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J.R. 30/4/29
P.F. 44990

CROSS REFERENCE.

SUBJECT:- ROBESON Paul.

Extract from Inter Continent News, titled "Prominent Americans Greet People's Convention in London".

Paul ROBESON Hails Magnificent People's Convention

New York. Jan 8. (ICN) Paul ROBESON, world famous Negro singer, has sent greetings to the People's Convention meeting in London this Sunday hailing it for its "courageous struggle for the freedom and well-being not only of the English but all peoples."

His message read:

"All my warmest greetings to People's Convention. Feels strange not being there to do my bit. From here we eagerly follow your courageous struggle for the freedom and well being, not only of English but all peoples. Magnificent. Carry on. Salud. Paul ROBESON."

Original in...S.F. 416/29...19.....dated...8.1.41.....

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B. No. 1 (Filmsy).

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

PF 44

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SUBJECT

30th day of September 1935.

ON, Paul.

Handwritten notes:
see file
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PF 44890
Paul ROBESON

reference to Papers.

the well-known variety artist and communist party sympathiser, embarked today on the s.s. "Washington" for New York.

His address in the United Kingdom was given as:-
2 St. Alban's Villas, Highgate Road, London, N.W.5.

R.B.G. Dickson
Constable.

Submitted.

P. Fletcher
Sergeant.

W. J. ...
SUPERINTENDENT.

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P.F 44990.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

UBJECT:- ROBESON.Paul

TELEPHONE CHECK. HOLBORN 8915.

18.7.39

INCOMING CALL

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Woman rang BRADLEY for JOHN GOLLAN who had suggested that she should speak to Bradley about getting hold of PAUL ROBESON to sing at a concert to be held on ~~SEPTEMBER 1939~~ in St. Pancras Town Hall to raise funds for the development of "CHALLENGER" into 12 pages. As the Youth movement had not asked for anything lately, GOLLAN thought perhaps Robeson would agree to do it. Bradley said caller should write to Paul c/o him and he would see that he got it.

Original in.....dated.....

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Report

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

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10th day of July, 1934

ROBSON,

Paul.

reference to Papers.

Paul ROBSON, age 41, United States citizen, the well-known concert artist and Communist Party sympathiser, arrived at this port to-day per the s.s. "Queen Mary" from New York.

His intended address in this country was given as - 2, St. Alban's Villas, Highgate Road, London, N.W. 5.

Submitted.

C. Flanagan P.C.

R. Fletcher
Sergeant.

W. J. ...
SUPERINTENDENT.

PA...

J. H. ...
12.2.39.

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P.F. 44990.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

SUBJECT: Paul ROBESON.

Unity Theatre Club Limited.

General Council:

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Paul ROBESON.

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Extract from circular letter sent out by
Unity Theatre Club, dated June 1939.

Original in .O.F. 17/1.v.3.....dated..155a.....
W. 21.12.39.

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22/12/47.*

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METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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D. 1 (Fimsy).

Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

GT.....

10th day of MAY, 1939.

ON, Paul.

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Paul ROBESON, aged 41, United States citizen

nce to Papers.

the well-known variety artist and Communist Party sympathizer, left this port to-night on the s.s. "Normandie" for New York. He was in possession of a valid United States passport (further particulars unknown) and his address in the United Kingdom was given as 2, St. Alban's Villas, Highgate Road, London, N.W.5.

Edmond
Constable.

Submitted:

R. Fletcher
Sergeant.

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Edmond *Sm*

SUPERINTENDENT

[Handwritten signature]
1939

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C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .

SUBJECT:-

ROBESON, Paul

24.4.39.

Traffic Index particulars of Carlos CASTILLO, Spanish refugee lawyer aged 31, showed that he arrived at Dover on 16th March 1939 stating he had come for 2 months to visit friends. He gave as his address 2, St. Albans Villas, N.W.5., so evidently he is staying with Paul ROBESON.

CASTILLO was mentioned in an int. letter from Nancy CUNARD to Eric COOK on 7.4.39. She asked COOK to get in touch with him as soon as possible-- "He will be able to give you lots of information, and really will work for you."

Original in R.List 451(336) CASTILLO (2a)dated..... 24.4.39.

F.H.M.
28.4.39.

Coined for P. 782,230. Brown.
PORT OF HARWICH.

