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SECRET

18 March 1949

Temple Bar 2151. (Communist Party Headquarters).

Incoming. 15.3.49.

JACK phoned MAUD ROGERSON for DAVID LEBIS'S phone number and address. MAUD told him that it was 149, Altmore Avenue. E.6. Telephone number GRA. 4822. They discussed the question of PAUL ROBESON and POLLITT speaking on the same platform. There would be difficulty in getting a suitable hall. MAUD suggested that they ought to consider the possibility of a couple of M.Ps. booking a hall privately for them, and then announcing the speakers at a later date. She thought that early in June would be a good time.

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Keep up Greek protests

—*Robeson*

WHEN Paul Robeson jumped off the Sheffield train at St. Pancras last night he was met by Mr. Ron Leven, national organiser of the Young Communist League.

Mr. Leven told him of the growing protest movement against the death sentences on five Greek students and on the journalist Manolis Glezos.

Without hesitation Mr. Robeson took out a pencil and wrote this message to those who are demonstrating at the Greek Embassy tonight:

"I have followed the Greek struggle for democracy for a considerable time.

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"As a progressive in America, I have been deeply aware of the responsibility of the American people in the light of the U.S. Government's support of the Greek Fascists.

"Fascism is a bestial creed anywhere. What is happening in Greece can happen in America, or even in England, unless progressive forces are vigilant.

"It is encouraging to hear that protests are being widely voiced in this country.

"I trust the pressure will continue, both on the Greek Government and on the U.S. and British Governments.

"The Western Powers might well protest in the right direction at least once.

"I would add that the struggle in Greece is again noble testimony

to the courage of the Communists, who have always been the first to fight and die for the freedom of all people.

"That was so in the great struggle against Hitler Fascism, when we welcomed their sacrifices.

"Let us not forget today."

Tonight's demonstration is supported by the National Union of Students (which represents 75,000 students in Britain), the Student Labour Federation, the Young Communist League and the International Youth Council.

The demonstrators are meeting at Marble Arch at 9 p.m., and are marching by torchlight to the Greek Embassy.

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Temple Bar 2151. (Communist Party H.Q.)

Outgoing. 11.3.49.

Man rings for Desmond BUCKLE, and woman tells him he does not work there, but might be there this evening for a meeting. He is not on the phone.

Man says he is going away by plane by that.

Woman says she can give his address.

Caller asks if anyone is handling Desmond's arrangements for Paul ~~(ROBESON)~~.

She says Desmond is handling that.

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Cont. 11.3.49. Man ringing for Desmond BUCKLE.

His plane leaves at 1.0.
She says that if he goes to the Air Terminus
at Victoria that would be near Desmond.
He might find him in.
Caller asks for his address.
She says it is

57, Charlwood Street, S.W.1.

Man says he has to go to S. Kensington British
Overseas Airways office, High Street,
Kensington.
She says that is a different place.

He asks if she can get a message to Desmond.
Tell/that caller had a meeting with Paul in
Glasgow yesterday, and that Paul has agreed
that a certain part of his time on his
extensive tour would be available for Scotland,
and it would be necessary for caller to arrange
with BUCKLE for the precise date.

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(Call put through again.)

Man would like to have him for four days.
Then there is the question of the Scottish
mineworkers special gathering, which is
partly a meeting and partly concert(?).
They were hoping for him on the 22nd Apr.
He does not think Paul ROBESON will be here
on the 22nd but he is coming back again.

Speaker's name is ^{Mr.} MURRAY (sp), of the Scottish
U.S.S.R. Society. He was at a function
with Paul ROBESON last night under our
'auspices' in Glasgow. (He is evidently
going back to Glasgow? on this plane.)
His address is

42, Frederick Street,
Edinburgh.

He will be writing to BUCKLE.

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15th March 1949.

