

FBIHQ FILE
100-12304

SECTION : 6

PAUL ROBESON, SR.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW HAVEN

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FILE NO. 100-14994

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/27/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/1/50; 1/13, 15, 27; 2/6, 15, 21, 6 10, 12/51	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject spoke under the auspices of the Washington Bookshop Association October 5, 1945, at the Asbury Methodist Church, 11th and K Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. In this speech she cited Russia as an example for the U. S. to follow in the treatment of minority groups. Subject also spoke at the rally sponsored by National Veterans Provisional Committee June 16, 1949, at Laborers Hall, Washington, D. C. Subject ? claims to be a master of judo and jujitsu. State Department passport information set out including last passport number 52064 issued March 25, 1946, and renewed to expire March 25, 1950.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

- RUC -

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.WASHINGTON BOOKSHOP ASSOCIATION

The Washington Bookshop Association has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization falling within purview of Executive Order 9835.

COPIES DESTROYED 5-1-58
R28

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	CONFIDENTIAL DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPY IN FILE		100-12304-228	SE 18
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		4	RECORDED - 122
5-Bureau		12/10/50	INDEXED - 122
3-New Haven (100-8032)		SP-5 RSC	EX - 136
1-New York (information)		CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RSC	
2-Washington Field Office		REASON-FCIM II 1-2.4.2	
DATE OF REVIEW		12/10/90	

PROPERTY OF FBI - This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.

65 MAY 2 1951

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Communication: Indefinite

John Beecher

Employed by: Army

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the Washington Bookshop Association, 916-17th Street, Northwest, was to sponsor a lecture and discussion by Mrs. PAUL ROBESON at the Asbury Methodist Church, 11th and K Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C., on October 5, 1945. The informant advised that JOHN BEECHER, author of ALL BRAVE SAILORS, who was visiting in Washington, was to be chairman of this discussion. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on Friday evening, October 5, 1945, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON lectured before a Washington Bookshop Association audience of approximately three hundred and fifty people at the Asbury Methodist Church, 11th and K Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. According to this informant, Mr. JOHN BEECHER, former United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Representative at Stuttgart, Germany, sat on the stage as guest of honor and spoke briefly concerning the possibility of our losing the peace after having won the war.

In her lecture Mrs. ROBESON stated that Africa has been so ruled by outside forces that the Africans cannot look upon it as their own country. She pictured the plight and oppression of the negroes in Africa under the domination of England and France. She indicated that if the tenets of the United Nations were upheld that Africa might have hope that aid would not be denied its oppressed minorities and backward people. Mrs. ROBESON cited Russia as an example for the United States to follow in the treatment of its minority groups. She pictured Russia as the champion of all minorities and small nations as contrasted with the teaming of the United States and England at the United Nations San Francisco Conference to the detriment of the minorities of the world. She spoke in glowing terms of the way Russia had elevated its Yakuts and other backward peoples to their rightful place. She expressed the opinion that the Russian constitution would be a better plan of government for a united Africa than the constitution of the United States should the African Continent ever throw off the yoke of its outside domination. She based this opinion on the similarity of heterogeneity of races in Africa with the large correlation of different peoples who had been united under the USSR constitution. She indicated her contempt for the action of the United States in banding together with England against Russia in questions affecting minorities, and she stated that as for England she would "dispose of it down the drain where it belongs".

She said that if the Council of Foreign Ministers would acquiesce to the current demands of Russia for a share in Africa's colonies it might be a good thing for Africa's future. She cited Eritrea as an example where the Russian system, which had been so successful among the "backward" peoples of the USSR, might be much better than to return that Italian colony to Ethiopia, its earlier owner. She said that Ethiopia was so closely influenced by Great Britain that the negroes in that territory could not look for any future rapid advancement.

According to [redacted] in response to a question from the floor, Mrs. ROBESON stated that she did not propose that the United States Constitution should be scrapped but rather that it should be made to work like the "workable USSR constitution". b7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 2

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS OF AMERICA~~

The United Negro and Allied Veterans of America has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, attended a forum held at the F Street Auditorium, National Press Building at 8:15 P. M., June 11, 1949. This meeting was sponsored by the Washington Bookshop Association, National Committee to Defeat the MURKIN Bill, and the Civil Rights Congress. The meeting was held to raise funds to be used in the defense of the eleven Communist Party leaders being tried under the SMITH Act. Following the speeches, GEORGE B. MURPHY, Jr., national officer of the UNAVA announced that in furtherance of their activities all those present should attend the meeting scheduled for June 16, 1949, at Laborers Hall, 525 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, D. C., where Mrs. PAUL ROBESON would be a featured speaker along with HENRY THOMAS, President of Local 74 Hodcarriers Union. He said this meeting was to deal with the present crisis concerning unemployment and the future of the veterans "52-20 Unemployment Bill". Informant [redacted] further advised that handbills announcing this scheduled speech by Mrs. ROBESON were passed out to all those in attendance at the meeting on June 11, 1949, at the National Press Club.

Informant [redacted] of known reliability, on June 14, 1949, furnished a yellow, printed, cardboard poster announcing "Unemployed Rally, Thursday, June 16, 1949, at 8:15 P. M., Union Hall, 525 New Jersey Avenue, Northwest.... Chairman OLIVER T. PALMER, Business Agent, Cafeteria Workers Union.... Speakers Honorable VITO MARCANTONIO, labor's friend--New York's fighting Congressman; Mrs. THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Grand Directress, Elks Civil Liberties Department; Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, of New York City; HENRY THOMAS, President, Local #74 Hodcarriers Union. Sponsored by National Veterans Provisional Committee, 1015 M Street, Northwest (temporary headquarters). Admission 60 cents (tax included). Tickets on sale at Washington Cooperative Bookshop, 916-17th Street, Northwest; Cafeteria Workers Union, 1015 M Street, Northwest; Cooks and Pastry workers Union Local #209, 12th and I Streets, Northwest".

HENRY THOMAS under oath before a Subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on December 6, 1950, admitted that while he was President of Local #74 Hodcarriers Union he was a member of the Communist Party and that he had been a Communist Party member since the winter of 1937 or 1938.

Informant [redacted] advised that WINSTON C. EDWARDS, a national officer of the UNAVA announced at a UNAVA meeting on May 17, 1949, that he was going to start to use the name National Veterans Provisional Committee for his organization and set up temporary headquarters at 1015 M Street, Northwest. He stated that he was going to do this because UNAVA had been "Red-baited" so much that some people were afraid to have anything to do with it.

Informant [redacted] advised that a rally sponsored by the National Veterans Provisional Committee was held at the Union Hall, 525 New Jersey

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Communication Index
Mrs. PAUL ROBESON
Employed by AFSA
(=A-100-14994)

Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., on Thursday, June 16, 1949. Informant advised that the chairman of this meeting was OLIVER T. PALMER, Business Agent of the Cafeteria Workers Union. The featured speaker was Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, who was introduced by chairman PALMER as "the wife of the greatest American". Mrs. ROBESON, according to [redacted], said that those present might wonder about her being in the Union Hall but she felt "at home". She said that her husband, PAUL ROBESON, had been a porter in the Grand Central Station and had also been a dishwasher, and he now is a member of three progressive unions--Actors Equity, the Authors League, and the Musicians Union. She said she, herself, started out in chemistry at the University of Illinois, working her way through by waiting on tables. She said she did so well in her studies (with an average of 99) she took up tutoring in chemistry instead and worked her way through college that way as there was more money in tutoring than in waiting on tables. She said that following college she worked in the laboratory at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City and that she wrote a book and was also a member of the Authors League.

She said that if people think there is not any work in writing a book they should try it. She said it took her years of research and work. She wrote her manuscript and then rewrote it three times and then looked for a publisher. When she did find what she thought was to be her publisher, he read the manuscript and told her he thought she had enough there to write a book. b7D

She said she was going to tell them more about her husband, PAUL. She said "you know what a magnificent person he is". According to [redacted], Mrs. ROBESON said "they say he is not speaking for the negro people....how far have the negro people gotten with people like WALTER WHITE of the NAACP, who attends a meeting and is then asked for lunch. What good does that do you?" She also ridiculed others who in the past have been considered leaders of the negro people. She then said "so, I am not so sure but what PAUL does represent and speak for the negro people". She said "PAUL is black--black inside and out". According to Mrs. ROBESON, negroes had listened to double talk and TRUMAN promises long enough. She said she was proud to state that she had voted for WALLACE, that the Democrats had not produced, and neither had the Republicans and that by the next election the people would be ready to try the Progressive Party and elect them. She stated that HARRY TRUMAN had stolen the platform of the Progressive Party and was elected on it.

She said she had learned and mastered judo and jujitsu. Then she said, pointing down toward the ground, "down here are the negroes, Jews, and even the Italians....there is more satisfaction in fighting for rights and so if any of them want to take me on, I am ready. They will find themselves either over my head with a broken neck or under my feet with their brains dashed in".

Subject then said that PAUL would be returning soon to tell his own story.

According to informant [redacted] HENRY THOMAS, of the Hodcarriers Union, spoke very briefly and said that with such meetings as this everything would come out all right.

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

According to the informant, the Washington Bookshop Association had a special table set up at this meeting to sell literature and that RAY PINKSON, Bookshop board member, was in charge of the table.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that RAY PINKSON was a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia [redacted] b7E

STATE DEPARTMENT PASSPORT INFORMATION

The files of the Department of State Passport Division contained an Emergency Passport Application dated August 22, 1925, made at the American Embassy in London, England, by the subject, at which time she indicated her permanent residence was 2 East 127th Street, New York City. She indicated that she knew that she was included on passport number 106698 issued in favor of her husband by the Department of State on July 29, 1925. She indicated that her husband, PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was then residing in London, England, on August 11, 1925, where she was then residing for the purpose of "theatrical engagements".

The subject advised that she desired an immediate passport for use in the following countries and for the purposes indicated:

Great Britain and Ireland--embarkation and return, France, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, and Germany--travel.

In response to the above immediate passport application, the subject was issued passport 225 at London, England on August 22, 1925.

By passport application dated October 6, 1927 the subject indicated she was then residing at 355 West 145th Street, New York City. She indicated that she had resided outside the United States from August to October 1925 in England and from October to December 1925 in France. She stated that she intended to return to the United States within two years. She desired to visit "all countries". Her application was amended to indicate

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 5

WFO 100-14994

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

a desire to visit Germany, France, Italy, and Spain for the purpose of travel. In response to this application she was issued passport 164273 on October 8, 1927.

By passport application dated December 2, 1929 the subject indicated she was married on August 17, 1921 to PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, who was then residing at One, The Chestnuts, Brana Hill, Hampstead, London. (Note: This address was crossed out and 188 West 135th Street, care of Bolling, New York, was written in.) The subject indicated that her permanent residence was 188 West 135th Street, care of Bolling, New York City. She desired the passport to visit "all countries--to travel". She indicated that she intended to leave the port of New York, sailing on board the Olympic on December 20, 1929. In response to this application she was issued passport 146587 on December 3, 1929. This passport was renewed on December 28, 1931 for two years. At the time of the renewal she indicated her residence as 19 Buckingham Street, Adelphi, London.

By passport application dated May 7, 1934 the subject indicated she was residing at 19 Buckingham Street, London, and that she was married August 17, 1921 and that she desired a passport in order to travel to France. Passport 1331 was issued to her on May 8, 1934.

Passport renewal form dated May 13, 1936 indicated the subject was married on August 17, 1923. She was still residing at 19 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C. 2 England. This passport was renewed to expire May 8, 1938.

By passport application dated December 15, 1937 the subject still resided at 19 Buckingham Street, London, legal residence 188 West 135th Street, New York City. She indicated that she had resided outside the United States as follows:

London, England, and France--1925, for about eight months. England--1928 to date. Regular trips--United States.

She indicated that her father was born in Chicago, Illinois and died in 1899. Her mother was born in Columbia, South Carolina, and was then residing at the Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia.

6

WFO 100-14994

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Subject's description was set forth as:

Height:	5' 3"
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	None
Date of Birth:	December 15, 1896
Place of Birth:	Washington, D. C.

She gave as a reference, one Mr. ROBERT ROCKMORE, 10 East 40th Street, New York City, Lawyer. The same name was given as a person to be notified in the event of death or disability. She indicated that she desired to visit England, France, Russia, Belgium, and Spain, for the purposes of business and pleasure.

In response to this application the subject was issued passport E301248/201 at London, England on December 18, 1937.

The passport division file contained a memorandum dated December 30, 1937 on the letter head stationary of the Spanish Embassy, Washington, D. C., (their memo number 137/20) stating "It was requesting that the American authorities kindly waive their restriction to enter Spain in the passport of Mrs. PAUL ROBESON."

The subject applied at the American Consulate in London, England on January 10, 1938 for an amendment to her passport, "for its amendment to cancel stamp, 'not valid for travel in Spain'." The passport was amended as requested on January 10, 1938.

By passport renewal 10085 the subject indicated that she was presently domiciled in the United States and residing at 555 Edgecombe Avenue, New York City. She advised that she intended to visit Costa Rica and Honduras for professional work--anthropology. She indicated that she intended to return to the United States within two months and intended to leave the United States by the port of New York on board the Platano, August 3, 1940. In response to this application the subject's passport was renewed on August 1, 1940 for two years. This passport was invalid dated for European travel on July 20, 1940.

In connection with this renewal of passport application, the subject sent a telegram to the Secretary of State dated July 25, 1940 which stated as follows:

WFO 100-14994

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"Re your letter notice sent June 12 last concerning my passport 201 issued by American Council, London, England.

Desire urgently to sail on United Fruit Company Steamer Platano from New York August 3 for round trip Central America tour including Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala stop Tramp Trips, Inc., New York City Travel Agency needs passport immediately for visas grateful if you would forward the passport to me at your earlist convenience will gladly pay special postal or air fees for early delivery former address was 188 West 135th Street present and permanent address 555 Edgecombe Avenue, New York City. respectfully, gratefully."

By passport application dated March 15, 1946 subject indicated she was born December 15, 1896, Washington, D. C. Her permanent residence at that time was shown as 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut. She indicated that she resided outside the United States from 1928 to 1939, but did not show in which country she had been. She listed her father as JOHN GOODE, born in Illinois, presently deceased, and her mother as ESLANDA ELBERT CARDOZA, born in Columbia, South Carolina, October 22, 1869, then residing at 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut. She indicated that she married PAUL ROBESON on August 17, 1921, who was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey, and was then residing with the subject. She indicated that her maiden name was ESLANDA CARDOZA GOODE. She stated that her last passport was issued in London, England about 1938. She intended to leave the United States from the port of New York about April 25, 1946 to visit French Equatorial Africa, Belgium Congo (Central Africa), and return to the United States within four or five months. She requested that her passport be mailed to the following address: Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut.

Her description was listed as follows:

Height:	5' 2"
Hair:	Black with gray
Eyes:	Brown
Distinguishing marks or features:	Tip of first finger, left hand, disfigured.
Occupation:	Writer-Lecturer
Born:	December 15, 1896 at Washington, D. C.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ESLANDA CARDOZA GOODE
100-12304- Sub 1
100-12304-2

WFO 100-14994

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

By letter dated March 15, 1946 with a return address of "The Beeches", Enfield, Connecticut, the subject stated, "I am applying for my passport in order to go to Africa. I want to do some field work toward my Degree PHD, Anthropology, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut. I also want to do some general research for my writing and lectures. I have already made one field trip to Africa in 1936 covering south and east Africa, all British areas. My book, African Journey, based on that trip was published in this country in August 1945 and will be published in England this spring. I have been making a study of the life of the negro, FELIX EBOUE, late governor general of French Equatorial Africa, and the French Press and Information Service are so interested in this work that they have urged me to visit their part of Africa, where he lived and worked. Belgian Officials, a little hurt at the few remarks in my book concerning their territory, have invited me to visit the Belgian Congo, to look at, and perhaps write about the changes that are taking place there. Both the French and British Officials have informed me that the four months, April, May, June, and July, are the really good months for work and travel in their territories, so I am anxious to set out as quickly as possible to leave here early in April for the four or five months travel there. May I refer you to the officials M. JEAN-de-la-ROCHE, and Mlle. JEANNE-ROUDOT, of the French Press and Information Service, 501 Madison Avenue, New York City and to the M. ALBERT-GORIS, and M. MAX HORN of the Belgian Consulate, Rockefeller Center, New York City. In case you wish to confirm the official approval and permission I have received from these countries. I will be very grateful if you will facilitate the granting of my passport at your convenience. Respectfully, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON."