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No. 1 (Filmsy).

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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ial Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

JECT

23rd

April,

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ROBESON &

day of

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BROWN.

rence to Papers.

Arrived at this port to-day from Esbjerg and landed as 'returning residents' :-

Paul ROBESON, of 2, St. Albans Villas, London, N.W.5, and Lawrence B. BROWN, of 5, Palmer Street, S.W.1, coloured Americans, who have frequently come under the notice of Special Branch.

Search of their baggage by H. M. Customs revealed nothing of interest.

[Signature]

P.C.

Submitted.

[Signature]

Sergeant.

[Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT.

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PF. 44990

CROSS-REFERENCE.

SUBJECT:- ROBSON, Paul

1.4.39. Int. letter dated 19. 3.39 from DEI ANANG to Peter

BLACKMAN contained the following:-

"I saw your picture with Boadu and others listening to Paul in the Picture Post the other day. It was a very good one. Give my best wishes to Paul. Tell him I still think he ought to visit the Gold Coast in the very near future. I should be glad to arrange for his accommodation which would be very comfortable and befitting his position. In any case, whether he is coming or not, I should be delighted to hear from him. I hope however that he will find it possible to decide to come."

Original in PF. 46505 vpk.2 82adated..... 11.4.39.

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PORT OF HARWICH.

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SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

11th. day of April, 1938.

No. 1 (Flimsy).

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ON, Paul.

ence to Papers.

Embarked at this port to-day for Esbjerg:-
Paul ROBESON, coloured American, aged 41,
travelling on American passport, and who described himself
as a concert artist.

Alien is identical with the Paul ROBESON, who has
frequently come under the notice of Special Branch in
connection with his activities on behalf of the left wing
organisations of this and other countries.

On 5-4-38 it was reported from this port that
Paul ROBESON junior, aged 10 years had arrived here on
holiday from school in Russia via Esbjerg. It is possible
that his father is now travelling to that country to visit
him.

ROBESON gave as his address in the United Kingdom,
2, St. Albans Villas, London, N.W.5.

Submitted as being of possible interest to
Special Branch.

S. Mount P.O.

Submitted.

C. [Signature]
Sergeant.

[Signature]
Superintendent.

[Signature]
12.2a

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EXTRACT FROM TELEPHONE CHECK ON HOLBORN 8915. 3.4.39

OUTGOING CALL.

BLACKMAN rang W.T.A.-CREECH JONES - has recd Creech Jones' letter but will not be able to see ROBESON before Saturday - the whole matter could be discussed tomorrow. Blackman had not circulated the agenda - would let Creech Jones have a copy by the first post tomorrow. Blackman has recd some very interesting letters from Jamaica and "other places". Morgan is back and may be able to say something about Trinidad. Roley will be present. Creech Jones said he had sent Blackman the Colonial Office reply re British Honduras. Robeson goes to Scandinavia from 11th-24th April.

C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .

BJECT:- ROBESON, Paul

3.39. S.B. reported the arrival in UK of Fernando Castillo Garcia NEGRETE, Spanish, age 27, described as an agriculturist. Alien was a Spanish republican, recently released from the concentration camp at Perthuis, France. He produced letters of invitation from Miss Ellen WILKINSON, Mr. SHINWELL and Paul ROBESON, and intends residing with ROBESON at 2, St. Albans Villas, Highgate Road, N.W.5.

Original in List 158(1035) vol.3.(198b).....dated. 6.3.39.
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Friday,
24.2.39.

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Miss CREELEY (phonetic) rang BRADLEY; she had gone to the Buckingham Street address and was told that ROBESON had moved. BRADLEY said he thought he had an office there still, but he gave caller ROBESON's home address: 2 St. Albans Villas, Highgate Road.

JB
2/3/39

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TRACE FROM TELEPHONE CHECK ON HOLDORN 915. 18.1.39.

COMING CALL

BARNEY (WEINBERG) rang BRADLEY re his difficulties about ROBESON'S telephone. Had Terminus 9242 as the number. Bradley did not know that and thought it was a Hampstead number. ROBESON'S address is 2 St. Albans Villas.

BA
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23/1/39

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TRACT FROM TELEPHONE CHECK ON HOLBORN 8915. 3.11.38.