On Saturday, 12th March, members of the Satellite Embassies in London were invited to the Soviet Embassy for a film show, after which they attended a party given by the Ambassador. Colonel LANGER, the new Czech Military attache, who speaks fluent Russian, had a long talk with ZARUBIN, and was overheard to say that the recent closing of the Czechoslovak frontier in Western Bohemia would probably be of a permanent nature, owing to the discovery of uranium deposits in that area. The Czech Government will open new mines in this district, in which German labour will be employed.

Amongst those present at the Soviet Embassy reception were BALAS, of the Roumanian Legation, and Paul ROBESON, who was accompanied by two other Americans. In the course of conversation, ROBESON stated that he had cancelled his proposed visit to Czechoslovakia, as he had to return to the United States, but he hoped to visit that country some time later in the year.

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Temple Bar 2151. (Communist Party H.Q.)

Outgoing. 8.3.49.

Sid (KAUFMAN), of Challenge, rings Bob WILLIAMSON at Glasgow.

Sid says he has a job for Bob. They have been trying to get hold of ROBESON for about two weeks and -

Bob says he will be seeing him on Thursday at the Soviet Society's reception.

Sid wants Bob to see him earlier than that. He is in Newcastle tonight and may get to Glasgow tomorrow. That means he will be staying at the Central Hotel. They have been trying to get him to give them a message on the occasion of World Youth Week and to tie up with the Paris Peace Conference.

They have written to ROBESON and Sid will post off by express post a copy of that for Bob. Sid has already had a word with him as he saw him at the Soviet Embassy here. Sid wants Bob to go to the Central Hotel and try to catch him. He will send Bob a press card.

Bob says he will, and express the message back to Sid.

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~~HM~~
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Bob.
OF ROBESON

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PAUL ROBESON

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Next witness.
-Robeson

MR. PAUL ROBESON is to interrupt his world concert tour at the end of May to return to New York to give evidence for the defence at the trial of 12 leading Communists.

"Marxism is on trial," Mr. Robeson said in Glasgow yesterday. "It is a way of life, a philosophy.

"It should be very interesting." Ninety-three people have so far been asked in New York if they can serve on the jury which will try the Communists for "conspiracy."

Only one has so far said he can do jury service.

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ARRIVAL

Copy of Card in Traffic Index

Port of Embarkation abroad *Same*

Name *ROBERSON*
Paul

Date of Birth *9.4.98* Sex *M*

Age and ages of dependents under 16 accompanying

Profession *Actor*

Nationality *USA*

Place of birth *USA*

Residential address in United Kingdom *Stepford Hotel*
St. James Place, London.

Passport No. *2* Port *Strensall*

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Category of passenger and class travelled *M.L.*

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Two-nation welcome for Robeson

Daily Worker Reporter

WHEN Mr. Paul Robeson appeared at the Davis Theatre, Croydon, yesterday, Croydon people greeted him, not only as a great singer, but as a fighter for peace.

After the concert, a deputation of local citizens, accompanied by a deputation of African students from the Croydon International Language Club, presented him with a letter signed by 400 people.

"We citizens of Croydon take this opportunity to welcome you to the Borough," the letter said, "and convey our deep feelings of affection.

"Your singing has delighted millions, but it is not only for your artistry that this appreciation is written. It is also for the magnificent work that you have done in the fight against race hatred, and the sincerity of your efforts to secure peace.

Mr. Robeson warmly thanked the members of the deputation, Mr. F. Chandler, secretary of the British-Soviet Society, Croydon, Mr. Robert Jarvie, of the Croydon Peace Campaign Committee, and Mr. Val Osborne, of Norbury.

AFRICAN UNITY

He also thanked the African students, and spoke of the need for unity between the African peoples, both in the United States and in Africa, to combat the big boys of Wall Street who were grabbing the copper and the raw materials of Africa for the benefit of a few.

He said that they should be careful of people who condemn the fighters for peace and real freedom by calling them "Reds, radicals, and other such names."

Communism was not something peculiar to Russia, but had deep roots in the history of the British people.

These two deputations, of Africans who represented the African people's desire for a share in the wealth of the world, and of Croydon people who wanted peace, exemplified the kind of unity that was needed, Mr. Robeson said, to win real peace and real progress for all the people.

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