In response to this passport application and the above letter, she was issued passport 52064 on March 25, 1946.

Passport renewal application dated October 10, 1949 indicated that since subject's last passport was issued she has resided outside the United States as follows:

French Equatorial Africa, Belgian Congo--May and October 1946. Mexico--September 9, 1949 to September 13, 1949.

She stated that the purposes of her visits to the above were "anthropological research in Africa, personal visits in Mexico." She indicated that she intended to depart from the

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

9

WFO 100-14994

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

United States through the port of New York City in November or December 1949 and proposed to stay abroad approximately two months. She said that she desired to visit England and the purpose of her trip was listed as "to collect my household furniture stored there since the war." She indicated that her mailing address was "The Beeches", Enfield, Connecticut, and attached letter stated, "I am applying for renewal of my passport which still has four months to run. I want to go to England, to London, to collect my household furniture stored there since the war, and I will not be doing any writing while I am abroad. Very truly yours,"

The passport files contain a memorandum stating that information had been received to the effect that on November 9, 1949 the subject had departed from Amsterdam enroute to Moscow, Russia as a delegate of the Congress of American Women to the annual council meeting of the Women's International Democratic Federation. It was further reported that Mrs. ROBESON had indicated she was attending the first conference of Asian Women scheduled for the first week in December 1949 in Peiping, China. The passport files contain a refusal notice dated January 31, 1951 which states that information has been received indicating that Mrs. ROBESON may wish to visit China with a "peace group".

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

One copy of this report is being delegated for the New York Office as it is known subject spends much time in the territory of that Office.

The Washington Post, daily newspaper in Washington, D. C., on Monday, September 12, 1949, page 12, part I, contained an article captioned: "There's Civil War in United States says Mrs. ROBESON." This article was datelined September 11, Mexico City, and stated "Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, wife of the negro singer, told the leftist Continental Peace Conference today that 'there is civil war in U.S.'". The article further states "she said that was her interpretation of what she called 'the battle of Peekskill'". Mrs. ROBESON spoke in place of the singer at the first session of the Peace Conference."

A newspaper article from the Chicago Defender, dated October 28, 1944, indicates that Mrs. ROBESON denounced charges by J. B. MATTHEWS, then research director from the Dies Committee, that PAUL ROBESON was a communist.

An article in the National Guardian, Volume I, No. 43, Page 10, August 8, 1949, New York City, furnished by Informant [REDACTED] indicates that the Young Peoples Educational Foundation which conducts its first National Leadership Institute at Clarion Acres, Montecillo, New York, from August 22 to September 4 will be under the chairmanship of Mrs. ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. The Foundation address was listed as 19 West 45th Street, New York. b7D

An article on page 11 of the February 22, 1950 issue of the National Guardian bearing the subjects byline, was titled "China, Russia, and Everywhere--the women of the world are worried about us". This article indicated that the subject had attended the Women's International Democratic Federation Meeting in Moscow in November 1949 and the Conference of Asian Women in Peking in December 1949. It is to be noted that on her passport renewal application of October 10, 1949, she stated that she intended to visit England and that the purpose of her trip was "to collect my household furniture, stored there since the war". This seems to indicate fraudulent statements and might be a possible violation of the federal statutes covering passport matters.

Informant [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. MARY CHURCH TERRELL b7D attended the meeting at Laborers Hall June 16, 1949 with Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON and THERESA LEE ROBINSON. Informant stated that Mrs. TERRELL was an elderly negro woman who had sought entrance into the American Association of University Women, which had caused quite a national controversy within the American Association of University Women, as no colored women were members of the organization at that time.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ //

WFO 100-14994

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In response to the above passport renewal application and letter, subject's passport was renewed on October 17, 1949 to expire March 24, 1950. It was indorsed "not valid for travel to Yugoslavia."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

WFO 100-14994

INFORMANT PAGE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

T-1

^c [redacted] who furnished the information
to the writer.

b1

T-2

Special Agent [redacted] SID, MDW.

T-3

Special Agent [redacted] and the
writer, who attended [redacted]

b7c

b7D

T-4

^c [redacted] who furnished the information
to Special Agent [redacted]

b1

b7c

T-5

[redacted]

^c b1

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

13

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET1

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.



Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.



Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.



Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.



Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

Above

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

To protect information currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12065.



For your information: _____



The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-229

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

4-10-51

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

10

6:30 P.M.

DIRECTOR AND SAC

U R G E N T

PAUL ROBESON, IS DASH C. PASSPORT DIVISION DEPARTMENT STATE ADVISED SUBJECT
EXECUTED AN APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT APRIL SIX LAST TO DEPART NYC VIA AIR
APRIL FIFTEEN NEXT FOR A PROPOSED TEN-DAY STAY IN FRANCE AND ENGLAND TO
ATTEND CONFERENCE AS MEMBER OF PEACE DELEGATION.

STEIN

GGB:AKA

WFO 100-19021

CC: Mr. Belmont

CMB
H.S.

I.R.-8

5-11-ET

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/10/80 BY SP-5 RJG/C/M

RECEIVED
APR 15 1951
RECEIVED
APR 15 1951
RECEIVED
APR 15 1951

RECORDED - 53

1/00 = 12304-230
APR 18 1951

APR 11 4 31 PM '51

RECEIVED
APR 11 1951
RECEIVED
APR 11 1951

65 APR 26 1951

15

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

4/14/51

DIRECTOR AND SAC

DEFERRED

PAUL ROBESON. IS-C. REMYTEL APRIL TEN LAST. PASSPORT DIVISION, DEPARTMENT
OF STATE, ADVISED SUBJECT'S REQUEST FOR PASSPORT APRIL SIX LAST DENIED
APRIL NINE.

CWSH
STEIN

GGB:ep
100-19021

G.I.R.-1

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/10/80 BY SR5 R56/CIM

RECORDED - 106/100-12304-231
EX-92 APR 17 1951
16

50 APR 21 1951 3

cc Baumgardner
16

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET1

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☐ Deleted under exemption(s) _____ with no segregable material available for release to you.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☒ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information: _____

☒

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-232

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Tonduis

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASHINGTON 3 FROM BOSTON 1 7-55 PM

DIRECTOR URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS DASH C, DAYLET. BOSTON POST, A BOSTON DAILY NEWSPAPER, MORNING ISSUE, JUNE FIRST, INSTANT, CARRIED AN ARTICLE INDICATING ROBESON SCHEDULED TO APPEAR SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE THIRD, NEXT, AT EIGHT PM IN HALL OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW-S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TWO THREE NINE HARVARD ST., CAMBRIDGE, MASS. ARTICLE CONTINUED ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS APPEARANCE CAUSED WAVE OF OPPOSITION FROM THIS CITY. ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE CHRONICLE, A BOSTON WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, ISSUE OF SATURDAY, JUNE SECOND, INDICATED BOSTON CONCERT TO BE HELD AT OTISFIELD HALL, OTISFIELD STREET AND BLUE HILL AVENUE, AT EIGHT PM, SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE SECOND, INSTANT.

THORNTON

END HOLD PLS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/10/80 BY

G.L.R. 23
6/1/51

RECORDED - 24 100-12304-23

JUN 5 1951
24

COPIES DESTROYED

COPIES DESTROYED

669 SEP 28 1973

cc: Mr. Dwyer

18

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, BOSTON
 SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: JUNE 23, 1951

Boston Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that a PAUL ROBESON concert was held on Saturday, June 2, 1951, at Otis Hall, Otis Field Street, Roxbury, Mass. b1 b7D

The Informant quoted ROBESON as saying "The capitalists of this country are not scaring anybody. Howard DeSilva and myself and other Progressive artists will form a theater and film group in the very near future."

The letter is being submitted to interested offices for information purposes only. Additional copies are being forwarded in the event these offices may care to designate a copy for their files pertaining to Communist infiltration of the motion-picture industries.

RC:mjm
 100-20575

2 cc New York
 2 cc Los Angeles

CONFIDENTIAL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
 OTHERWISE

RECORDED - 26
 INDEXED - 26

EX-71

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RSG/CTM
 REASON-7
 DATE OF 12/11/90

60 JUL 2 1951

19

FBI WASH FIELD

7-18-51

10:30 A.M.

DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW HAVEN

URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS DASH C. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT STATE
DEPT. PASSPORT DIVISION ADVISES SUBJECT'S SON, PAUL
ROBESON, JR., HAS APPLIED FOR PASSPORT AT N.Y. APPLICATION
WILL BE REFERRED TO DEPT. OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR
APPROPRIATE ACTION. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

GGB:PJF

100-19021

STEIN

CLW

G.I.R.-1

*no action
pending request
from State
Jm.*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP5 RSC/KM

RECORDED

100-12304-235

JUL 20 1951

EX-52

62 AUG 2 1951

5-1/m.
20

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Aug. 15, 1951

The F. B. I.

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Can't something be done about Paul Robeson?

One of my hobbies is listening to the short wave radio. Tonight I listened to Radio Moscow for a while. They had a transcribed address (they said) of Paul Robeson. It certainly sounded like Robeson.

It seems to me that his remarks were treasonable. I am aware that referring to the F. B. I. as a "gestapo" is libel not treason. If you, or some other agency, are not monitoring the Russian propaganda broadcasts, may I suggest that you do so. If a recording were made of Robeson's remarks he must either admit that he made such remarks or that the Russian radio was lying. Either course would be damning to himself.

Very truly yours,

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

DATE 12/11/80

SP-5
RSG/CM

EX - 73

RECORDED - 6

INDEXED - 6

100-12304-236
AUG 27 1951
18

21

August 21, 1951

RECORDED

100-12304-236

EX - 73

[REDACTED]

b7c

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 15, 1951, and sincerely appreciate your interest in bringing your observations to my attention. You were certainly thoughtful to do this.

During these critical times it is important that all loyal citizens call to our attention matters affecting the national security of our nation, and in the future you may desire to communicate with the Special Agent in Charge of our New Haven Office located at 510 The Trust Company Building, New Haven 10, Connecticut, or me.

Enclosed is some material I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

12/11/51

SP-5 RSC/KUM

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

E.B.I.

Unmasking the Communist Masquerader
Foe to Freedom
Menace of Communism

REC-51 2 23 AM '51

REC-51 2 15 AM '51

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

REC-51 2 15 AM '51

cc - New Haven

ACK:mc

52 SEP 11 1951

Tolson
Ladd
Clegg
Glavin
Nichols
Rosen
Tracy
Harbo
Mohr
Tele. Room
Nease
Gandy

m 22

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

AUG 25 1951

WESTERN UNION

WU K077 NL PD

AUG 24

J EDGAR HOOVER

FBI

PLEASE CHECK ORIGIN OF PAUL ROBESON AND SEE IF THE COLORED
RACE WHICH HIS FATHER WAS A PROUD MINISTER IS MORE PROUD OF
PAUL OR A GUY NAMED JOE WHO PLAYED BASEBALL AGAINST HIM IN
BERNARDSVILLE NEW JERSEY AND SAW HIM ORAGE AT RUTGERS
COLLEGE WHERE HE GOT HIS FREE EDUCATION AT THE EXPENSE
OF THE TAXPAYERS OF NEW JERSEY. LONG LIVE THE REDS AT THE
EXPENSE OF UNCLE SAM

P.S. USE SOME OF THE BOYS ON PAUL

AN EX NEW JERSEYAN THE TRAITOR OF OUR GOVERNMENT

618A AUG 25

RECORDED - 62

INDEXED - 62

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN

DATE 12/11/80

AUG 30 1951

RSE/cum

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*NO act. No action
not identify in directory*

No Rec. File

*100-12304-23
FIVE
486*

*14115
10/1/51
ok 8/28/51
+ BC*

22

SAC, Kansas City

August 28, 1951

Director, FBI

RESEARCH

RECORDED - 62

100-12304-237

Set out below are the contents of a telegram dated August 24, 1951, received from [REDACTED] No street address is available and he is not identifiable in the [REDACTED] telephone directory; therefore, his communication is not being acknowledged. These data are furnished for your information.

WU K077 NL PD [REDACTED] AUG 24

PLEASE CHECK ORIGIN OF PAUL ROBESON AND SEE IF THE COLORED RACE WHICH HIS FATHER WAS A PROUD MINISTER IS MORE PROUD OF PAUL OR A GUY NAMED JOE WHO PLAYED BASEBALL AGAINST HIM IN BERNARDSVILLE NEW JERSEY AND SAW HIM ORAGE AT RUTGERS COLLEGE WHERE HE GOT HIS FREE EDUCATION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAIPAYERS OF NEW JERSEY. LONG LIVE THE REDS AT THE EXPENSE OF UNCLE SAM

P. S. USE SOME OF THE BOYS ON PAUL

AN EX NEW JERSEYAN THE TRAITOR OF OUR GOVERNMENT

618 A AUG 25

RBC:mnf

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 R. J. [REDACTED]

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

COMM - FBI

AUG 28 1951

76 SEP 13 1951

26

G.I.R.-5

12' 48' 33" Y 31 32

9-15-51

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

15

DIRECTOR AND SAC

URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS DASH C. ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, FIFTY ONE, SUBJ. FILED NEW ANDY
APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT AT NYC AND SAME HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT PASSPORT
DIVISION, DEPT. STATE. SUBJ. STATES PROPOSES TO TRAVEL TO QUOTE PEKING,
CHINA, TOGETHER WITH MRS. ROBESON UNQUOTE BY AIR FOR QUOTE FEW WEEKS UNQUOTE,
DEPARTURE FROM NYC LAST WEEK OF SEPT., FIFTY ONE. PURPOSE OF TRIP GIVEN AS
QUOTE ACCEPT INVITATION OF PEACE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE PEOPLES REPUBLIC
AND GIVE CONCERTS THERE UNQUOTE. PERMANENT RESIDENCE GIVEN AS TWENTY TWO
EAST EIGHTY NINTH ST., NYC. SUBJ. STATES HIS WIFE NOW RESIDING ENFIELD,
CONN. ATTACHED TO PASSPORT APPLICATION IS COPY OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE TELEGRAM
TO SUBJ. READING AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE PEKING VIA GLOVE, SEPT. FIRST, FIFTY ONE.
PAUL ROBESON FIFTY THREE WEST ONE TWENTY FIFTH STREET NEW YORK NEW YORK DEAR
MR AND MRS PAUL ROBESON OCTOBER FIRST NINETEEN FIFTY ONE BEING THE SECOND
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA THE COMMITTEE
HEARTILY EXTENDS ITS INVITATION TO YOU PARTISANS OF PEACE RESPECTED AND
BELOVED BY THE PEOPLES OF CHINA AND THE WORLD TO ATTEND THIS OCCASION THE
COMMITTEE WOULD FEEL EXTREMELY HONOURED IF IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO
ARRIVE IN PEKING BETWEEN SEPTEMBER TWENTY THIRD TO TWENTY NINTH EARNESTLY
AWAITING YOUR REPLY. KUO MO HYPHEN JO CHAIRMAN THE CHINESE PEOPLES COMMITTEE FOR
WORLD PEACE. UNQUOTE [REDACTED] PASSPORT DIV., HAS
ADVISED WFO THAT PASSPORT FOR SUBJ WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE REFUSED.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Aiken
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Laughlin
Mr. Mohr
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease

KJH: 2 OCT 3

1951

RECORDED

EX-78

SEP 20 1951

100-19021

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80

SP-5 RGG/uk

STEIN

100-12394-238

5/11/54

20

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET1

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☐ Deleted under exemption(s) _____ with no segregable material available for release to you.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☒ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) Department of State, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information: _____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
FBI Headquarters file 100-12304 - Not Recorded

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 26, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bufile 100-12304

Card U.T.D.
12-18-51
Lec

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

I The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS ^{2.4} % Harold McGee, 22 East 89th Street, NYC ⁸³²

and Exfield, Connecticut

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

^{o/k.} Council on African Affairs, ⁴⁵² 53 West 125th Street, NYC and

"Freedom Associates", 53 West 125th Street, NYC

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED _____ Nons

DATE 12/11/50

SP-5 RJA/UM

MAT:mat
100-25857

59 DEC 19 1951

RECORDED - 36

EX-32

100-12304-239

NOV 27 1951

EX-32

RECORDED

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET1

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.



Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.



Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.



Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.



Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

Above

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

To protect information currently and properly
classified pursuant to Executive Order 12065.



For your information: _____



The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-240

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET1

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.



Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.



Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.



Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.



Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

Above

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

To protect information currently and properly classified
pursuant to Executive Order 12065.



For your information: _____



The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-241

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 6, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
IS - C

On 11-17-51, [redacted] of known reliability advised Special Agent [redacted] of this office, that [redacted] had told the informant of a recent conversation she had with PAUL ROBESON. [redacted] whom the informant has described as a Communist Party member, indicated that their conversation had concerned a proposed New Year's party in Washington D. C. for the FREDOM Committee. According to [redacted] ROBESON directed her to organize the committee as well as the New Year's party. He further told [redacted] that he would come down personally to see that the party and the committee are a success. He explained that they must establish a "liberation paper" for it is not known when the "Worker" will be prohibited and the "Freedom" will have to carry on.

On 9-18-51, the Washington Afro-American (D. C. Negro newspaper) carried a story on pages 1 and 2, headlined "ROBESON DENIED PASSPORT TO RED CHINA." On page 2, column 4, of this article it was noted that ROBESON had a legal suit pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia against Secretary of State DEAN ACHESON because of the action taken by the State Department in 1950 in validating ROBESON'S passport.

The Washington Times-Herald, (D. C. daily newspaper), on Thursday, 8-16-51, on Page 6, column 2, carried a short article, headlined "ROBESON FILES VISA APPEAL". This article indicated that the subject "yesterday carried his passport fight to the United States Court of Appeals". A check of the general docket of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Docket #11030 reflects that notice of appeal was filed for PAUL ROBESON, Appellant vs. DEAN G. ACHESON, Appellee on 4-23-51 on civil action 5500-50, whose date of judgement was April 20, 1951, before Judge WALTER M. BASTIAN.

A check of the docket of the United States Court of Appeals on December 5, 1951, reflects that this case is still pending and has not yet been set for a hearing.

This case will be placed in a pending inactive status in the WFO to report the final action taken in the United States Court of Appeals.

GGB:RA

cc New York (100-25857)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RECORDED - 40

100-12304-242

DEC 10 1951

INDEXED - 40

12

EX - 87

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RS/2/11
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 12/11/90

9-27-1

b1

G.I.R.-6

b7C

b7D

←

f-11-1

30

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*
 FROM : V. P. KEAY *PK*
 SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: December 12, 1951

7-1
✓
←
 [REDACTED] Passport Division, State Department, informed Mr. Roach that Paul Robeson had made an application for a passport in New York to proceed to France to present a petition to the United Nations. *b7c*

Baumgardner
←
 [REDACTED] advised Mr. Roach that issuance of a passport to Robeson will be denied. *W. H. T. Williams*

ACTION:

None. This is supplied for information.

*RRR:mfs**61 R. -7*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RJS/CM

RECORDED - 661/100-12304-243
 DEC 18 1951

132
 61 DEC 27 1951

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 12/19/51

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, wa;
IS - C

Reference Bureau Form 01 dated 11/2/51.

The agent to whom above captioned case is assigned has been engaged in cases of a more expeditious nature which have consumed time which was originally planned to be used in the preparation of a report on subject.

Every effort will be made to submit a report by 2/3/52.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RSC/ML

RECORDED - 32

100-12304-244

DEC 21 1951
8MAT:BA
100-25857

5245-

DEC 21 1951

Lm-33

FIVE

32

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/12 BY 385 RSC/MLM

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
November 1, 1951

~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Director, FBI

Re: "MOVIMENTO NACIONAL PELA PROIBIÇÃO DA
ÁREA ATÔMICA - MNPPAA" (National Movement
for the Prohibition of Atomic Weapons)
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] b7D

In the Communist newspaper, "Imprensa Popular," for November 1, 1951, there appeared an article regarding the Congress, which said that the Congress (now called the Conferência Continental Americana de Defesa da Paz) would be held December 10 to 15 at "one of the capitals of our countries." The statement supposedly issued by representatives from all the Americas makes any of the capitals in this hemisphere a possible site.

Two copies of the above article are attached. The article is in two parts, commencing on page one of the newspaper, and, as is seen, has a photo of PAUL ROBESON, among others. The call for the conference is dated November 1 and is signed by "personalities from 16 countries." That part of the article is the second part, which was on an inner page.

The manifesto states that the conference of American representatives will seek means for the people of this hemisphere to contribute to the task of putting an end to the wars in process and to guarantee that international problems be solved peacefully. It calls for a "pact among the five powers," and refers to the threat of a third world war.

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080 YK2

MAY 16 1977

INITIALS OF ORIGINAL

Attachment
[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

100-12304-17
NOT RECORDED
45 NOV 26 1951
DEC 17

LA

b7C

SAC, New York

November 16, 1951

Director, FBI (100-74021)

ALBERT KAHN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Bureau's Legal Attache, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, advised by letter dated 11-1-51 that the Communist newspaper, "Imprensa Popular," for 11-1-51 contained an article regarding the Continental Congress of Peace which stated that the Congress (now called the Conferencia Continental Americana de Defensa da Paz) would be held 12-10 to 15, 1951, at "one of the capitals of our countries." The statement supposedly issued by representatives from all the Americas makes any of the capitals in this hemisphere a possible site.

According to the article the call to the conference is signed by "personalities from 10 countries," among which are Albert Kahn and Paul Robeson.

You should advise the Bureau of any information received indicating that Kahn or Robeson intend to leave the United States in order that the appropriate agencies may be advised.

cc - New York file 100-25357

cc - Bufile 100-12304

WJ:hlm

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Alden _____
Belmont _____
Laughlin _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RSG/CLM

63 JAN 5 1952 PLIGATE YELLOW

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

January 14, 1952

SAC, NEW YORK

SAC, WFO (100-10332)

HUNGARIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R and HU

Pani R. B...
Rebulet December 4, 1951.

Issues of Magyar Jovo for November 8, 1951, and November 14, 1951, have been translated as requested in referenced letter, original newspapers and translations are herewith being transmitted to New York, with a copy of the translation to the Bureau, attention FBI Laboratory.

SS:HT

Encl.

cc: Bureau, Attention: FBI Laboratory (Encl)

13 ENCL

100-12304-
83 FEB 5 1952

DECLASSIFIED BY *6080/MK*
MAY 18 1977

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE *12/11/80* BY *SP-5 RJB/C/ML*

495
59 FEB 13 1952

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF
DATE *6-20-72*

35

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MAGYAR JOVO

Issue of November 8, 1951

Article on page 2 entitled "PAUL ROBESON's Talk on the Anniversary of the Magyar Jovo."

Not long ago I found an article in the "Ogonoyok" about IRA ALDRIGE, the great American actor. Beginning in 1830 ALDRIGE was on a European tour; in 1860 he was buried in Lodz, Poland; in a picture carried in "Ogonoyok" he can be seen with SAVCSENKO, the great poet of Ukraine. These two artists became close friends while ALDRIGE was in Russia. While on the continent ALDRIGE spent some time in Hungary also. His daughter, who is still living in London, still has many mementoes which were presented to him by the Hungarian people. The donors were patriots who served with KOSSUTH who fought for Hungarian independence which finally resulted in victory over fascism.

There are among you some whose grandfathers or grandmothers who probably saw ALDRIGE at one time when BEFORE they came to America, which ALDRIGE left. They came to a promised land, a young republic, to begin a new life. On the other hand ALDRIGE left a country which represented slavery to him and his people.

During the intervening years the struggle of the negro people and the struggle of your fathers and mothers for complete liberty became one great battle; our people and people like us bore the burden of the great fever of those times: Our work and our efforts helps the material progress of this country and make possible the founding of a country in which democratic economy and welfare is still incomplete. We too enjoy the valuable heritage of this progressive America. As pointed out by EARL ROBINSON in his "Ballad for Americans" this newspaper which we honor today played an important role in Hungarian colonies and among progressiver workers.

We must increase this role all of us, black and white together, with all language groups, who revere those who have gone before us, whether at Harpers Ferry with JOHN BROWN or underground with FREDERICK DOUGLASS and

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RSB/KUM

ENCLOSURE

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

100-12304-✓

34

HARRIET TUBLIN and SOUJOURNER TRUTH or those in the ghettos of Warsaw or those in the hills of Israel or those fighting for Hungarian independence. We here in the United States in 1951 must again sacrifice with them for peace and friendship and be able to get along with the other peoples of the world. We who know these other peoples and at the same time come from these other peoples, must explain during every hour of the day and must find methods to convince all to join with us so that they may know that of which we speak.

They understood in the times of ROOSEVELT, they understood a few years ago the ROOSEVELT who stated that Stalingrad and its heroic people -- the symbol of the Soviet people -- saved civilization. Not long ago I was in that glorious land. It was thus in Poland, China, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania, and in your beloved Hungary. We must explain to the American people that all of these people are building a new way of life for themselves, which way of life built by workers, farmers and others and dedicated to a new society.

And thus my forebearers from far away Africa look to modern China and they too desire independence, liberty, and a better way of life. Likewise the mass of my people here in the United States, deep in the South and a week ago in Cincinnati, desire not second or third grade citizenship but a full life and not race hatred and death.

Together, in the strongest sense of unity, we must struggle for an America which was envisioned by our forebearers in the constitution and in the Bill of Rights and by continual sacrifice of our dearest citizens. Our immediate responsibilities however are important. The movement of the mass always for the unjust and these days our progressives and our workers have gained time for peace through the Armistice conferences which have started in Korea and in them we see enormous possibilities. We must use these possibilities for the liberation of DuBOIS, the freeing of PATTERSON, the repeal of the Smith law in order to save our constitution.

They have attacked our rights of free speech. The leaders of our workers are sitting behind iron bars or are suffering prosecution like GUS HALL, CLAUDIA JONES,

~~SECRET~~ - KONTAMINATED YTHUGS2

BETTY GANNET, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, PETTIS PERRY, V. J. JEROME, DR. HUNTON, DASHIELL HAMMET FIELD.

Let's support the American peace movement so that they may do good work. Let's get behind THOMMY RICHARDSON, ROOSEVELT WARD, UPHOUS, ARTHUR KAHN, and the thousands of others who participated in the Chicago peace congress. Let each organization feel the burden of responsibility for world peace. To end the Korean war let's demand a five power peace conference. The atmosphere will be entirely different in Europe and Paris when United Nations begins its general sessions, and Paris is not far from Budapest.

The victory of peace will signify a complete change here at home. We must silence the misleading screams that loyalty oaths are necessary. We must eliminate the false charges of treason for everyone has the right to proclaim tried and proven truths and a better life for mankind. We must help the work of the Civil Rights Congress. This organization does great work under the leadership of my very dear friend WILLIM L. PATTERSON. Let's help LOUIS E. BURNHAN and GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR., the Douglass "North Star" heritage and the further building of the magazine "Freedom."

I thank you for the privilege of appearing before you as an artist. I thank you for the privilege of allowing me to express solidarity and friendship. I hope that the wish of true Americans will soon permit me to visit the land of your fathers, Hungary, as well as the other countries of the world in order that I may take unto them the message of true Americans. I sincerely believe that all will build their own free and happy life within our time echoing the words of the previously rendered Kossuth song: "Long live Hungarian freedom, long live the land."

(This last exclamation was rendered by ROBESON in faultless Hungarian.) His words brought forth great applause.

~~SECRET~~ - KONTAMINATED YTHUGS2

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET1

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.



Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(1) with no segregable material available for release to you.



Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.



Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.



Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

Above

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

To protect information currently and properly
classified pursuant to Executive Order 12065.



For your information: _____



The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

FBI Headquarters file 12304-245

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
39
FBI/DOJ

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 22 1952

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Laughlin
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

WASHINGTON 533, NYC 88 FROM SEATTLE VIA SFRAN 1-22-52

DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS C. JOHN QP. BOYD, DISTRICT DIRECTOR, INS, SEATTLE
ADVISED THAT ROBESON SCHEDULED TO MAKE APPEARANCE IN VANCOUVER B.C.
ON FEB. ONE, FIFTYTWO, UNDER AUSPICES MINE, MILL AND SMELTER WORKERS
UNION. IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING CONVENTION THIS ORGANIZATION.
BOYD ADVISED THAT CENTRAL OFFICE, INS, WASH. D. C. HAS INFORMED
HIM THAT A PREVIOUS REQUEST OF DEPT. OF STATE TO PREVENT ROBESON-S
DEPARTURE FROM U. S. REMAINS IN EFFECT, AND THAT ACCORDINGLY FORBIS
IN THIS DISTRICT OF INS HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT
ROBESON-S DEPARTURE UNDER AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN TITLE TWENTYTWO,
CFR, FIFTYEIGHT POINT SEVEN.

BOYD SOLICITED THIS OFFICE FOR ANY INFO WE MIGHT OBTAIN RE
ROBESON-S ITINERARY SO THAT HE CAN TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO ALERT HIS
OFFICERS IN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT ROBESON FROM LEAVING COUNTRY.
NO INFO RE ROBESON-S TRIP AVAILABLE HERE. BUREAU AND NY OFFICE RE-
QUESTED FURNISH ANY INFO AVAILABLE RE ROBESON-S TRAVEL PLANS. NO
INVESTIGATION OR OTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY SEATTLE OFFICE OTHER THAN
TO CONFIDENTIALLY FURNISH BOYD SUCH INFO RE SUBJECT-S TRAVEL PLANS AS
MYXXX MAY BE RECEIVED.

AUERBACH

CORR NAME FIRST LINE JOHN P. BOYD

KU LINE 5 SECOND WORD ADVISED

RECORDED

64 FEB 11 1952

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP5 BSC/CLH

SAC, Seattle

January 28, 1952

RECORDED - 124

Director, FBI (100-12304) **246**

EX-15

PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Seattle teletype dated January 22, 1952.

The Bureau files reflect no information as to Robeson's current travel plans. You are requested to advise the Bureau of any additional information obtained relative to Robeson's contemplated itinerary.

cc - New York (100-25857)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP5-RSC/KM

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Rm. _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

MET:cmw

59 FEB 7 1952

626

COMM - FBI
JAN 28 1952
MAILED 19

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FBI
RECEIVED MAIL ROOM

773

41

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 24

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Laughlin	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WASH 31 FROM NEW YORK
DIRECTOR URGENT

24 4-21 P

G.I.R.-6
Torrens
PAUL ROBESON IS-C. RE SEATTLE TEL JANUARY TWENTY SECOND LAST. NEW YORK HAS NO INFORMATION RE. SUBJECT-S TRAVEL PLANS. INFORMANTS AND SOURCES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO FURNISH ALL INFORMATION RE. ROBESON-S TRAVEL PLANS. NEW YORK WILL ADVISE SEATTLE OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS. AT PRESENT ROBESON IS IN NEW YORK CITY AND IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON JAN. TWENTY SEVENTH AT MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY.