COMING CALL

WEINBERG rang BRADLEY to ask a favour - could he get hold of PAUL ROBESON through Bradley? Bradley said yes, it was possible. Weinberg wanted to have a word with Robeson: the Workers' Circle have organised a committee to send money for food for the starving Jewish children in Poland and they want Robeson to attend a concert on Sunday November 27th. Bradley said he would try and get in touch with Robeson and would let Weinberg know the result. (Note: Bradley calls Weinberg "RONNIE")

KD
✓
9/11/38

34A

Extract from Telephone Check on Holborn 8915.

10.10.38.

Incoming Call.

Mrs Robeson rang Bradley to say Paul wanted to know if he could see Bradley this evening. Bradley said he would prefer to-morrow at 1 o'Clock. Mrs. Robeson said it was at 19 Buckingham Street, but not on the top floor as before - on the street floor.

15.10.38.

Incoming Call

F. 46505

Mrs. Robeson rang up to speak to Blackman who was not in. Left a message to say Paul would like to see him on Monday at 2 at Buckingham Street.

MSA
25/10/38

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PF. 44990

CROSS - REFERENCE.

SUBJECT:-

ROBESON.

In an intercepted letter to Eric Kingsley COOK, London, dated 3.9.38, Langston HUGHES, writing from Paris, says he will be arriving in London on 8.9.38, for two or three days, and he would like to see something of the ROBESONS during this time, and is writing to fix something up with them.

PF.41816 HUGHES, 29a.

3.9.38.

Original in.....dated.....

D.G.
9.9.38.

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EXTRACT FROM TELEPHONE CHECK ON HOLBORN 8915. 25.8.38.

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INCOMING CALL.

Mrs. PAUL ROBESON left a message for BLACKMAN
to the effect that Robeson would be home at 1.30.
the following day.

PA
31/11

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PF. 44990.

C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .

SUBJECT:-ROBESON, Paul.

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W.PARKINSON, Convict in Parkhurst Prison, stated that A.H.WILLIAMS' sister seems to be very active on behalf of the Party, and that she had been to see Paul ROBESON, the coloured singer, to ask him to come to Parkhurst Prison to entertain the convicts. WILLIAMS stated that ROBESON had gradually felt his way towards the left.

W.PARKINSON.

29.7.38.

Original in SF.464/50. 55a.dated.....

MJC/5.8.38.

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5/8/38

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C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .

SUBJECT:- Paul ROBESON.

Robeson was one of the speakers at a meeting held in the Public Hall Canning Town, on 17.7.38.

He said he was speaking for the first time in aid of his own flesh and blood. The welfare of the negro race was of great interest to him, and anything he could do to help, he would. It was only by uniting against their oppressors, that downtrodden people could hope to be free.

From an S.I.S report dated 17.7.38.

Original in OF. 26/6. vo,4. 274a.dated..... 17.7.38.
B.I. 20.7.38.

S. Form 81.

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P.F. 44990

CROSS - REFERENCE.

SUBJECT:- BOBESON, Paul.

: 1938. Shareholder in RUSSIA TO-DAY SOCIETY LTD.

FSU.Circular Letter.1938.

Original in.....O.F.20/2 V.10 493a.....dated.....
EMP. 13.7.38.

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15.7.38

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CROSS - REFERENCE.

SUBJECT:- Paul ROBESON

6.38. At a meeting organised by the
Emergency Youth Peace Campaign Committee
and held at the Empress Hall, Earls Court, S.W.,
Paul ROBESON sang and recited.

The audience numbered 10.000 and an
overflow meeting numbering 400 was held in
the vicinity. About 3,000 Jews were present.

S.B. 13.6.38.
No ref. no. quoted.

Original in.....SF. 460/2/10. v.5. 241a.....dated.....

M.G.

orm 81. 22.6.38.

22/6/38

PORT OF HARWICH.

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

JECT Paul

5th. day of April, 1938.

SON, (Jun.) &

nda Cardozo

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rence to Papers.

Arrived at this port from Esbjerg to-day and landed unconditionally:-

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Paul ROBESON, coloured American, aged 10 years, son of the famous singer of the same name.

Alien was accompanied by his grandmother, Eslanda Cardozo GOODE, also American, aged 70, who stated that they intended to stay in the United Kingdom for a few months only, after which they would return to Russia where the child has been at school for the past year.

