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According to Desmond BUCKLE, Paul ROBESON passed through this country on his return to the States from the Continent, but he was travelling by air and did not leave London Airport. BUCKLE did not see him on that occasion.

ROBESON is expected to come to London again in the near future, but no definite date is yet known. BUCKLE expects ROBESON will first settle his difficulties in America.

BUCKLE himself has just returned from a visit to the Netherlands, where he attended the Trade Union Conference recently held in Amsterdam.

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Extract from "Daily Worker".

Robeson beats the rioters

THE anti-Negro rioters who last week broke up a Paul Robeson concert at Peekskill, New York, were defeated yesterday when Robeson returned and sang to over 15,000 people on the same spot.

The concert was held in the open air, on an abandoned golf course, while over 3,000 members of the semi-Fascist American Legion marched past, separated from Robeson's supporters only by a wire fence and a police cordon.

Suddenly, the hostile demonstrators tried to break through the police cordon, which was forced back at first.

But a line of 1,800 volunteer guards stood ready for them just inside the wire fence, and the police soon regained control of the situation.

Only one of the rioters was arrested—and the police let him go.

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