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Outgoing. 9.4.49

Desmond BUCKLE rings the Student Labour Federation, He speaks to Jean, and is surprised because he thought she had gone to Bangor.

Desmond says he has got a message there from Paul ROBESON, for the conference, and he does not know who to send it to. Jean advises him to send it to the Secretary of N.U.S. at Bangor, University College. He reads it to her.

'I certainly would have been deeply privileged to be with you to-day, but we will meet again on many occasions in this struggle; first? for a world of peace, and at all stages for a world where you, the future creators of our society, can build in dignity and with deep knowledge of the equal worth of all sections of the human family. I have a son 21, graduating from university this year, who's youth was spent in the Soviet Union, and here in England; he would bid? me I know to say hullo for him, and to tell you that he works for peace in a very difficult America.

We live in a world of change, we are struggling towards freedom, and many forms of weapons of thought and action have to be used by the people over this earth, but no? imperialists can stop this march towards freedom. No Atlantic Pacts will confuse the issue, or lead a great majority of the people to war against their brave friends and allies in other parts of Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Congratulations to you for your vision and courage, and all the best Paul ROBESON.'

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c/o EAST AFRICA HIGH COMMISSION,
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Paul ROBESON

We understand that the above is now touring the U.K. and in contact with the West and East African Students' Unions.

Since it has now been established definitely that the Council on African Affairs is a Communist organisation, I should be grateful for a note from you on the extent and objects of ROBESON's visit and also for any evidence pointing to individual contact with East African natives.

J. Baskervyle-Glegg, Lt.Colonel,
Security Liaison Officer,
East Africa

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Cutting from Diplomatic Bulletin. April 12th 1949.

RECITAL BY PAUL ROBESON AT THE POLISH EMBASSY

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On Friday last, a Recital was given by *Paul Robeson*, the famous Negro singer, at the *Polish Embassy* in Portland Place.

The Concert was attended by an impressive number of Ambassadors, Ministers and other Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Members of the British Government, Foreign Office officials, famous musicians, representatives of all branches of cultural life, and Members of the Polish Colony in London. They were received by *Their Excellencies The Polish Ambassador and Madame Michalowska*.

The wide-ranging programme included English, French, Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian and German songs. Paul Robeson took his listeners by storm with the emotional splendour of his magnificent bass-baritone. So intensive was the evident appreciation of the distinguished audience that to the insistent applause Paul Robeson responded with some more songs, which he sang with great charm, to complete an evening's entertainment of exceptional merit. Paul Robeson was accompanied at the piano by *Lawrence Brown*, and the outstanding ability of this gifted pianist and composer impressed the audience very much.

After this most successful Concert a delightful Reception was held. Views were exchanged in many languages. But there was only one opinion: Paul Robeson is one of the world's greatest baritones. Talking to Mr. Robeson on that evening which, by the way, was the eve of his 51st birthday, he spoke about his plans for the near future. After a short concert tour in Scandinavia, he is returning home to the United States for a short while. Later this summer, he is going to Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland and the Soviet Union. He hopes to be in Moscow for the Pushkin anniversary celebrations. Then he will return to Britain to play Shakespeare's "Othello".

This was an evening, both enjoyable and unforgettable.

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Incoming. 4.4.49

Charlotte LOVELL rings Reuben FALBER. She explained that Ike(?) CLAYTON has asked her to ring Reuben with regard to the Paul ROBESON affair, she wanted to know if he had got in touch with BUCKLE about it. Reuben said

CLAYTON had got on to him a week ago, saying he wanted to fix ROBESON up for 'the thing', and asked if he, Reuben knew whether there was any agreement operating; Reuben said he knew there was some one responsible, but no one from there(K.S). he later ascertained that BUCKLE was the man concerned and was now writing to CLAYTON to that effect. Charlotte asked him to give her BUCKLE's address. Reuben said it is 57, Charlwood Street.S.W.I. or N.W.I. and he was not on the phone. Charlotte said she would send him a wire.

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...ting from Daily Worker, 11th April 1949.

WHY I FIGHT FOR PEOPLE -ROBESON

From JACK OWEN

"I CANNOT go on just singing to entertain—there are too many changes going on in the world," Paul Robeson's deep resonant voice told an audience of 200 in Manchester on Saturday, gathered together to celebrate his 51st birthday.

"I have decided to come off from the top and work down among my people," he said at a dinner organised in his honour by the New International Society.

"The imperialists are moving to make Africa a bulwark of Fascism, and American millions are going there to develop it," he said.

WILL FIGHT THEM

"They say if we can just improve the lot of the workers there and in China by only 2 per cent we can carry on capitalism for another 100 years.

"But we will fight them, and you can expect rapid changes to take place in America in the next year. We have four million backing up, and it is significant that three days before his election Truman was compelled to say all the things Wallace was saying."

He was garlanded with flowers in the old Indian custom, and the audience rose and sang "Happy Birthday to You." "We hope he will be fighting with us for another 51 years," said Mr. Lester Hutchinson, M.P., in wishing him many happy returns.

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