It was ascertained that the young Paul ROBESON spoke fluent Russian and that his grandmother and he were particularly enthusiastic towards the U.S.S.R.

They intend to stay, while in this country, at 19, Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C., the address of Paul ROBESON, Senior, who is married to E.C. GOODE's daughter.

The usual search of their baggage by H.M. Customs revealed nothing of interest to Special Branch.

Submitted.

C. J. Gayer
Sergeant.

MR

[Signature]
Superintendent.

[Signature] P.C.

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S.I. Form O.G.

EXTRACT.

Relating To Paul ROBESON.

Telephone Check on
 Extracted from ...HOLBORN 8915..... No.....
 (LAI Headquarters) 16.2.38.
 Author of original Place and date of origin
 D.G. 1.3.38.
 Extract made by on (date)

16.2.38. Wednesday.

DMING CALL.

CLEGG rang BRADLEY re enquiries they have had re Paul ROBESON as a speaker for Chinese meetings. Bradley said it was impossible to get him to come as he had other engagements for the next 2 months. Clegg said AGGER was very keen to get ROBESON to speak in the Medway Towns. Agger is a Labour candidate and a friend of V.G.'s (Victor GOLLANCZ). Bradley said he would put up the proposition and see what Robeson had to say about it. Clegg asked for the address of the COLONIAL DEFENCE ASSOCIATION in Cardiff - Harry O'CONNELL, 32 Maria Street, Cardiff.

B. 3527.

JG
3/3/38

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SOURCES - REFERENCE.

SUBJECT:- Paul ROBESON.

According to a S.B. report dated 15.2.38., Paul Robeson attended the meeting of the International Peace Campaign held in London on 12-13th February and sang several songs - "Chinese Soldiers Song" and other songs of oppression. He was given a tremendous ovation.

SF 460/1/10 v. 10. 375b

as above.

Original in...

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MCH

19.3.38

7 FEB 1938
Copied for R. 782,220

PORT OF DOVER.
METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,
Metropolitan Police,
Scotland House,

Paul
ROBSON.

4th. day of February 1938.

to Papers.

Paul ROBESON, age 39, the well-known coloured American artist, arrived at this port at 1-15 p.m. today from Calais on his return from a visit to Spain. He was accompanied by his wife, Eslanda, age 41, and Lawrence B. Brown, age 44, American, his accompanist.

They were landed as returning residents, the address of the Robesons being given as 19, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.2, and Brown's address as 8, Eaton Row, London, S.W.1.

During conversation with the local Press, Robeson said that he was going to Paris next week with a party of British Members of Parliament to attend an international conference on the situation in Spain.

The usual search of their baggage by H.M. Customs did not reveal anything of interest.

Black
P.S.

Submitted.

J. O'Reilly
Inspector.

W. M. J. [Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT.

PA

B4B
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PRESS CUTTING.

CHESTER GUARDIAN.

Date... 31 JAN 1938

**NO VISA FOR SPAIN FOR
EPSTEIN**

The British Foreign Office has refused to grant visas to Epstein and a number of other English artists and writers who had been invited by the Spanish Government to visit Spain. The visitors were to have studied cultural conditions in Spanish Government territory and to have observed the teaching of art in the schools.

Mr. Paul Robeson, who was also invited, is now in Spain, having obtained a visa from the American Foreign Office. "If the Salamanca Government invited us, we should probably get our visas," Epstein told a reporter.

Robeson

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN

(British Section of the Communist International)

Read the
DAILY WORKER
City Party

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
16 KING STREET, COVENT GARDEN
LONDON, W.C.2

Telephone: TEMple Bar 4277

ALL
Communications to be
addressed to
THE SECRETARIAT
and not to individuals

24th January,
1938.

(Glyn Jones,
SOUTH WALES, D.P.C.)

Dear Comrade,

Further re Paul Robeson; you will see that he is now in Spain, but I am arranging to have a conversation with a comrade who is influencing his bookings, and if there is the slightest chance of him being secured for Cardiff, we will let you know.

Yours fraternally,

{ D. F. SPRINGHALL }^{MS} -



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Please PA in Rotson's PF.

RB

A3E

27.1.38

Report

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SGT Paul
SON,

22nd day of January 1938

see to Papers.