SCHEIDT

SEATTLE ADVISED

HOLD

END

NY R 31 WA MFC ALSO RELAYS

RECORDED - 110

JAN 30 1952

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS
UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP5 RSG/CM

62 FEB 7 1952

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FEB 13 1952

TELETYPE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Laughlin _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

WASH 5 40 FROM SEATTLE VIA SAN FRAN 1

7-23 P.R. - RDP

DIRECTOR, FBI DEFERRED

PAUL ROBESON, IS - C. REMYTELS JANUARY THIRTYONE. ROBESON IN SEATTLE TODAY. HAD PRESS CONFERENCE WITH NEWSPAPER AND WIRE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES LATE THIS PM WHICH MADE IT APPEAR HE DOES NOT INTEND TO ATTEMPT TO KEEP SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AT VANCOUVER, B. C. TONIGHT AT EIGHT PM.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENCE ROBESON IN SEATTLE AS LATE AS FIVE PM PST DOES NOT INDICATE INTENTION TO TRY TO APPEAR PERSONALLY IN VANCOUVER. ACTION BY INS IN STOPPING ROBESON AND VINCENT HALLINAN RECEIVING WIDE PUBLICITY HERE. NO INFO RECEIVED AS TO HALLINAN TODAY BUT INS ADVISED THEY BELIEVE HE HAD RETURNED TO SF. ABOVE FOR INFO.

RECORDED - 20

AUERBACH

EX-98

EHOLD PLS

Classified by 2650/VAC
Exempt from GDS Category 1
Date of Declassification Indefinite

59 FEB 13 1952

AUG 0 5 1977

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Classification DATE AUG 0 5 1977

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RSB/bm
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 12/11/80

43

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1820)
 SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE:
 February 8, 1952

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
 OTHERWISE.

CONFIDENTIAL

Re Seattle tels dated January 31 and February 1, 1952 regarding ROBESON'S unsuccessful attempt to enter Canada for the purpose of appearing at Vancouver, B. C. before the convention of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers being held in that city.

Seattle teletype of February 1 indicated that plans were being discussed in Vancouver, B. C. to have a recording of a speech by ROBESON made at Seattle and taken to Vancouver for playing at the convention. Information has been subsequently received that this action was not taken but that on February 1, 1952, at 8:48 PM a telephone call was made from the Marine Cooks & Stewards Hall at Seattle to the Denman Auditorium, Vancouver, B. C., and that by means of long distance telephone, ROBESON conveyed a short speech to the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers convention, his talk being amplified in the auditorium so that it would be heard by the assembled crowd.

(c)
 No information has been received as to ROBESON'S present whereabouts. It is not known whether he is still in this area or has proceeded elsewhere.

The above is for the information of the Bureau and the New York office.

CHD/hg

cc: (2) New York (100-25857)

CONFIDENTIAL

Classified by 2852 YER
 Exempt from GDS, Category 1
 Date of Declassification Indefinite
 7/68

AUG 05 1977

RECORDED - 88

FEB 12 1952

50 FEB 19 1952

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES EX. 50
 AND FIELD OFFICES
 ADVISED BY ROUTING
 SLIP(S) OF Classification
 DATE AUG 05 1977

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP5 R56K/M
 REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
 DATE OF REVIEW 12/11/80
 2-8-82

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/11/52

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was;
INTERNAL SECURITY-C.

Re New York letter to Director 12/19/51.

The agent to whom above captioned case is assigned has been engaged on cases of a more expeditious nature which have consumed time which was originally planned to be used in the preparation of a report on subject.

Every effort will be made to submit a report by 3/18/52.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RSC/CUM

MAT:DJG

RECORDED - 162

100-12304-249
FEB 13 1952
31

EX-1

FEB 13 1952
50 FEB 19 1952

46

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

FROM : V. P. KATZ *X*

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: January 30, 1952

Mr. Samuel S. Boykin, Director, Office of Consular Affairs, State Department, informed Mr. Roach that the State Department has received information from [REDACTED] that Paul Robeson may attempt to defect to the Russians. According to Mr. Boykin, [REDACTED] information comes from a source in the [REDACTED].

Mr. Boykin stated that he desired to pass this information on to the Bureau, believing that it may be of interest to us. He also asked that if the Bureau receives any information that would tend to confirm or repudiate this data, it be supplied to the State Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be referred to the Internal Security Unit for its information, it to be noted that should the Bureau receive any information concerning Robeson, it be made available to the State Department.

RRZ:lw/w

RECORDED - 76

DECLASSIFIED ON 12/11/80
BY SP-5 RSG/CLM

X RET

Classified by 1259
Exempt from GDS, Category 1
Date of Declassification Indefinite

10/6/78

50 FEB 21 1952

46

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 31 1952

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Gandy

FBI, SEATTLE 1-31-52 3 09 PM PST

MJC

DIRECTOR, SACS, NEW YORK & SAN FRANCISCO

URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS-C. VINCENT HALLINAN, SM-C. INS, SEATTLE ADVISED THAT INS, BLAINE, WASHINGTON, APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRTY P.M. TODAY SERVED PAUL ROBESON WITH NOTICE THAT HE COULD NOT DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES TO GO TO CANADA. ROBESON WAS IN AN AMERICAN OWNED AUTOMOBILE, ACCOMPANIED BY ONE JOHN GREY, COLORED, ALLEGEDLY REGISTERED TO TED COCHRAN OF THE MINE, MILL AND SMELTERS UNION, TACOMA, WASH. JOHN GREY STATED HE WAS AN UNEMPLOYED WELDER FROM CHICAGO. INS ALSO ADVISED THAT VINCENT HALLINAN, ATTORNEY FOR HARRY BRIDGES, ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AT BLAINE, WASHINGTON ON THE TRAIN AT APPROXIMATELY NOON TODAY AND WAS SERVED WITH A NOTICE FORBIDDING HIM TO DEPART. BOTH HALLINAN AND ROBESON WERE ALLEGEDLY PROCEEDING TO VANCOUVER, B. C. TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CONVENTION OF THE MINE, MILL AND SMELTER WORKERS. INS FURTHER ADVISED THAT ROBESON AND HALLINAN HAVE LEFT BLAINE AND ARE PROCEEDING TOWARD SEATTLE.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RSB/CUM

AUERBACK

SF ADVISED

END ACK

NY OK FBI NYC PVD

4 FEB 26 1952
WA 8-15 OPM OK FBI WA GJH

DISCOMSE OPR SE OPR T T

RECORDED - 53

100-12304-251

55-13

FEB 7 1952

5- Tolson
7- Ladd
7- Nichols
7- Clegg
7- Glavin
7- Harbo
7- Rosen
7- Tracy
7- Egan
7- Gurnea
7- Hendon
7- Jones
7- Mumford
7- Quinn
7- Nease
7- Gandy
cc Tolson

41

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 31 1952

TELETYPE

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RSG/CTM
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 12/11/80
1/31/82

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

G.I.R.-6

WASH S30 NEW YORK S1 FROM SEATTLE VIA SAN FRAN 31 7-59 PM RP
DIRECTOR, FBI ANS SACS SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK URGENT
PAUL ROBESON, IS-C, VINCENT HALLINAN, SM-C. REMYTEL EARLIER TODAY.
INS, SEATTLE, ADVISES DEMONSTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY
INDIVIDUALS BEFORE U. S. CONSULATE, VANCOUVER, B. C., PROTESTING
BARRING OF VINCENT HALLINAN FROM CANADA. THIS DEMONSTRATION OCCURRED
BEFORE THEY HAD KNOWLEDGE ROBESON ALSO BARRED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES
SEATTLE REFLECT PLANS BEING FORMULATED JOINTLY AT VANCOUVER AND IN
WASHINGTON FOR DEMONSTRATION AT PEACE ARCH, U. S. CANADIAN BORDER,
VICINITY OF BLAINE, WASH. PROTESTING ACTION U. S. IMMIGRATION AGAINST
HALLINAN AND ROBESON

INASMUCH AS BARRING OF HALLINAN AND ROBESON PREVENTS
THEIR PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN VANCOUVER, PLANS BEING MADE TO HAVE BOTH
MEN RELAY MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON BY TELEPHONE TO DENMAN AUDITORIUM TO
BE AMPLIFIED OVER LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM AT MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT. NO
INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT
INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM INS, OR OTHER SOURCES.

7 6 MAR 5 1952
HOLD PLS

RECORDED
EX-164

CONFIDENTIAL

AUERBACH

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN

48

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
 SAC, SEATTLE (100-1820)
 SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE:

February 18, 1952

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED] (c) [REDACTED] U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, Blaine, Washington, has advised that from information available to him, the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, through their representative KENNETH ALLEN SMITH of Vancouver B. C., had reserved Peace Arch Park for a meeting on May 18, 1952. [REDACTED] stated that it was his understanding PAUL ROBESON was to appear at this meeting. (u)

The above is for the information of the Bureau and New York office. Any further details regarding this meeting will be furnished as received. (u)

CHD/hg

cc: New York (100-25857)

Classified by 2650 YER
 Exempt from GDS, Category 1
 Date of last classification 1/1/77

AUG 05 1977

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
 AND FIELD OFFICES
 ADVISED BY ROUTING
 SLIP(S) OF *Classification*
 DATE AUG 05 1977

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RECORDED - 105

INDEXED - 105

100-12304-253

FEB 26 1952

26

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
 OTHERWISE

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP5 RSC/ML
 REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
 DATE OF REVIEW 2/13/82

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1951

TO:

Director	Mr. Mohr 5744
Mr. Tolson 5744	Miss Gandy 5633
Mr. Ladd 5736	Mr. Nease 5633
Mr. Belmont 1742	Records Sec. 7235
Mr. Clegg 5256	Reading Room 5531
Mr. Glavin 5517	Mail Room 5533
Mr. Harbo 7625	Teletype 5644
Mr. Rosen 5706	Leave Clerk 2706
Mr. Tracy 4130 IB	Mechanical B-114
Mr. Laughlin 1742	Supply Room B-118
Mr. Holloman 5636	Miss Lurz
Mr. McGuire 5642	Mrs. Chisholm
Mr. Wick 5625	Miss Brown
Mr. Jones 4236	Miss Corrigan
Mr. Leonard 6222IB	Miss Pownell
Mr. Sizoo 7204	
Mr. Trotter 7204	
Mr. Wherry 5537	
Mr. English 5627	

See me

For your info

Note & return
For appropriate
action

L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

The Red Underground

Pressure Is Planned to Restore U. S. Passport for Paul Robeson

12/30/51 By Ogden R. Reid

THE Provisional Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport (2286 Seventh Ave., New York, N. Y.) sent out an "urgent request" last week to persons "interested in Robeson's welfare." The individuals contacted were asked to have their church groups, lodges and trade unions discuss the passport case preparatory to launching a national campaign.

As part of this campaign the committee directed a number of lawyers to prepare briefs "supporting the arguments of Robeson." The briefs will be sent to the Attorney General.

At the grass roots level the committee plans to trick a number of good Americans into signing letters and postcards to be mailed to the President and the State Department, urging "the return of Robeson's passport."

Robeson's passport was canceled in August, 1950, by the State Department because his travels and speeches abroad were not in the best national interest. In December of this year, Robeson reapplied for a special passport to Paris. He had planned to present to the U. N. a petition of the Civil Rights Congress charging the United States government with genocide against American Negroes.

Big Names To Be Tapped

The New Jersey Progressive party laid tentative plans last week to hold a testimonial dinner for Morvon Bloom, state director of the party, on Jan. 26. The dinner is being held to raise much needed funds for the party in New Jersey.

James Ambrie, chairman of the New Jersey Progressive party, has been selected to ask "big name" people to attend the dinner. These individuals will be listed on the invitations.

Ambrie plans to hold a preliminary meeting in his house in Lawrenceville, N. J., tomorrow.

Velson Quarantined

Jack Gerson, Baltimore regional director of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, ordered the officers of Local 24 last week not to meet or have any contact with Irving Charles Velson, National Communist Party Co-ordinator, and "the head of the Committee to Survey Trade Union Conditions in Europe." Velson was expelled from his post on the executive committee of the I. U. M. S. W. A. in September, 1943, under a union provision prohibiting office holding by "Nazis, Fascists, or Communists."

Velson has been recruiting trade union delegates to go on tours to France, Czechoslovakia and Russia. The Communist party hopes the delegates on their return to the United States will be good spokesmen for the party.

During the past week Velson propositioned workers at the gates of the Bethlehem-Key Highway Ship Repair Yard, Baltimore. He told workers that expenses for the trip will be paid by European labor unions.

'Per Capita' Tax

The National Negro Labor Council decided last week to levy a "per capita tax" on its twenty-three affiliated locals.

were convicted in the U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, for conspiring to pass military secrets to Soviet Russia. They were sentenced to death on April 5. No date has been set for the execution, pending the outcome of their appeal before the U. S. 3d Circuit Court of Appeals, New York, filed Nov. 8.

'Real Justice

At secret cell meetings to District 1 (Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island) last week, underground comrades were instructed in the "correct party line" of the Russian and the American legal systems.

"The American courts," the comrades were told, are "nothing but tools of the capitalist system. The American working class must be convinced that they can expect to find neither justice nor fair treatment in American courtrooms."

The functionaries added: "We must tell the people that only under socialism can they expect to achieve real justice." The Soviet Union has people's courts. The judges are elected, not appointed, and they come from the working class. All of them are peasants and laborers."

'Uprising of the People'

Jubilant Communists on the west coast said last week that if action had not been taken by the 9th United States Court of Appeals to "reduce the ball of the twelve party leaders indicted in July under the Smith act—that all of the Communist party would have been arrested. Ball of five defendants was reduced to \$5,000 and of seven defendants to \$10,000. Party leaders said the reduction in bail was due to "the uprising of the people" against Smith act prosecutions.

Bill of Rights Handbill

The California Emergency Defense Committee, as part of a campaign to "halt the Smith act prosecutions," distributed a number of handbills last week entitled: "Honor the Bill of Rights by Defending It."

The handbill, which urged people to write the President and the Attorney General, said that the Bill of Rights is not just a Christmas gift, neatly wrapped and dropped in some one's stocking by a benign Santa Claus.

Red Dictionary

SLOGAN . . . a temporary slogan advanced by the Communist party to apply to specific propaganda possibilities at any given time. Currently a typical "slogan" used by the party is "the peaceful co-existence of the Soviet and capitalist systems." The public "slogan" is that peaceful co-existence is possible; the secret position of the party is that peaceful co-existence is impossible.

Copyright, 1951, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

44-9-1
file

sh

INDEXED - 26

100-152-254

NOT RECORDED

136 FEB 27 1952

EX-130

5-7127

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/88 BY SP-5 RJA/ML

65 MAR 24 1952

51

for the party in New Jersey. James Smith, chairman of the New Jersey Progressive party, has been selected to ask "big name" people to attend the dinner. These individuals will be listed on the invitations.

Imbrie plans to hold a preliminary meeting in his house in Lawrenceville, N. J., tomorrow.

Velson Quarantined

Jack Gerson, Baltimore regional director of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, ordered the officers of Local 24 last week not to meet or have any contact with Irving Charles Velson. Velson, National Communist Party Co-ordinator and the head of "The Committee to Survey Trade Union Conditions in Europe," was expelled from his post on the executive committee of the I. U. M. S. W. A. in September, 1943, under a union provision prohibiting office holding by "Nazis, Fascists, or Communists."

Velson has been recruiting trade union delegates to go on tours to France, Czechoslovakia and Russia. The Communist party hopes the delegates on their return to the United States will be good spokesmen for the party.

During the past week Velson propositioned workers at the gates of the Bethlehem-Key Highway Ship Repair Yard, Baltimore. He told workers that expenses for the trip will be paid by European labor unions.

Per Capita Tax

The National Negro Labor Council decided last week to levy a "per capita tax" on its twenty-three affiliated locals.

In addition, the council made plans to hold a banquet in February to coincide with the Freedom Festival banquet in Chicago. The banquet is being held to raise funds and subscriptions to "The Worker" and "The Daily Worker." Paul Robeson will be asked to speak.

Freedom of Press Forum

A Freedom of the Press Forum will be held in Philadelphia on Jan. 11 under the auspices of the Organizing Committee for a Freedom of the Press Association. The forum is being held to "defeat the efforts of those who want to silence the working class through Smith and 'Little Smith' act prosecutions." Charles J. Hendley, secretary-treasurer of Publishers News Press and former president of the New York Teachers Union, Local 655, of the United Public Workers, will be the featured speaker.

