet Union and the people all over the world in the struggle for peace, and especially peaceful coexistence". ROBESON praised the Civil Rights Congress, which organized this meeting under the leadership of WILLIAM PATTERSON.

STEVE NELSON is a convicted Smith Act victim of Pittsburgh and has been convicted of sedition at Pittsburgh.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

██████████, of known reliability, advised that a reception was held in honor of PAUL ROBESON on ██████████, at ██████████ Chicago, Illinois. According to informant this reception was held in conjunction with the American Peace Crusade Policy meeting held in Chicago on March 14 and 15, 1953.

██████████ and ██████████ both of known reliability, advised that the American Peace Crusade was organized in February of 1951 under the direction of FRED FINE, Secretary of the Public Affairs Department of the Communist Party, USA.

██████████ advised that FINE instructed that hundreds of "peace committees be organized throughout the country for the purpose of bringing back the American troops from Korea".

██████████ advised that ROBESON attended a party on May 8, 1953, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress in honor of its Seventh Anniversary.

██████████ of known reliability, advised a ROBESON concert was held at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, on June 14, 1953. ROBESON sang several songs, of which many were in Russian.

██████████ of known reliability, advised a birthday musical festival was held for ROBESON on ██████████ at ██████████ Detroit, Michigan. ROBESON stated the common peoples' desires throughout the world were peace instead of war, to a great extent were centered on the African situation and incensed the entire audience against the Malan government, which he called the tool of American big business and also a tool of England's big business. He stated that the working people of this country are threatened by action as that of Anaconda copper whom he stated has moved her factories to Africa because of the cheap slave labor over there. He was implying that the people of this country should refuse to fight, especially

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the Negroes whose forefathers came from Africa if a situation should arise in Africa similar to Korea, and he also implied that this situation could come about in Africa soon.

An announcement was made that PAUL ROBESON would appear at many other churches throughout the city during his stay.

[REDACTED], of known reliability, advised ROBESON attended a meeting of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] New York City.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, report number 1954, dated April 19, 1949.

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 20, 1953, page two, column two, reflects ROBESON presented a concert on August 19, 1953, at Peace Arch Park, United States-Canada border near Blaine, Washington, before an audience of approximately 25,000.

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that a special reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the Communist Party Committee, UPWA-CIO, District number one.

[REDACTED] advised that ROBESON attended a "Truce Celebration" sponsored by the New York Council of the American Peace Crusade at City Center Casino, New York City, on August 12, 1953.

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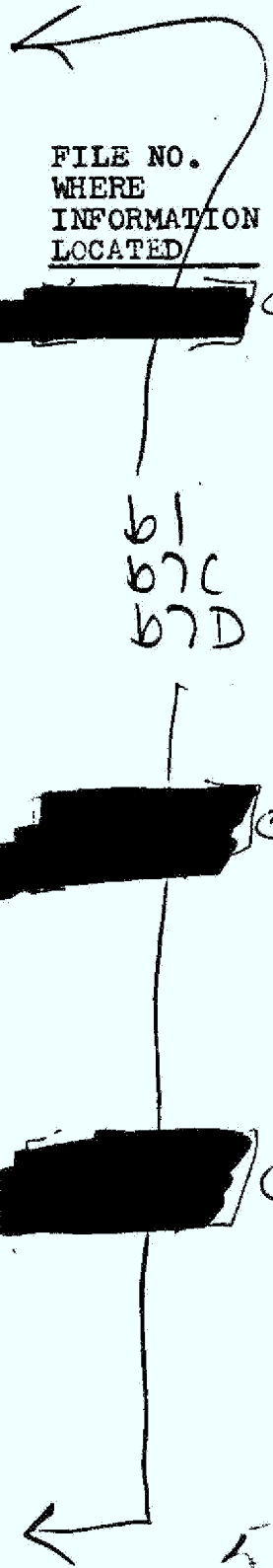
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