Submitted herewith are three cuttings from the Daily Express (page 6 col.2) of 22-1-1938 which show that Paul Robeson, the American negro singer has left for Spain.

P.F 45762 Robeson, accompanied by his wife Eslanda and Mrs. Charlotte Haldane left Victoria by Dover-Dunkirk Ferry Train at 10.p.m., on 21-1-1938, his departure being witnessed by Special Branch officers.

Travelling on this train were a party of 5 suspected recruits for the Spanish Government Forces, particulars of whom were sent to the French Police at Dunkirk by Special Branch officers at Dover.

Robeson was not seen to contact with the recruits prior to the departure of the train, and at that time his destination was not known.

Professor Haldane and a youth believed to be his son, were present at the departure of the train.

J. L. Little
P.S.

Submitted.

R. P. [Signature]
Inspector.

[Signature]
Superintendent.

PA.

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22-1-38

To Spain, last night: Negro singer PAUL ROBESON. He is an American citizen. For Britons, Spain-visas are becoming even harder to get than before.

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ROBESON was going to Spain, at Government's invitation, possibly to help premier Negrin's head. So was novelist ROSE MACAULAY (no Leftist she: a thoughtful, mild, intelligent Liberal).

They have both been refused visas by British Foreign Office, on ground that they don't come in categories of people who are allowed to go — journalists, cameramen, relief workers.

HOW do MPs—far more likely to “take sides” than Rose Macaulay—come in those categories? Lots of them get visas.

mes. ref. to
Sir Jacob
EPSTEIN

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P.F. 44990.

CROSS - REFERENCE.

UBJECT:- ROBESON, Paul.

American P.P. No.200. issued by American Consul-General in London 18.12.37. Last address in U.K. 19. Buckingham St. Strand, W.1. Accompanied by his wife Eslanda. Left Victoria for Dunkirque.

1.38.

S.B. 21.1.38. No.ref.

Original in... SF.427/UK/1 V.43. 114a.dated.....

EMP. 26.1.38.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

WEST

15th January, 1938

ty Theatre.

The following information has been received:

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S.I. 21/15

OF 47301
["Max WOODS has been appointed chief publicist agent for [Unity Theatre] and has already secured publicity for it in the columns of ['Cavalcade'] for 15-1-38. OF 17/15. T.C. 8406

M. J. S.

S.I. 21/15

Paul ROBESON, who has joined the Theatre, is preparing to get a script of the film 'Mar is Hell' - a Briscoe production released by Kino Films (1935), Ltd. - in which a negro plays the leading part. The intention is to stage it at the Unity Theatre as a play."

[Signature]
CHIEF CONSTABLE.

to/bs to C
C.M.C. J.G.H. PF ROBESON.

BVA to sec
C.M.C. 21/15

C R E T.

6139/B4b.

23rd December 1937.

Dear Howard,

You will remember that in 1934 we had some correspondence about a report on Nazi activities by Mr. Arthur James SIGGINS (see your letter 32590/1/34 of 5.12.34).

Mr SIGGINS is now interested in launching what he describes as a "Buffer State League" about which you may like to have a few details in case it comes to your notice later.

Mr SIGGINS' plan involves the creation of a vast central African black state with frontiers at the southern fringe of the Sahara and the northern border of the Union of South Africa. This "Buffer State", whose integrity is to be guaranteed by the great colonial Powers, is to form a barrier between the white peoples of the northern and southern hemispheres, and is designed as a constructive move in the direction of world security.

Mr SIGGINS is now considering the best forms of publicity for this scheme. It is expected to receive support in coloured circles, particularly if Paul ROBESON becomes interested. ROBESON is a personal friend of SIGGINS, and is incidentally reported to have become an entirely convinced communist.

Yours sincerely,

J. Howard Esq., O.B.E.,
Colonial Office.

26
30/12/37

19a

re SEGGINS, or SIGGINS:

This man is reputed to be very wealthy and to live somewhere in the North West London district, not far from Karl OTTEN. He is a white man with a black wife and two children who are badly treated because they are half-castes. SEGGINS wants to launch propaganda for a vast central African black state with frontiers touching the southern fringe of the Sahara, and the northern borders of the Union of South Africa, so that it should form a complete barrier between the whites of the northern and southern hemispheres. Dr. Harold MOODY thinks this would be a good idea to push forward in coloured circles, even if it was not immediately realisable, but the effectiveness of any propaganda towards this aim would depend upon the extent of ROBESON's participation in it, and at present he is too unreliable to do much. SEGGINS has asked Karl OTTEN to do propaganda films for him, or at least to help in their construction. SEGGINS is apparently a close personal friend of ROBESON's and ROBESON has always consulted him about all his political activities.