Another 'Dreyfus' Case

The Progressive party throughout the Middle West last week started a campaign to make the Julius Rosenberg conviction the American version of the Dreyfus case. The party will try to convince unsuspecting Americans that the Rosenbergs were not convicted by direct evidence, but largely as the result of "an atmosphere of war hysteria amid sharp overtones of anti-Semitism and anti-progressive."

The party will sponsor a series of meetings during February in the Chicago area and hopes to line up William A. Reuben, special writer for "The National Guardian," as one of the principal speakers. Reuben wrote a series of articles during August, September and October in "The National Guardian" on the Rosenberg case which were later reprinted in a pamphlet entitled: "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel,

under the Smith act—that all of the Communist party would have been arrested. Bail of five defendants was reduced to \$5,000 and of seven defendants to \$10,000. Party leaders said the reduction in bail was due to "the uprising of the people" against Smith act prosecutions.

Bill of Rights II

The California Emergency Defense Committee, as part of a campaign to "halt the Smith act prosecutions," distributed a number of handbills last week entitled: "Honor the Bill of Rights by Defending It."

The handbill, which urged people to write the President and the Attorney General, said that the Bill of Rights is not just a Christmas gift, neatly wrapped and dropped in some one's stocking by a benign Santa Claus.

Red Dictionary

SLOGAN . . . a temporary lie advanced by the Communist party to apply to specific propaganda possibilities at any given time. Currently a typical "slogan" used by the party is "the peaceful co-existence of the Soviet and capitalist systems." The public "slogan" is that peaceful co-existence is possible; the secret position of the party is that peaceful co-existence is impossible.

Copyright 1951, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

5-71057
ALL INFORMATION
HEREIN IS
DATE 12/10/88

65 MAR 24 1952

CONFIDENTIAL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

JDF

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE MAR 21 1952	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE PAUL ROBESON, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBESON employed as Chairman of Council on African Affairs and as Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom." He resides at Enfield, Connecticut, and 22 E. 89th St., NYC. Jan., 1951 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" contains speech of ROBESON sent to Second World Peace Congress. Extracts set out. "NY Times," 2/1/51 reported ROBESON sponsor of American Peace Crusade. On 2/11/51 "Worker" reported ROBESON is publisher of "Freedom" and is touring country giving message of paper to Negro and white audiences. [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] stated ROBESON spoke at rally sponsored by ALP. On [REDACTED] said ROBESON sang and spoke at reception for HARRY BRIDGES. Subject marched in May Day Parade and made speech at reviewing stand. ROBESON sang and spoke at concerts sponsored by Harlem Trade Union Council in June 1951. On [REDACTED] advised ROBESON spoke at rally sponsored by CRC. "Daily Worker" 7/2/51 reported ROBESON attended Chicago Peace Congress. August 1951 issue "Masses and Mainstream" contained article by ROBESON entitled, "Unity for Peace." Extracts set out. On [REDACTED] stated ROBESON spoke at

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RJC/UM

DATE OF REVIEW 12/11/90

100-4-11-52
100-4-11-52
100-4-11-52

COPIES DESTROYED 5-1-58

APPROVED AND FORWARDED *Edward Scheidt* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

COPY IN FILE

100-12304-255

RECORDED-114

5 - Bureau (100-12304) *

MAR 22 1952

INDEXED-114

3 - New York (100-25857) F76

17

6-72

59 APR 15 1952

PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

53

NY 100-25857

labor rally to defend LOUIS WEINSTOCK.
"Daily Worker" 10/29/51 reported ROBESON
attended National Negro Labor Council
Conference in Cincinnati. [REDACTED] stated
ROBESON attended rally sponsored by National
Council of American Soviet Friendship.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-P*-

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE.

DETAILS:

Employment

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the Council on African Affairs and is also Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Negro monthly newspaper, "Freedom."

The Council on African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the publication, "Freedom," is published by "Freedom Associates." According to the informant, Freedom Associates is a Communist Party front organization and its members are either Communist Party members or Communist Party sympathizers.

Residence

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON and his wife continue to reside at 1221 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON resides with Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD McGEE, 22 East 89th Street, New York City, whenever he is in the city.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY
EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]
(EMPL. CARD)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Activities

"Masses and Mainstream" issue of January 1951 contained an article entitled, "Our People Demand Freedom." This article presents extracts from speeches made by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, and by PAUL ROBESON. ROBESON'S speech was a recorded message sent by him to the Second World Peace Congress.

ROBESON'S message was sent to Sheffield, England, where the peace conference was scheduled to be held. The British Labor Government prevented this by barring most of the delegates.

The following extracts are from ROBESON'S speech:

"The life and struggles of this outstanding American of the nineteenth century afford me great inspiration as I find myself separated from you by the edict of the United States State Department. You may be assured while I remain in the United States a victim of the detestable program of house arrests initiated by our government, while I cannot be in your midst and among many friends from all parts of the world, as has been my custom in years past, I do not remain quietly or to live a life of ease.

"I remain in the United States as Douglass returned to it, and in his words, 'for the sake of my brethren.' I remain to suffer with them, to toil with them, to endure insult with them, to undergo outrage with them, to lift up my voice in their behalf, to speak and work in their vindication and struggle in their ranks for that emancipation which shall yet be achieved by the power of truth and of principle for that oppressed people. And so today at this World Peace Congress we move forward in the best traditions of world democracy, representing as we do the hundred of millions throughout the world whose problems are much the same. We are peoples of all faiths, all lands, all colors, of all political beliefs, united by the common thirst for freedom, security and peace.

"Over here our American press and commentators and politicians would discourage these basic human aspirations because Communists adhere to them as well as others. Now I have seen the liberty-loving people and peace-seeking partisans in

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"many parts of the world, and though many of them are not, it is also true that many are Communists. They represent a new way of life in the world, a new way that has won the allegiance of almost half the world's population. In the last war they were the first to die in nation after nation. They were the heart of the underground anti-fascist movement, and city after city in Europe displays monuments to their heroism. They need no apologies. They have been and are the solid core of the struggle for freedom. And today in America we proudly fight to free the eleven leaders, the Communist leaders, of the American working class, as well as many others who suffer bitter persecution. In this struggle for peace and a decent life, I am sure that we shall win. One simple reason why we shall win is that our friends are so much more numerous than our enemies. There are millions and millions all over the world who are determined never to give up the fight for freedom, decency, equality, abundance and peace.

"And surely this conference will give the deepest hope and courage as the spokesmen of the millions of people throughout the globe, the mass of working humanity in every land--in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, pledge themselves anew that the Truman Plan for the world shall not prevail, that peace shall conquer war, that men shall live as brothers, not as beasts.

"Unified, I am sure that we can beat back the attacks against the living standards and the very lives of the people, that we can stop the drive toward fascism, that we can halt the chariot of war in its tracks. And we will help to bring to pass in the world the dreams our fathers dreamed of lands that are free, of people growing in friendship, in love, in cooperation and peace. This is history's challenge to us. I know as do you that we shall not fail."

"New Masses" is cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, reports dated June 23, 1943, and March 29, 1944. The "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, on January 25, 1948, announced that the magazine, "Masses and Mainstream," was to be a new monthly cultural magazine formed by merging the publication, "New Masses" and "Mainstream."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

36

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "New York Times" issue of February 1, 1951, reported that PAUL ROBESON was one of the sponsors of a new organization called the American Peace Crusade. The article reported that this organization issued a statement which called for the withdrawal of American troops from Korea and an end to war in the Far East as well as recognition of the right of the Chinese Peoples Republic to representation in the United Nations.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, b7D advised that FRED FINE, Secretary of the Public Affairs Department of the Communist Party, USA, organized the American Peace Crusade and instructed that hundreds of peace committees be organized throughout the country. FINE also instructed that the big issue is to be "to get the troops back from Korea."

On February 21, 1951, the "New York Herald Tribune" reported that DEAN ACHESON, Secretary of State, denounced the American Peace Crusade as a "Communist front for the same propagandists who circulated the 'spurious' Stockholm Peace Petition."

"The Worker" issue of February 11, 1951, page 4, column 1, reported that PAUL ROBESON "is the publisher of 'Freedom,' a new monthly paper," and that ROBESON "is presently touring the country bringing the message of the paper to Negro and white audiences."

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," which is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

On [redacted], Confidential Informant [redacted] b7D of known reliability, advised he attended a protest meeting on that date at Rockland Palace in New York City. The meeting was in protest of the JOHN DERRICK and Martinsville 7 cases. Informant said that PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at the rally.

According to informant, ROBESON stated that the execution of the Martinsville 7 is a challenge to all Negroes in our fight. ROBESON also stated that, "We are part of that

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"world which is imposing peace on those who want war. We must form Negro labor organizations; that is our great strength which we must use not only in the shops but also in the streets of our communities here in Harlem. I am loyal to the democratic traditions of America, but I shall never be loyal to those who executed the Martinsville 7. Do not ask any longer; action, action here in Harlem."

On [REDACTED], Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised he attended a rally in honor of W. E. B. DuBOIS on that date at the Golden Gate Ballroom. The rally was sponsored by the American Labor Party and PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers.

According to the informant, in his speech ROBESON stated, "I just came from a concert at the Furriers Union; they are very angry at DuBOIS' indictment, they will not stand for it, nor with the other trade unions."

In [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that DuBOIS was a member of the Communist Party. b7c

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that, without question, the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party. He stated that it is regarded as the political obligation of every Communist Party member in New York State to enroll and vote American Labor Party.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that on that date he attended a reception for HARRY BRIDGES at the Hotel Brevoort, New York City. Informant stated that PAUL ROBESON sang and spoke at the reception.

According to the informant, ROBESON said, "I will not try to tell you anything about organizing, everyone here tonight is the head of an organization and know more about organizing than I will ever know, but I will ask you why, when I speak to thousands of faces, even when I speak in Harlem, for something like saving the lives of the Martinsville 7, hardly anyone comes out of their homes to join or listen to the

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"meeting. Negroes lack organization. Harlem, the potential center of 15,000,000 Negroes of the United States who will stand up some day and demand their rights with other millions of Negro people of Africa, Asia, the West Indies and Latin America."

HARRY BRIDGES was convicted of perjury in a Federal District Court in California in that he denied under oath at the time of his naturalization that he had ever been a Communist Party member. His appeal from this conviction is pending at the present time in the Circuit Court of Appeals.

On [REDACTED], Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the American Labor Party sponsored a "Save WILLIE McGEE Rally" at the Golden Gate Ballroom in New York City on this date. b7D

Informant stated that PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at the rally. In his speech ROBESON said, "American people want our boys back from Korea. McGEE'S life will be saved from the corrupt politicians. The rank and file of the trade unions and the Negro people will see right is done."

The "New York Times" issue of April 13, 1951, reported that Federal Judge WALTER N. BASTIAN "dismissed a suit filed by PAUL ROBESON, Left Wing singer, to compel the Government to grant him a passport." ROBESON filed the suit last December when he announced he wanted the passport to make an European tour. The State Department denied it on the grounds that ROBESON'S "planned travels were not in the best interests of the country."

The "New York Amsterdam News" issue of April 14, 1951, page 5, column 2, under the dateline Bombay, India, reported that the "Government has refused a visa to PAUL ROBESON, singer, to attend a Communist-sponsored peace conference in India this month."

"The Worker" issue of April 15, 1951, Section 1, Page 2, Column 1, reported that PAUL ROBESON headed a group that packed Riverside Plaza Hotel on April 13, 1951, to welcome screenwriters JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, DALTON TRUMBO, and ALBERT MALTZ back from prison.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The above article reflected that the three writers were recently released from prison after serving a year for contempt of the Un-American Committee and that they were part of the "Hollywood Ten."

"The Worker" issue of April 15, 1951, Section 1, Page 7, Column 2, reported that PAUL ROBESON was featured at the 29th Annual Morning Freiheit Jubilee, Saturday, April 14, 1951, at 8:00 PM at Carnegie Hall.

"The Worker" issue of January 9, 1944, sets forth an article by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman of the Communist Party, USA. This article stated that the "Morning Freiheit" is one of the many papers either owned or supported by the Communist Party.

On May 1, 1951, SA [REDACTED] and the reporting agent observed PAUL ROBESON marching in the May Day Parade. b7c

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that the annual May Day Parade is a Communist Party function. Informant stated that the parade is sponsored by the United May Day Committee, which is also known as the United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day. b7D b7c

On May 1, 1951, SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] heard PAUL ROBESON make a speech from the reviewing stand in Union Square, New York City, in honor of May Day. b7c

In his speech ROBESON stated, "There can be no more important day in our lives, for we march for world peace, friendship and cooperation with the peoples of the world. We affirm the undeniable fact that the American people can live side by side with many different ways of life to achieve higher standards of living and eventual freedom for all. We show here today, that we are the true standard bearers of the great American working class and democratic traditions of our land. We reject the . . . of our own working class and of struggling colonial peoples throughout the world. Those who cloak themselves in the robes and garments of false patriotism

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"strutting down our avenues and bending before confederate nations. We honor today the courageous twelve leaders of the American working class and the Negro people are learning fast that their liberation is closely bound with the struggles of the working classes here and all over the world. Today, everywhere, they march for peace, and peace we must and shall win. Peace shall conquer war!"

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 8, 1951, page 8, column 2, reported that PAUL ROBESON attended the Fourth Biennial Convention of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union in San Francisco, California. The article reflected that ROBESON was a speaker at the convention, and that he is also an honorary member of the union.

In his speech ROBESON stated, "If fifteen million Negroes spoke out for peace, there will be peace. If fifteen million Negroes speak out against anti-Semitism, there will be no anti-Semitism. If fifteen million people speak out against persecution of the Mexican people, that persecution will end."

On [REDACTED], Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union is infiltrated and dominated by Communist Party members. Informant stated that in 1949 the CIO expelled this union from their group because it was controlled by the Communist Party and followed the Communist Party line.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 18, 1951, page 5, column 2, reported that PAUL ROBESON spoke at meetings in San Francisco and Oakland, California, "this week-end sponsored by the young and thriving Negro Labor Council. In his speech, ROBESON told the audience, "If fifteen million Negroes had spoken up, WILLIE MCGEE would be alive today, possibly sitting right here with you."

In [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the Negro Labor Council was a Communist Party front organization set up by the Communist Party in order to infiltrate unions and recruit new Negro members into the Party.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On [REDACTED], Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised he attended a concert sponsored by the Harlem Trade Union Council which was held June 1, 1951, at the Golden Gate Ballroom in New York City. The concert featured PAUL ROBESON.

Informant stated that ROBESON sang several songs and made a speech concerning the organization of Negro workers and the trade unions.

In [REDACTED], Confidential Informant [REDACTED] stated that the Harlem Trade Union Council was the New York City unit of the Negro Labor Council. He stated that the officers of the Harlem Trade Union Council were members of the Communist Party and control the council.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 4, 1951, page 3, column 1, reported that PAUL ROBESON gave a concert on June 1, 1951, which was sponsored by the Greater New York Negro Labor Council at the Golden Gate Ballroom in New York City. The concert marked the opening of the Council's first convention. b7D

In [REDACTED], Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the Harlem Trade Union Council held a convention in New York City in June and changed the name of the organization to that of the Greater New York Negro Labor Council.

On [REDACTED], Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that a PAUL ROBESON concert was held June 2, 1951, at Otis Hall in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Informant said ROBESON spoke at the concert and stated, "The capitalists of this country are not scaring anybody." He also said that he and other progressive artists will form a theatre and film group in the very near future.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 14, 1951, page 4, column 5, reports that PAUL ROBESON gave a concert at Prince and Masonic Auditorium in Newark, New Jersey. The concert was given under the auspices of "Freedom," new Negro monthly newspaper.

On [REDACTED], Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that on [REDACTED] he attended a rally sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress at Rockland Palace, New York City.

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Informant stated that ROBESON was a speaker at the meeting and in his speech said that the Communists have always been in the front line of combat, and that he feels that he is one hundred per cent on the side of the condemned and arrested leaders.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the Civil Rights Congress held a rally on June 26, 1951, at Rockland Palace, New York City. Informant said that the rally was held to protest the recent Supreme Court decision of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders. b7E

According to the informant, ROBESON was a speaker at the rally and in his speech stated that the Civil Rights Congress and all progressive forces must fight hard to reverse the Smith Act and "stop these frame-up charges by the FBI."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 28, 1951, page 2, column 1, reported that PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at the "Fight Back Rally" sponsored by the Harlem Civil Rights Congress at Rockland Palace on June 26, 1951.

