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Paul Robeson, it was announced, is to visit Poland late in May. The Warsaw announcement (22.00, 18.5.49) said that besides being an artist of world fame, he was also a man of wide learning and an active opponent of racialism and protagonist of peace. It recalled his part in the Paris Peace Congress. He is to give a number of concerts in Poland. (1AP)

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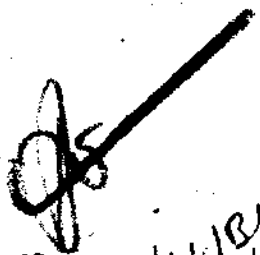
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**Paul ROBESON** and Harry POLLITT are leaving London tonight for Prague, where they will attend the 9th Congress of the Czech Communist Party.

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Canadian? rings and asks for information about the rally, at which Paul ROBESON is going to report on the Peace Conference, he says he wants to know where it is as he wants to go to it. He gives his name as DANSER (ph). Gollie speaks to him, and says there are going to be five, and ROBESON will go round to each one, they are to be at - Poplar, Battersea, Lewisham, St. Pancras and Holborn. DANSER says he lives at Regents Park, so Gollie tells him to go to St. Pancras Town Hall, 7.45. He asks if CURRY(ph) will be there too. Gollie says he will, also ZILLIACUS and J.D.BURNALL, they will all speak at those Town Halls. *Small*

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To Harry Pollitt,  
Daily Worker,  
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Dear Comrade,

We are happy to send you a short report from Paul Robeson's last visit to Oslo.

We believe that the best direct way to support his unique campaign for peace is to create as much publicity around it as possible. We trust that you will hatch a profitable way of using the material we are submitting you.

We shall see later to send you also a couple of pictures from Paul Robeson's successful visit to Oslo.

A personal letter to Paul Robeson will be send you. Would you be able to see that he gets it.

With friendly greetings

*Jørgen Vogt.*  
Jørgen Vogt.

Editor of "Friheten"

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#### PAUL ROBESON'S VISIT TO OSLO

Oslo, May 1949 .

Paul Robeson's three-day visit to the Norwegian capital turned out as the most successful campaign for peace held in this country since V-day. From the first welcome to the last farewell it was a visit of mutual encouragement and mutual stimulation. His speeches and songs, his appeals for collaboration, peace and race-equality stirred warm enthusiasm among his packed audiences, while in turn, their impressive responses were spontaneous manifestations of the Norwegian people's compassion with all the social groups and issues which Paul Robeson personified and represented: the progressive America, the suppressed minorities, the dispossessed peoples of the colonies and their common goal: a democratic world operating by peaceful means.

In spite of the complete concealment by the conservative and the government press, Paul Robeson sang and talked to the biggest political rally held in Norway since 1945. The suppression of the news is noteworthy; it shows that the so-called free press of Norway is adopting the American way of suppressing facts of progressive value. The press conforms to the new rules for foreign financial and political control.

However, the word had gone from man to man, and already in good time before the meeting, Oslo's central market place, Youngstorget, with adjoining streets, were inflated by some 30 000 people.

There, under the spell of Paul Robeson's appealing challenges, his spirituals and revolutionary songs, once more conjured forth that high spirit which we remembered from the days of liberation. Robeson himself remarked: "You've a marvellous spirit here in Oslo". But this time, the enthusiasm was mixed with a sincerity and a common feeling of responsibility which expressed a grave awareness of the neckless opportunism of the Norwegian government, which willingly had joined the Atlantic pact and let Norway become a key position within the financial and military strategy of the American corporate empire, represented by the U.S. government. Norway's particular situation made the reaction to Paul Robeson's appeals far more noteworthy. Now the Norwegians are coming to a deeper understanding of their interdependence with all other freedom-seeking peoples. They are realizing that they must cooperate with the suppressed classes of the world. What independence they lost with the Atlantic pact, they must regain by united fight against the aggressors. Unity was stressed by Paul Robeson himself, who said: "Let us keep connections between us as much as do our enemies. When Mr. Lange flies to Mr. Acheson in Washington and Mr. Bewin in London, representatives of the progressive America should inform the people of Norway and vice-versa."

The great rally reached a symbolistic climax when the bare-headed masses, joined by Paul Robeson, sang the International. After the meeting, numerous groups of people went on discussing the political situation deep into the night.

To Paul Robeson himself, as much as to all those who see in his one of the foremost leaders in our common work for peace, this Norwegian visit had a particular importance. Here he also held his last regular old-fashioned concert.