10.12.37.

B. S. D. (M/S)

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METROPOLITAN POLICE.

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

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Int Report }

REPT

22nd day of November, 1937.

ROBESON.

The following information has been received

reference to Papers.

"Paul ROBESON is a secret member of the

Communist Party. He joined in Moscow and has been placed on one of the Communist International executives in connection with negro agitation. He contributes a percentage of his income to the Party of the country in which he happens to be resident. Up to date he has given the Communist Party of Great Britain well over \$1,000.

M. J. S.

The Party leaders in Britain are very pleased at this capture and are capitalising the publicity value of ROBESON's name as much as possible. He is billed to sing at numerous Party gatherings and is a sufficiently good 'draw' to enable inflated prices to be charged for admission."

Lawrence
CHIEF CONSTABLE.

Please see his file

23/11

PA Case

24/11/37

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P.F.44990.

C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .

SUBJECT:- ROBESON, Paul.

1.10.37. Gala performance held at Cambridge Theatre, Cambridge Square to mark 20th anniversary of the Soviet Union. The show was organised by the Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R.....The programme consisted of the showing of two Russian films "Jubilant March" and "Chapayev". During an intermission of about 30 minutes, Paul Robeson, the well known negro singer sang a number of negro spirituals and two Soviet songs in Russian. He was given a tremendous welcome and continued applause.

S.B. 31.10.37.No ref.

Original in.....O.F. 50/2 V.3. 119a.....dated.....
EMP. 5.11.37 ✓

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PF 44990

C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .

SUBJECT:- Paul Robeson.

According to a Special Branch report, dated 26.10.37., Paul Robeson was criticised at the meeting of the League of Coloured Peoples held on 23.10.37., because he had joined the Unity Theatre and it was agreed that steps should be taken to persuade him not to identify himself so closely with the Communist Party.

Original in... 33/1 59a.dated. 26.10.37.

MCH
28.10.37.

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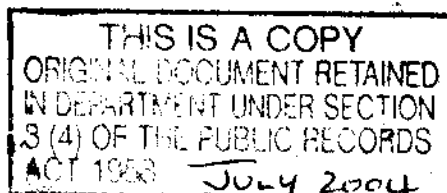
C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .SUBJECT:- Paul Robeson.

According to a M/S report dated 22.10.37.,
had approached Robeson via Dr Harold Moody
to ask if he would take the lead in new play.
reminded M/S that Robeson had recently offered
his services free to the Unity Theatre Movement and
he referred to Robeson as violently Left and equally
violent anti-right.

Original in...PF 45807 32a.....dated.....as above....

MGE
26.10.37.

Form 81.



CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject: Paul ROBESON.

8.37. Mr PALMER, from the Abyssinia Association, rang the L.A.I. Headquarters and left a message for BRIDGEMAN. He wished to draw Bridgeman's attention to a paragraph in the Evening Standard which stated that Paul ROBESON now on holiday in Russia, would be giving a concert tour in England this winter. Caller suggested that Bridgeman might try to secure him for their fete on October 23rd.

Telephone Check on HOLBORN 8915.

Original in BF 87/3, 44a.dated..... 13.8.37

S. Form 81

~~D.G.
23.8.37~~

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Paul ROBESON.

According to an S.B. report, reference 301/AFAW/115, dated 24.6.37., Paul ROBESON was one of the speakers at the "grand international meeting" held under the auspices of the National Joint Committee for Spanish relief, at the Albert Hall on 24.6.37. ROBESON read a copy of his speech which was broadcast from Moscow. He said that artists, scientists and writers had been challenged by Fascism, and they must take up the challenge, otherwise civilisation would be destroyed. He said that the supporters of Franco had neither respect nor consideration for combatants or non-combatants, and ended by saying that it was the duty of every supporter of peace to line up with the lawfully elected Spanish Government. He then sang two Negro ("songs of protest" and "Ole Man River".

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Subject: ROBESON, Paul.

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