The article reflected that PAUL ROBESON spoke at this rally and "spoke movingly of his friendship with the Communist leaders." ROBESON also declared, "I stand firm and immovable by the side of these great Communist leaders. Their freedom is the concern of every American who can say that he stems from the traditions of Lincoln and Thaddeus Stevens."

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 2, 1951, page 3, column 2, reported that PAUL ROBESON attended the three day Chicago Peace Congress which was held in the Chicago Colosseum.

The article reported that ROBESON was a speaker at the Peace Congress and in his speech ROBESON spoke about the work of the peace forces, "which is counseling leading statesmen to do the only sensible thing, to stop the fight in Korea." ROBESON also called for a reversal of the Supreme Court ruling on the Communist leaders.

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised [REDACTED] the World Peace Congress held in Paris, France, in April 1949 and the Second b7E

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

World Peace Congress held in Warsaw, Poland, in November 1950. [redacted] were sponsored by the Permanent Committee of the World Congress of the Defenders of Peace, now known as the World Peace Council, and that this organization is an instrument of Soviet foreign policy. He advised that as in the case of other peace conference, [redacted] speakers at both the Paris and Warsaw conferences preached hatred of the United States and in effect called for world revolution by force.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 3, 1951, page 8, column 3, contained an article entitled, "Produced Play About ROBESON."

The article reported that the "Moscow A. S. Pushkin Theater is playing 'John, The Soldier of Peace' by the Soviet author, JURIJ KROTKOW, with tremendous success. The play is devoted to the great Negro people's artist and fighter for peace, PAUL ROBESON."

On [redacted], Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that he attended a meeting of the American Peace Crusade which was held in Chicago, Illinois, on [redacted]

Informant stated that ROBESON was a speaker at the meeting. In his speech ROBESON stated that everyone attending the meeting was here in the cause of peace and that many recognized the futility of war but all worked for peace. ROBESON called upon the audience to fight for the civil rights of the eleven Communist leaders.

"Masses and Mainstream" issue of August 1951 contained an article by PAUL ROBESON entitled, "Unity for Peace."

The article contains remarks made by ROBESON at the Chicago Peace Congress June 29 to July 1, 1951. The following extracts are from ROBESON'S speech:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
EMPLOYED BY (EMPL. CARD)

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"We are here for action, for the business of winning the peace. So I will take but a few moments.

"The hope of the world has been alerted to the opportunity for peace afforded by the proposal for a cease-fire in Korea coming from JACOB MALIK, U.S.S.R. representative to the United Nations. This hope also stirred in our hearts with the introduction of the Johnson Resolution in the U.S. Senate, which recognized the futility of continuing the carnage of the past year and proposed to do the only sensible thing about it--stop fighting and start making peace.

"In addition, our civil liberties are one of the main casualties of the war, as is already clearly evident. The First Amendment today lies temporarily gutted as a result of the validation of the Smith Act and the jailing of the Communist dissenters from American foreign policy. No other dissenter, whatever his politics, can feel safe in the exercise of the historic American right to criticize and complain so long as the Smith Act stands on the statute books and the Supreme Court decision remains unreversed.

"In my thinking this is a peace question, for the inevitable conclusion of these persecutions, should they be allowed to continue, will be the silencing not only of the Communists but indeed of all Americans who subscribe to the principles of the New Deal and the Roosevelt grand design for peace through friendship with the socialist nations.

"Just as in Europe, on the eve of World War II, we see today in America the persecution of political dissenters coupled with mounting terror against minority groups. In Europe it was the Jewish people. Here it is the Negro--with foreign language groups, the Jewish people, Mexican-Americans and other minorities numbered also among the victims.

"We here in America have the central responsibility to build, as the peoples of Europe and Asia have built, a powerful movement representative of every section of our country, which will develop from the cease-fire in Korea into a genuine and lasting peace--and freedom--for all mankind.

"These are some of the reasons I am for peace, reasons which grow out of my life, my travels, my experiences

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"with many people in many lands. They may not be--all of them--your reasons, and you undoubtedly are stimulated by experiences I have not shared. But, for whatever reasons, whatever our background, we are united here, colored and white, worker, farmer, professional and businessman, youth, men and women, in the sacred search for enduring peace."

On August 14, 1951, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that on this date PAUL ROBESON attended the funeral services for Mother BLOOR at St. Nicholas Arena in New York City. ROBESON in his speech praised the past services of Mother BLOOR for her aid in helping the Negroes.

Mother BLOOR was one of the leading members of the Communist Party.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that he attended a rally sponsored by the American Peace Crusade on that date at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City. b7D

Informant stated that PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at the meeting which was termed, "Stop the Killing--Cease Fire Peace Rally." In his speech, ROBESON said that the American warmakers and "our soldiers had better watch out; that the Koreans were freedom lovers and that after the peace negotiations fell through, a holocaust would descend on our boys more terrible than anything else they had ever seen before. . . . I have friends who have an A-Bomb too. If they mess with me and my people, then they might wish they hadn't."

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised he attended a rally sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress on August 23, 1951, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel in honor of the sixtieth birthday of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON.

Informant stated that PAUL ROBESON attended the rally and was one of the speakers. ROBESON praised the work that PATTERSON had undertaken for the working men and Negroes. ROBESON further stated, "We must have a common front between the working class millions and the Negro nation which is engrossed in its fight for liberation." ROBESON also called for repeal of the Smith Act. ←

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that he attended a "Labor Rally to Defend LOUIS WEINSTOCK" on September 10, 1951, at St. Nicholas Arena in New York City. Informant stated that the meeting was held under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress. b7I

According to the informant, ROBESON was a speaker at the meeting and in his speech "condemned the warmongers, the Truman Administration and his foreign policy." He condemned the treatment given to the Negro people in this country, both north and south, and he urged people to find ways in which to unite together both Negro and white.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK is one of the seventeen Communist Party leaders presently under indictment in New York City for violation of the Smith Act.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 18, 1951, page 1, column 2, reported that "China Invites ROBESON, But U.S. Bans Visit."

The "New York Age" issue of September 29, 1951, page 8, column 2, reported that PAUL ROBESON had been invited to attend the All India Cultural Conference and Peace Festival in Calcutta, India.

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 29, 1951, page 1, column 2, reported that PAUL ROBESON attended the meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, to further the National Negro Labor Council on October 27 and 28, 1951.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that he attended a Freedom Festival at the Rockland Palace, New York City, which was sponsored by the publishers of "Freedom." Among the speakers at the festival was PAUL ROBESON. b7I

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 8, 1951, page 2, column 1, reported that PAUL ROBESON was a signer of a "Call for an American Continental Peace Conference" to be held December 10-15, 1951, in a Latin American capital.

The above article reported that the purpose of this conference is to seek ways of "contributing to the

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-25857

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"cessation of existing wars and to obtaining guarantees of the peaceful settlement of international problems in order to safeguard the independence of our countries, develop the well being of our peoples, and preserve our cultural traditions."

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised he attended a rally on this date at the Riverside Plaza Hotel sponsored by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. Informant stated that ROBESON attended this rally and was one of the speakers. According to the informant, ROBESON told of the oppression of his people in the south and the rule of the Ku Klux Klan which he alleged had same. In general ROBESON told how badly depressed his people were and he said that they had a real friend in the Soviet Union. b7D

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[REDACTED] b1
(C)
The New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" issue of January 26, 1952, page 7, column 7, reported that "PAUL ROBESON will be barred from keeping a February 1 engagement in Vancouver, Canada, because his passport has been cancelled."

The New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" issue of February 2, 1952, page 5, column 6, reported that "ROBESON Loses \$2,000,000 Suit."

The article reflected that this suit grew out of damages which resulted because of two riots in Peekskill, New York.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
- P E N D I N G -

NY 100-25857

ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

T-1 [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-2 New Haven letter to New York,
5/2/51, re, "PAUL ROBESON, was.;
INTERNAL SECURITY-C."

T-3 Pretext phone call to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

T-4 [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-5 [REDACTED] contacted by SAs [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

T-6 [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-7 [REDACTED] contacted by
SA [REDACTED]

T-8 [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-9 [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-10 [REDACTED] as reported in
Boston letter to Director, 6/23/51,
re, "PAUL ROBESON; IS-C."

T-11 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He
requested his identity be kept

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY 100-25857

ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

confidential. He was contacted
by SA [REDACTED]

T-12

[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-13

[REDACTED] contacted by SA(A) [REDACTED]

T-14

[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-15

[REDACTED]

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report important excerpts from
subject's speeches and writings.

Will follow and report general Communist Party
activity of subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] 3/7/51, New York.

CONFIDENTIAL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 17, 1952

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6907)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ R-6

On [REDACTED] advised that he had learned [REDACTED] that subject PAUL ROBESON was expected to be in San Francisco on April 23-24, 1952 in connection with an event as yet unknown to informant. [REDACTED] also advised that ROBESON was going to be in Los Angeles prior to his visit to San Francisco and was going from San Francisco to Seattle.

Offices securing copies of this letter are requested to furnish any details to interested offices of the nature or purpose of ROBESON's visits.

DDR:st

cc - New York
Los Angeles
Seattle

12/11/80
CLASS. & EXT. BY 6P-5 RSG/CLM
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 12/11/90

RECORDED - 93

100-12304-256
MAR 22 1952

31

EX-23

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RECEIVED

MAR 28 1952

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET2

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☐ Deleted under exemption(s) _____ with no segregable material available for release to you.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☒ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information: _____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

FBI Headquarters file 100-12304-257

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Office Memorandum • UNIT • GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)
 SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: March 25, 1952

G.I.R.-6

Reference letter from San Francisco to the Bureau dated March 17, 1952.

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] that ROBESON tentatively scheduled to appear in Los Angeles on April 25, 1952 under sponsorship of the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council which is making efforts to obtain the Shrine Auditorium for this occasion.

No further details regarding ROBESON's contemplated visit has yet been received.

WNP:IGL
 CC to San Francisco (100-6907)
 New York
 Seattle

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10/11/00 BY 60322
 GPO: 1952

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RECORDED - 73

EX-25

100-12304-258

MAR 31 1952

FIVE

1211180

SP-5 RSG/KW
 1211130
 1211130

36 APR 4 1952

WASHINGTON 7 AND NEW YORK 1

FROM BOSTON 5

6:18 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC

URGENT

PAUL ROBESON, IS DASH C. DAYLET

TELEPHONICALLY REPORTED TODAY, SUBJECT SPOKE AT OTISFIELD HALL, OTIS-
FIELD STREET, ROXBURY, MASS. ON NIGHT ON APRIL FOUR, FIFTYTWO. ROBESON
STATED DURING COURSE OF HIS TALK, "THERE IS TO BE AN UPRISING
IN SOUTH AFRICA ON APRIL SIX, FIFTYTWO BY MY PEOPLE VOICING THEIR
RIGHTS." ~~WAS~~. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT RE ROBESON AFFAIR INDICATED
IT WAS SPONSORED BY COMMITTEE OF ONE THOUSAND BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
UNITED FREEDOM FUND, FIFTYTHREE WEST ONE TWO FIVE STREET, NYC ON
OCCASION OF ROBESON-S FIFTYFOURTH BIRTHDAY.

HOSTETTER

END PLS HOLD WA

NY ACK AND DISC PLS

NY BS R1 NYC JJM

TU NY DSC

COPIES DESTROYED 5-1-57

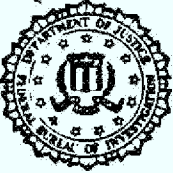
RECORDED - 103

APR 9 1952

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12-11-80 BY SP-5 RSG/CM

APR 15 1952

Refer to [unclear] and [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Salzburg, Austria

VIA ARMY COURIER

Date: April 7, 1952
To: Director, FBI
From: Salzburg Liaison Officer
Subject: PAUL ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

Transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau is a copy of an intercept dated February 25, 1952, from captioned individual to [REDACTED] of the WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS.

Encl. (1)

CAM/ct

RECORDED - 159

INDEXED - 159

100-12304-260
APR 16 1952
17

64 APR 22 1952

EX-99

75

CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP AUSTRIA (US)

AFPO 777 U.S. ARMY VIENNA STATION

Date of Comment A/P/746421 26 March 1952

Number 1 P/746421

From: ROBERSON Paul
Suite 22 - 53 West 125th Street
New York 27, N.Y. USA

To: [REDACTED] b7c

Communication date	DISPOSITION	STATION ALLOCATION	CCG ALLOCATION
25 2 52	Passed (P) P		G2-Op ✓ CIC CIE
Language English	Condemned (C)		[REDACTED] b7c 15 (2)
Examiner	Held (H)		
Reviewer	Excised (E)		
Previous Comments	Returned (RET)		

VENTU

"February 25, 1952 XI,2/Corrected number, last issue: XI,1/

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PAUL ROBERSON

UNITY IS THE Key

Imagine all sections of the Negro people in the United States their organizational and programmatic differences put aside, joining together in a great and compelling action to put a STOP to Jim Crowism in all its forms everywhere in this land. Think how such an action would stir the whole of America, raising to a new high level the people's resistance to the mounting fascism which is bent upon wiping out the constitutional rights of ALL Americans, starting with the Negro people and other minority groups. Think how such an action would be supported by hundreds of millions of darker peoples and white enemies of racism and fascism throughout the world - how it would strengthen the world-wide struggle for freedom and peace!

A dream? No. Look at the Union of South Africa. See there how the victims of an even more savage racist oppression than we know in America - eight and a half million African victims, a million Cape Colored, and a third of a million Indians - have solemnly determined that only by establishing a common front of united and resolute action can they escape absolute enslavement by the white minority.

A Lesson from South Africa

The government's only answer to the people's protests has been the enactment of more and harsher repressive measures, with the clear

ENCLOSURE

76

Objective of stifling and liquidating all organized opposition from dark-skinned South Africans and democratic-spirited whites. Thus, faced with the probability of imminent extinction, the representative organizations of the ten million victims of South African Jim Crow (called 'apartheid' there) have jointly resolved to start on April 6th a national campaign of civil disobedience against the discriminatory and oppressive restrictions, such as the Pass Laws and the Ghetto (Group Areas) Act, forced upon them by a government in which they have no voice.

'Mass action will begin on April 6', was the historic decision of the African National Congress at its Bloemfontein Conference last December. 'Those taking part in the mass action will defy them (the Jim Crow laws) deliberately and in an organized manner and will be prepared to bear the penalties'.

'The struggle which the national organizations of the non-European people are conducting, 'declared the Joint Planning Council, directing and coordinating the mass action campaign, 'is not directed against any race or national group. It is against the unjust laws which keep in perpetual subjection and misery vast sections of the population. It is for the transformation of conditions which will restore human dignity, equality, and freedom to every South African.'

We Must Give Our Support

Most certainly we in America must speak out in support of this heroic action. For a decade the Council on African Affairs has been active in exposing and campaigning against the vicious system of racial exploitation and oppression practiced in the Union of South Africa. Our organization now calls upon all sections of the Negro people and all friends of human freedom to rally to the support of this last-ditch resistance to fascism in South Africa.

The South African government is aiding in 'preserving democracy' in Korea by sending its Jim Crow air force to help kill Koreans. South Africa is a part of President Truman's 'free world'. Yes, dozens of America's biggest auto, oil, mining and other trusts have highly profitable holdings in that country. And U.S. loans have been made available to Prime Minister Malan in order to accelerate the expropriation of South Africa's rich resources.

Hence it is clear that in raising our voices against the Malan regime we simultaneously strike a blow at the reactionary forces in our own land who seek to preserve here, in South Africa, and everywhere else the super-profits they harvest from racial and national oppression. United support for our brothers' struggle in Africa is an integral part of our task in achieving freedom for all Americans and peace for the world. I urge you to act."

