

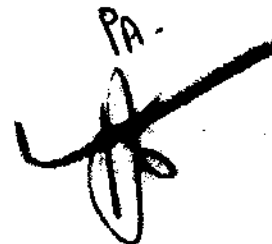


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Summary of World Broadcasts. IIA. No.7. 16.5.49.

Paul Robeson's Activities: Prague Radio reported (06.00, and in English 18.45, 10.5.49) Paul Robeson's participation in a peace rally in Liverpool; and CTK (in English 17.00, 9.5.49) quoted a 'Mlada Fronta' report that Robeson had accepted a invitation from Dr. Mencak, Czechoslovak Cultural Attache in Stockholm, to visit Czechoslovakia.

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## ROBESON'S UNIQUE CONCERT

Daily Worker Reporter

EDINBURGH has been much in the news recently as a centre of musical activity, but on Friday night it witnessed an event unique in its history, when miners and their families from all over Scotland filled the great Usher Hall to hear Paul Robeson.

The concert was organised by the National Union of Mineworkers (Scottish area), which reserved all seats for the mining community and allocated invitations so that every pit in Scotland had its quota.

Never before has any trade union undertaken such cultural activity as this.

Paul Robeson was supported by the Lesmahagow miners' choir and the Kilsyth prizewinning Colliery Band.

But the high point was when Abe Moffat, Scottish miners' president, held up a cheque for £300, collected at the Scottish pits for aid to the coloured peoples in their struggle.

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Extract from letter from C.C. Glasgow, dated 13.5.49, re a meeting held by the Scottish U.S.S.R. Society, and mentioning Paul ROBESON.

I have to inform you that a mass meeting under the auspices of the Scottish U.S.S.R. Society was held in Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on 12th May 1949, when the Honary Ppresident of the Society, J.M. DAVIDSON (my ref A/26 of 13.4.34), Chairman of the Scottish Co-operative Movement presided.

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Paul ROBESON arrived at the meeting about 8.45 p.m. entering the hall behind a guard of honour formed by members of the International Brigade and a pipe band. He received a great ovation and after singing several songs he gave a speech definately identifying himself with Communism, and said that whatever talents, gifts, and energies he had, he was dedicating to the working classes of the world. He said he was a friend of the new Eastern Democracies and the Soviet Union, which he hoped to visit in the near future. He spoke at some length on what he termed the iniquitous distinction between the

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whites and blacks in the United States of America and in support of this, recited the well-known poem "Freedom Train". His speech was very well received, and loudly applauded.

The attendance was approximately 4,000 persons, but it was obvious that a great number of those present were more interested in hearing Paul ROBESON the Singer, than Paul ROBESON, the Politician.

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12th May, 1949.

Cde. Maud Rogerson

Dear Maud,

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th inst.

The visit of Robeson to Liverpool has been really terrific. At least 20,000 people have attended meetings which were called by the T.C. and N.I.S. in Manchester, and the N.I.S. alone in Liverpool, and one of the very important things has been the number of West Africans, West Indians and other people who have attended his meeting. It does give a very clear indication of the possibilities which exist for a big development of this work, and at the same time it is also clear that the District leadership has to consider the perspectives for the growth of the work, whilst we strengthen the character and content of the political leadership which we can give.

There are one or two other aspects which require some discussion in London. I have already mentioned it to Raji Dutt, and will try and have a word with him when I see him, and perhaps we can have a few words when I am in London during the E.C. week end.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. Allen

Dist. Sec.

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