Note: Letter with same contents to:
AFTU, Secretary General
3 Seilerst. Vienna I.

77

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1820)
 SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE:
 April 26, 1952

For the information of the Bureau and New York, the following regarding the forthcoming visit to this area of PAUL ROBESON is set forth:

ROBESON is presently scheduled to make an appearance at the International Peace Arch, Elaine, Washington, on May 18, 1952. Communist Party members and their associates, [REDACTED] are making plans for this appearance, which apparently will be an outdoor concert or possibly a speaking program with some singing by ROBESON.

A Paul Robeson Concert Committee has been organized at Seattle and the known principal members of this committee are reliably reported to be Communist Party members. The principal one is TERRY RATTUS, Northwest Editor of the "Daily People's World", who has been reported by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, to be one of the chief Party officials in the 12th District, ~~now that the former~~ leading functionaries are underground. COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY EMPLOYED BY (EMPL. CARD)

Sponsorship for the meeting at Elaine, as well as the subsequent concert at Seattle, is in the hands of the WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL FOR NEGRO RIGHTS as well as the PAUL ROBESON CONCERT COMMITTEE. Plans are being made to have the outdoor area adjacent to the Peace Arch occupied by friendly persons early on the date of May 18 so that other persons who may wish to use that area or who may be hostile to the concert arrangements will not be permitted to interfere with the concert. Reportedly, a strong-arm "honor guard" is being organized to make sure that the Peace Arch appearance will not be another "Peekskill". ROBESON'S itinerary and schedule of travel and arrival at the International Peace Arch are to be treated as secret information.

A vocal concert by ROBESON has been scheduled for the Seattle Civic Auditorium on the evening of May 20. This auditorium seats about six-thousand persons and tickets are being offered at the following prices: \$2.50 for reserve section; \$1.00 general admission; and .50¢ for students. The .50¢ ticket also is reported to be available to Social Security clients through the Washington Pension Union. Advertising has appeared in many

EEB/hg
 cc: New York (100-25857)
REGISTERED

RECORDED - 73

INDEXED - 73

100-12304-261
 APR 30 1952

MAILED 1050
 COPIES DESTROYED 6-1-52

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RJC/km

RE: PAUL ROBESON, IS - C

of the Seattle neighborhood and suburban newspapers, and tickets are being offered for sale through various local outlets, not including the most important commercial ticket handlers. The plans also contemplate the appearance of advertising on the buses operated by the Seattle Transit System.

On about April 16, 1952, the Seattle newspapers published articles indicating that the lease previously made for use of the Seattle Civic Auditorium May 20 had been canceled by JOHN CAIN, Public Building Manager for the City of Seattle, based on a City ordinance denying the use of public buildings for any meeting which may engender racial antagonisms.

The Paul Robeson Concert Committee immediately commenced consultations with attorneys and other Communist Party members, with a view to legal enforcement of the contract for rental of the Civic Auditorium. The action of Mr. CAIN can be appealed to the Seattle City Council within ten days, but the Concert Committee is reportedly bringing legal action on April 21, 1952 in order to bring about a more immediate settlement of the lease dispute. PETTUS and certain of his principal associates profess themselves to be certain that they will finally be permitted to use the auditorium.

Aside from the Seattle Civic Auditorium and the Seattle City Memorial Auditorium, there is no known location in the vicinity of Seattle with accommodations for a concert audience approaching six-thousand, and it, therefore, appears that unless the courts will provide specific performance of the contract for lease of the Civic Auditorium, that the Robeson concert at Seattle probably will not be financially successful.

PETTUS and others organized an immediate campaign of protest and harassment of Mr. CAIN as soon as his action was made known to them. Mr. CAIN, however, claims that he is prepared to prove that riots have occurred on frequent occasions by reason of Robeson's appearances.

WILL PARRY, Associate Editor, Northwest Edition of the People's World, on April 16, 1952 requested publication in the "Daily People's World" for April 17 a news item reporting cancellation of the contract for the Seattle Civic Auditorium, and requesting that a nation-wide campaign of protest be directed to incumbent Mayor WILLIAM F. DEVIN and Mayor-elect ALLAN POMEROY.

The Bureau and New York will be further advised in the event of significant developments in connection with the above.

COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY
EMPLOYED BY
(TELE. CARD)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 19, 1952

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-18790)

ATTENTION: PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY

SUBJECT: PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEILLANCE
 (International Peace Arch Rally,
 featuring Paul Robeson, held 5/18/52
 at Blaine, Wash.)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

REGISTERED

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RJB/ky

There is being forwarded under separate cover four rolls of 16 mm movie film, one roll of Super-XX and three Super-X, on the International Peace Arch Rally, featuring Paul Robeson, held May 18, 1952 at Blaine, Washington.

It is requested that this film be processed and returned to the Seattle Office.

GHA/hg
 Registered

RECEIVED Photographic Laboratory (Registered)

DEVELOPED
 MOUNTED
 ENLARGEMENTS
 COPIED
 INSPECTED

RECORDED - 138
 EX-25

13 MAY 26 1952

sent
 1

6/4
 Rec. from G.A. 6/3/52

100-12304-2612
 sent with
 file

SAC, Seattle (100-18790)

June 5, 1952

REGISTERED MAIL

Director, FBI (100-12304) **262**

EX-25
RECORDED - 138
Photographic Surveillance
(International Peace Arch Rally,
featuring Paul Robeson, held 5/18/52
at Blaine, Wash.)
Internal Security - C

Reference is made to your letter dated May 19, 1952, transmitting four rolls of movie film pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, the film has been processed and is being forwarded to your office herewith.

Enclosure

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____

RCR:gek

COMM - FBI

JUN 5 1952

MAILED 18

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RJB/KLM

SECRET

7013
Roll 5

16974

3238

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-13790)
 Attention: Mechanical Section

DATE: May 27, 1952

SUBJECT: PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEILLANCE
 Paul Dobeson Meeting Held at
 the Peace Arch, Blaine, Washington
 May 18, 1952
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 12/12/80 BY SP5 RSC/KM

Under separate cover there is being sent to the Bureau seven rolls of 35 mm 36 exposure film which has been developed. It is requested that one 8x10 single sheet glossy print be made from each negative.

The Seattle Division is only interested in identifications of individuals which appear in these negatives and it will not be necessary to consider the background when the prints are being made.

JLF:fd

cc: 1- package

REGISTERED MAIL

Ack. Mech. Sec.

JUN 5 1952

RECORDED - 134

B7

TELETYPE

PRINTED

ENLARGEMENTS

COPIED

INSPECTED

100-12304-263

EX-105

17-55

13-CR-2-182-156

R-P 35311

RECEIVED

EX-105
RECORDED - 134

SAC, Seattle (100-18790)

June 13, 1952

Director, FBI (100-12304) **263**

Photographic Surveillance
Paul Robeson Meeting Held at
the Peace Arch, Blaine, Washington
May 18, 1952
Internal Security - C

Reference is made to your letter dated May 27, 1952, transmitting seven rolls of film pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, prints have been made and they are being forwarded together with the film to your office under separate registered cover.

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Laughlin _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Rm. _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

RCR gck
[Signature]

COMM - FBI
JUN 13 1952
MAILED 12

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RSB/CHW

E B J

353 b6

RECEIVED

JUN 30 1952

[Handwritten initials and signatures]
B
P
C

Office Memorandum

INFORMATION

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 10, 1952

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (66-1471A)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
Security Matter - C~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum, setting forth a signed statement obtained from [redacted] who has been furnishing information to this office and is a potential security informant. The initials M. N. L. C. and N. N. L. C. used in the statement refer to the Milwaukee Negro Labor Council and the National Negro Labor Council.

RES/tcr

1 cc - Chicago (enc)
1 cc - New York (enc)

✓ Enclosures: Bureau

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) DATE 6-30-52

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080 VLR
MAY 16 1977

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RSC/C/W
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2
DATE OF REVIEW 12/11/90

RECORDED - 24
INDEXED - 24

100-12304-264
13 JUN 16 1952~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

EX-140

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

JUN 25 1952

SECURITY INFORMATION

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, Milwaukee
 FROM: SA Robert E. Schoenecker
 SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: June 6, 1952

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RSC/MLK
 REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
 DATE OF REVIEW 12/11/90

On [redacted] furnished a signed statement to
 SA [redacted] concerning the activities surrounding
 a concert given by PAUL ROBESON in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May
 29, 1952. The original statement will be retained in the Mil-
 waukee file No. [redacted] is being devel-
 oped as a security informant of this office, consequently, his
 identity should be protected by a symbol number if any information
 furnished by him is used in a report. This statement is as follows:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
 OTHERWISE

[redacted]
 [redacted]
 [redacted]
 [redacted]
 [redacted]

[redacted]

RES:ter
 (2 copies)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED BY 0080 VLR
 MAY 16 1977

- (2) cc - Bureau
- " - Chicago
- " - New York
- 1 cc - 100-664
- " 100-749
- " 100-4372
- " 100-4376
- " 100-9371

- 1 cc - 100-10392
- " 100-10612
- " 100-10792
- " 100-10819
- " 100-10870
- " 100-10949
- " 100-11152
- " 100-11181

- 1 cc - 100-11633
- " 100-11642
- " 100-11647
- " 100-11739
- " 100-11740
- " 100-11763
- " 100-11799
- " 100-11802

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
 OTHERWISE

COPIES DESTROYED 5-1-58

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MI-66-1471A

[REDACTED]

b1

[REDACTED]

b1

b7D

ROBESON.

commenced autographing and shaking hands.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b1

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We discussed the concert.

[REDACTED] were able to get one of the leading pastors to give the invocation—Rev. MC LIN, and to have so many other ministers present.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MI-66-1471A

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED] guests had arrived for the reception.

There were 32 persons present beside the M. N. L. C. officers. ROBESON greeted and talked to them individually.

[REDACTED] The reception lasted until about 2:30 a.m.

[REDACTED] wanted ROBESON to "jack up" the people assembled because we are not doing all that we can to put the program over.

Mr. ROBESON said he was not there to "jack up" anyone but only to lend his abilities and give what advice he had derived from being in the front line in the struggle for the liberation of his people. He felt that the officers and key people present could help with the discussion best by stating their problems.

- [REDACTED]
1. Campaign for FEPC
 2. Uniting with U. E. Union to break down job discrimination at Allen Bradley
 3. Creation of "trouble shooting" committee, who had called on several employers concerning job discrimination

[REDACTED] stated that he thought that Mr. ROBESON was a most wonderful man, but one statement that he had made [REDACTED] did not like. ROBESON asked about the statement.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MI-66-1471A

[REDACTED] ^c replied: "The Paris statement."

ROBESON said allow me to rephrase your statement, "the statement that they say I said" because that was purely newspaper hearsay.

[REDACTED] ^c said "I am satisfied to hear it come from you."

The Paris statement is the one in which ROBESON reportedly said that the Negroes would not fight for the United States.

[REDACTED] ^c and others were unmistakably surprised at [REDACTED] ^c question.

[REDACTED] ^c

[REDACTED] ^c

[REDACTED] ^c

[REDACTED] ^c

[REDACTED] ^c

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MI-66-1471A

At this point ROBESON remarked that he was quite certain that they would do something about FEPC and civil rights legislation because the force of the Negro people would make them. As an illustration he referred to his invitation to the bi-annual conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church in Brooklyn last week, with a membership of 250,000. They welcomed him and cheered him as he left.

[REDACTED] that there was a growing militancy in the Negro people and they were waiting for a stalwart leader as ROBESON and organizations like the N. A. A. C. P.

[REDACTED] felt that leaders like Mr. ROBESON and BILL PATTERSON had not done all they could to knit the local progressive units together because in order to do that they would have to stay on the local scenes longer than just over night.

ROBESON agreed, and for that reason, at the end of this concert tour he will return to the various places that he had been and stay three to four days. He would meet with representatives of the cross-section of each community. He will be back in Milwaukee during the later part of July.

[REDACTED] C

ROBESON stated that one thing he wanted to destroy in our minds was that there was any fear or belief on the part of our presses that he was a Communist. The question is not whether PAUL ROBESON is a Communist or not—if that were true and they could prove it, they would already have hauled me before a congressional committee or court. Many times I have offered to go before any committee and present my feelings and to clarify my stand. Yes! I have stated that I liked what I saw in Soviet Russia during my visits there. The great transfiguration of a people that was shown and that had taken place between my first visit in 1936 and my last visit in 1947 makes me like what I saw. For that reason I educated my son there. But the real core of my fight is not political but is based on the sympathy and the love for my people and all colored people of the world. I am determined to strike down "JIM CROWISM" and second class citizenship wherever I find it. The only thing we must concern ourselves with is Negro liberation to full citizenship in all the world and world peace.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

87

MI-66-1471A

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] C

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] C

Sunday, June 1, 1952, I attended the Robeson concert at Washington Park

Park [REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MI-66-1471A

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On June 2, 1952 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said some people
had told him about me. I had never met him before.

b1

I have read the above statement and the facts are as I have related
them.

(Signed)

b1

[REDACTED]

JC

[REDACTED]

b7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FEDERAL BUREAU OF SECURITY INFORMATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

CLASSIFICATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE JUN 10 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/2,3,4/52	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c ml
TITLE PAUL ROBESON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PAUL ROBESON and VINCENT WILLIAM HALLINEN refused exit from the US by US INS at Blaine, Washington 1/31/52, at which time they were en route to Vancouver, B.C. to attend national conference of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union. ROBESON, however, addressed and sang to this conference by telephone from Seattle 2/1/52. JOHN GRAY, advance publicity man for ROBESON, was in contact with some of the leading CP members, Seattle, prior to ROBESON's subsequent appearances. ROBESON sang to and addressed a rally held at International Peace Arch, Blaine, Washington 5/18/52, attended by from five to ten thousand persons. Appeared in concert at Seattle Civic Auditorium 5/20/52 before 1,723 persons. No disturbances occurred either at Blaine rally or Seattle concert. Cancellation of lease contract for May 20 concert voided by King County Superior Court which held there was lack of proof that ROBESON's appearance would engender "racial or religious antagonisms." Present plans contemplate possible appearance of ROBESON in leading role of opera "Othello" in Seattle in fall, 1952.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

*cc - DC
7-3-52
EDH/aw*

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE

CLASS. & EXT. BY **SP-5 RSK/MLM**
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW **12/11/90**

COPIES DESTROYED **8-1-55**

DECLASSIFIED BY **6080 YEA**
MAY 16 1970

APPROVED AND FORWARDED [Signature] COPY IN FILE	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE [Signature]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		100-12304-265	RECORDED - 76
5 - Bureau (100-12304) (REGISTERED) 3 - New York (100-25857) (REGISTERED) 2 - Seattle (100-1820)		JUN 17 1952	INDEXED - 76
CONFIDENTIAL			

PROPERTY OF FBI - THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF AGENCY TO WHICH LOANED.

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DETAILS:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

This report is being submitted to reflect the recent activities in connection with visits of the subject PAUL ROBESON to the State of Washington during January, February and May, 1952.

ROBESON'S EXIT TO CANADA PREVENTED

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, advised on January 31, 1952 that the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service on that date at Blaine, Washington, had served PAUL ROBESON with a notice forbidding his departure from the United States. Informant also stated that ROBESON, at the time of interception at the international boundary at Blaine, occupied an American owned automobile and was accompanied by one JOHN GRAY who stated he was an unemployed welder from Chicago. b7D

Informant said the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service on the same date at Blaine, Washington, intercepted VINCENT HALLINEN, attorney who represented HARRY BRIDGES in the trial which resulted in his conviction for perjury based upon his sworn testimony that he had not been affiliated with the Communist Party. HALLINEN was a passenger on the train and he also was served with a notice forbidding him to depart from the United States.

According to the informant, both ROBESON and HALLINEN allegedly were en route to Vancouver, B. C., where they were to appear before a convention of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

The Bellingham Herald, a newspaper published at Bellingham, Washington, in its issue for January 31, 1952, reported that PAUL ROBESON and VINCENT WILLIAM HALLINEN had attempted to enter Canada to fulfil speaking engagements at the convention of the B.C. members of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Independent Union, and that both of these individuals were turned back by officials of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service by authority of a 1918 statute and Presidential Proclamation of November 14, 1941. The news item quoted JOHN P. BOYD, District Director of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Seattle, Washington, as stating that these legal instruments empowered his office to prevent the departure of either a citizen or an alien.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CONFIDENTIAL

67c

The Pacific Tribune, a newspaper published at Vancouver, B. C., in its issue for February 8, 1952, reported that ROBESON and HALLINEN might later appear at a rally at the International Peace Arch, Blaine, Washington in protest against the action of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in barring their departure from the United States. The same newspaper reported that although ROBESON was prevented from attending the National Conference of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union at Vancouver, B. C. on February 1, 1952, he had addressed this conference and sung to the conference by telephone from Seattle, Washington.

RALLY AT BLAINE, WASHINGTON, MAY 18, 1952

COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY
EMPLOYED BY
(EMPL. CARD)

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, b7D reported on March 23, 1952 that JOHN GRAY, the publicity director representing PAUL ROBESON, had arrived at Seattle and had conferred with TERRY PETTUS, the Northwest Editor of the Daily People's World, which is the West Coast Communist newspaper published at San Francisco, California.

The informant stated that GRAY was to meet with HARVEY MURPHY, an official of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union at Vancouver, B. C. and also had arranged to confer in Seattle with KARLY LARSEN. The informant further related that arrangements for GRAY's conferences at Seattle and Vancouver, B. C. were made in part by EARL GEORGE.

Following is additional information identifying TERRY PETTUS, KARLY LARSEN and EARL GEORGE.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, b7D has advised that TERRY PETTUS was selected as a member of the District Committee of the 12th District Communist Party at the District Party Convention held at Seattle December 16, and 17, 1950. The same informant also has reported that one of the Party leaders at Seattle on August 16, 1951 had stated that TERRY PETTUS then was the representative in Seattle of the District officials of the Communist Party who had then gone underground; that PETTUS was the medium through whom instructions of the Party were to be transmitted to the lesser functionaries; and that PETTUS had, in fact, passed on certain instructions as to the future operations of the Party in the vicinity of Seattle.

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Confidential Informant [redacted] has revealed that KARLY LARSEN was a member of the District Committee of the Communist Party at Seattle from 1947 through 1950. In October, 1951, this informant said that information received through the Party apparatus indicated that LARSEN, following the disappearance of the District leaders into the underground, had assumed responsibility for Party activities within the 12th District of the Communist Party comprised of the State of Washington and the Territory of Alaska. b7D

[redacted] b1
The informant added that EARL GEORGE was known to have attended the 1938 state convention of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, revealed that HENRY HUFF, at a meeting of the Communist Party held at Seattle on July 13, 1947, stated that EARL GEORGE, who was present at the meeting, was then a member of the District Board of the Communist Party. b7D

The Northwest Edition of the Daily People's World, in its issue of March 28, 1952, reported that JOHN GRAY, the field representative for the United Freedom Fund, had been in Seattle to make final arrangements with EARL GEORGE, Secretary of the Seattle Negro Labor Council, for the appearance of PAUL ROBESON on May 18, 1952 at an International Rally to be held at the Peace Arch, Blaine, Washington, and on May 20 at a PAUL ROBESON Birthday Concert to be given by ROBESON at the Seattle Civic Auditorium. This news item stated that the Seattle concert was to be under the auspices of the Seattle Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council and a Citizens Sponsoring Committee.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, advised on May 17, 1952 that PAUL ROBESON had arrived at Seattle and was b7D

-4-
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

then a guest at the home of IDA LANNING.

The following is additional identification of IDA LANNING.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, on December 7, 1949, advised that Mrs. IDA LANNING, 124 - 21st Avenue North, Seattle, at that time was a subscriber to the Daily People's World.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, on December 20, 1951, reported that IDA LANNING was appointed at a meeting of the State Board of the Washington Pension Union as a member of a committee to draft a new social welfare initiative in the State of Washington.

LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ, Fordham University Faculty member and former editor of The Daily Worker, East Coast Communist newspaper, testified in January and February, 1948 before the Washington State Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities that official Communist Party reports coming to his attention in about 1940 had described the Washington Old Age Pension Union (later known as the Washington Pension Union) as being infiltrated and dominated by Communist Party members, and further indicated that its anti-Communist leaders had been eliminated. These reports also had identified WILLIAM J. PENNOCK, President, and THOMAS RABBITT, Vice-President, Washington Old Age Pension Union, as members and functionaries of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, advised on May 19, 1952 that he was present at the International Peace Arch, Blaine, Washington at the PAUL ROBESON Rally held on May 18. He said that this rally was attended by a crowd of from five to ten thousand people, apparently comprised largely of curiosity seekers. He stated that ROBESON sang at the rally but he also made short speeches in which he characterized the United States as a "black sheep" among nations. The informant stated that no disturbance occurred. He said that ROBESON was accompanied by a bodyguard.

[redacted]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

CONCERT AT SEATTLE, MAY 20, 1952

Confidential Informant Seattle [REDACTED] of unknown reliability, [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that TERRY PETTUS had made arrangements for certain advertising of the PAUL ROBESON Concert May 20 sponsored by the National Negro Labor Council and the PAUL ROBESON Birthday Concert Committee. Informant stated that PETTUS was apparently in charge of the joint committee sponsoring the concert.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a daily newspaper published at Seattle, Washington, in its issue for May 10, 1952, printed a letter to the paper over the names of ~~LESTER CATLETT~~, Chairman, and ~~ELEANOR NELSON~~, Secretary, ROBESON Concert Committee.

The following information more fully identifies the Negro Labor Council, LESTER CATLETT and ELEANOR NELSON.

Confidential Informant Seattle [REDACTED] of known reliability, has advised that the members of the 12th District Communist Party Negro Commission and certain other members of the Party had met at Seattle on April 27, 1950 to consider the formation of the Negro Trade Union Council as a weapon to secure increased employment of, and to combat labor union and other discrimination against, the Negroes. Among the persons in attendance were CHARLES NICHOLS and LENZIE SHELLMAN.

A leaflet, "Want Work In a Logging Camp or Sawmill?" distributed in Seattle, invited those interested in employment in the lumbering industry to attend a public meeting and registration of the Trade Union Council for Negro Rights to be held at Seattle January 27, 1951. This leaflet listed the officers of the organization as CHARLES NICHOLS, Chairman; EARL GEORGE, Secretary; and LENZIE SHELLMAN, Executive Director. The leaflet also referred to the same organization as the Seattle Labor Council for Negro Rights.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] has identified [redacted] and [redacted] as members of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of unknown reliability, a labor union official, in January, 1944, stated that he believed that [redacted] a member of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Association of the Pacific, was a member of the Communist Party because he showed the Communist Party line in his union activities.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, on [redacted] identified one [redacted] as a longshoreman at Seattle who, although not a member of the Communist Party, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, stated that ELEANOR DOWNING on February 11, 1951 at 122 - 19th Avenue North, Seattle, attended a breakfast held for the purpose of raising money for the Red Fighting Fund of the Communist Party. The same informant said that ELEANOR DOWNING also attended a banquet held at Washington Hall, Seattle, on February 24, 1951 to honor the birthday of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party, USA.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, on [redacted] stated [redacted] the Washington State Labor Council for Negro Rights at Seattle [redacted]

[redacted] also referred to in this report as the National Negro Labor Council or Negro Labor Council, has been more fully described above.

The American Youth for Democracy has been held by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7C
b7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Seattle Times, a daily newspaper published at Seattle, in its issue for April 16, 1952, reported that Seattle City Building Superintendent JOHN B. CAIN on that date had ordered cancellation of a contract for the use of the Seattle Civic Auditorium May 20 for a PAUL ROBESON concert. This concert, according to the article, was being arranged by a Seattle group known as Peoples Programs. CAIN's action was taken under a city ordinance forbidding the use of public buildings for meetings which might tend to engender "racial or religious antagonisms."

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, in its issue for May 8, 1952, reported that the King County Superior Court at Seattle, after hearing evidence in the case of the contract cancellation, had held that Mr. CAIN had acted without sufficient legal justification in the cancellation of the lease and that the Seattle Civic Auditorium should be available for the ROBESON concert.

The Post-Intelligencer also reported during the course of the trial that VINCENT DAVIS and JACK F. KINZELL, who were instrumental in executing the lease contract, had testified as witnesses for the King County Superior Court and were asked by the City Corporation Council whether they were members of the Communist Party. Each of these witnesses declined to answer on the grounds that his testimony might tend to incriminate himself. DAVIS was identified as President of Peoples Programs.

The action of the King County Superior Court also is reported in the May 9, 1952 issue of the Daily Peoples World, Northwest Edition. This report identified other witnesses in the proceeding as LES CATLETT and JAMES McDANIELS, President and Vice-President respectively of the Seattle Negro Labor Council. CATLETT reportedly testified that he was not a member of the Communist Party but refused to speculate whether or not there were Communists among the members of the Negro Council.

The following is additional identifying information on VINCENT DAVIS, JACK F. KINZELL and JAMES McDANIELS.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted], of known reliability, on October 11, 1950, advised that VINCENT DAVIS was known to him as a member of the Communist Party. b7I

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] advised that JACK KINZELL had attended sessions of the trade union classes held at the Pacific Northwest Labor School, Seattle on January 20 and March 11, 1947. The Seattle Labor School, also known as the Pacific Northwest Labor School, has been held by the Attorney General of the United States to be within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, in November, 1947, attended a publicly announced meeting of the Seattle Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee held at the Moore Theater in Seattle. This meeting took the form of a court of public opinion. Informant stated that JACK KINZELL was the presiding judge of this court. The trial impliedly attacked policies of the United States government particularly as related to witnesses before the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities. The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been held by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] reported in [redacted] that JAMES McDANIELS was then a member of the Communist Party.

Seattle [redacted] reported McDANIELS in attendance at a meeting sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress and held at [redacted] Seattle, on [redacted]. The Civil Rights Congress also has been held by the Attorney General of the United States to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[redacted] reported that paid admissions to the PAUL ROBESON concert held at the Civic Auditorium on the evening of May 20 totaled 1,723, of which about ten to twelve per cent were Negroes. No heckling or other disturbance of any kind occurred. PAUL ROBESON was accompanied at the piano by LAWRENCE BROWN. The persons speaking from the platform during the intermission were LESTER CATLETT and JAMES McDANIELS. The latter asked for money contributions to be placed in envelopes distributed throughout the auditorium. A total of about \$500 was collected in these envelopes.

Included in ROBESON's program were the songs "Water Boy", "Old Man River", and another which apparently related to the Loyalist war in Spain. ROBESON, during the concert, spoke briefly to the audience and commented that the people in the Northwest had demonstrated that he could not be stopped in his fight for "freedom of song".

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] of known reliability, who also attended the May 20 concert, reported that ROBESON, before singing "Old Man River", announced that the song was dedicated by him to WILLIE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - SECURITY INFORMATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

McGEE. In singing the song, he changed the original lyric from "You get a little drunk and you land in jail" to "you show a little grit and you land in jail." He also omitted the later lines referring to the River Jordan, which gives a religious connotation to the song.

NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL MEETING

The Daily People's World, Northwest Edition, in its issue for May 2, 1952, reported that PAUL ROBESON was to be a speaker at a general membership meeting of the Seattle Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council on May 21. Attendance at the meeting was to be restricted to members and invited trade union guests. ROBESON's announced topic was the nationwide campaign to break down discriminatory barriers to jobs.

MAY APPEAR AT SEATTLE IN "OTHELLO"

Confidential Informant Seattle [redacted] advised on [redacted] that a meeting of the ROBESON Concert Committee was held at Seattle on [redacted] TERRY PETTUS at that time informed the committee that if the committee would prepare a production of the opera "Othello", ROBESON would return to Seattle in the fall of 1952 to sing the lead part. JOHN GRAY, previously identified as a publicity associate of ROBESON, also was present at this meeting. b7D

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - SECURITY INFORMATION

SE 100-1820

INFORMANTS

	Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent To Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
T-1	[REDACTED] c US. INS, Seattle, Wash.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Oral report
T-2	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SEs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	
T-3	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	
T-4	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]	100-6650-1B4-127
T-5	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
T-6	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SE [REDACTED]	
T-7	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SE [REDACTED]	
T-8	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	
T-9	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	66-1389A-1B1-129
T-10	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Telephone report 100-1820-91
T-11	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SE [REDACTED]	
T-12	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Unable to locate
T-13	[REDACTED] c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	100-181-296

b1
b7C
b7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SE 100-1820

CONFIDENTIAL

	Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent To whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
T-14	[REDACTED]c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-14606-1B1-255A-10
T-15	[REDACTED]c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	80-94A-1B4-763
		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	66-1897A-1B1-5
T-16	[REDACTED]c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Photostatic copies, 100-20462-1B1
T-17	[REDACTED]c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	
T-18	SA [REDACTED]c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
T-19	SA [REDACTED]c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
T-20	[REDACTED]c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	66-1803-1A8
T-21	[REDACTED]c	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	

b1
b7C
b7D

REFERENCE: Seattle teletype to Bureau, San Francisco and New York dated 1/31/52.

CONFIDENTIAL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 9 1952

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Laughlin _____
Mr. Egan _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

FBI, PITTSBURGH
DIRECTOR

6-9-52
URGENT

11-29 AM EDST

DAYLET. PAUL ROBESON, IS-C. [REDACTED]

G.I.R.-6

ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT BUILDING AUTHORITIES OF CITY OF PITTSBURGH ADVISED COMMITTEE OF NNLC SPONSORING ROBESONS PITTSBURGH CONCERT JUNE TWENTY NEXT THAT BUILDING CONCERT TO BE HELD IN IS UNSAFE AND MUST HAVE ADDITIONAL EXIT AND FIRE ESCAPE BEFORE CONCERT CAN BE HELD. INFORMANT ALSO ADVISED THAT CITY OFFICIALS HAVE PROHIBITED MIXED OCCUPANCY. INFORMANT STATES PITTSBURGH CHAPTER, CRC, AND PP OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA WILL PROTEST RULING FORBIDDING MIXED OCCUPANCY AND WILL SEND DELEGATION TO PITTSBURGH CITY OFFICIALS TO PROTEST SAME.

HALLFORD

END

HOLD PLS

11-31 AM OK FBI WA MFC

RECORDED - 52

100-12304-266

JUN 17 1952

EX-99

35
JUN 26 1952

COPIES DESTROYED 5-1-88

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

DATE 12/11/80

SP-5 RSG/clm

3277

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (100-9855)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON (4)
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: June 24, 1952

REGISTERED MAIL

On June 20, 1952, a concert which was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter, National Negro Labor Council, and which featured PAUL ROBESON, the Negro actor and singer, was held at Turner Hall, 2040 Rose Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Enclosed herewith are two 100' reels of 16 mm movie film which was taken of persons entering Turner Hall immediately prior to instant concert by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c

It is requested that the above-mentioned film be developed and returned to the Pittsburgh Office so that it may be viewed and the desired scenes for still photographs may be selected.

WCH:dec
 Enclosures 2
 1 cc - package

~~EXPEDITE PROCESSING~~

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RSC/KM

RECEIVED
 DEVELOPED
 COPIES
 INSPECTED

RECORDED - 132
 100-12304-266X
 100-382224

EX-141 JUN 28 1952

ack Met. Sec
 7/3/52
 NPS

sent to E. K. Co.
 100X

of mail

July 3, 1952

SAC, Pittsburgh (100-9855)

100-12304-266X

Director, FBI (100-382224)

Paul Robeson
Security Matter - C

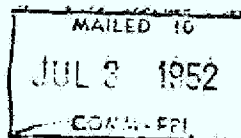
Reference is made to your letter dated June 24, 1952, transmitting two reels of movie film pertaining to the above-captioned subject.

In accordance with your request, the film has been developed and it is being forwarded to your office herewith.

Enclosure

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Harbo _____
Mohr _____

RCR:mrf



ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12/11/80 BY SP-5 RST/ML