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Temple Bar 2151 (Communist Party H. Q.)

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To IDRIS COX from BILL PAINTER.

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He was ringing about ~~PAUL ROBESON~~ ^{See letter 9/9} They had not heard a word, they had a cablegram to the effect that he was applying for a Passport promising to let them have a reply in ten days, the time was up sometime in July, since then they had heard nothing. BILL was sending off two cables that day to two addresses he had, also a letter. He wondered if IDRIS could do anything?, what they wanted to know was had he been refused, or was he coming ?.

IDRIS promised to get in touch with " our contact " that day and would probably see " him " next day, he would find out what " he " could do about making direct contact with PAUL.

BILL would be coming up (to London) on Wednesday and would see IDRIS.

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Extracted on. 29.10.53. By: DFR. Section. R.6.

Extract from summary of the World Peace Council Meeting held in Budapest 15th-20th June '53, forwarded by M.I.6. ment. ROBESON.

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Appendix B.

WORLD PEACE COUNCIL.

Unmarked names are based on a list published by the World Peace Council between the end of July and the end of October 1951. Additions made to the Council later than October '51 are denoted by asterisks against the names as follows:-

+ November '51. ++ April '52. +++ July '52. @ June '53.

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Paul ROBESON.

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Copy of Int. Telegram from Paul ROBESON, 155 West 136, New York City, to Marie STON,
87, Clarendon Road, London, W.11.

DEAR MARIE WRITING FULLY STILL FEEL SAME NOT READY BEST TO ALL FEELING FINE ANSWER
 155 WEST 136 NEW YORK CITY PAUL ROBESON AR

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STATEMENT BY PAUL ROBESON
TO THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA

To my brothers and sisters, to the peoples of that great land from which my ancestors came, to the peoples of Africa - I send my heartfelt greetings.

Only my words, my voice can come to you. I cannot. I cannot accept your many kind invitations to come to Africa as I long to do. Nor can I go to Asia or Europe or even across our border to Canada. I am, so to speak, exiled in the United States by my government.

It is important for you to know why this is so. The government attorneys have been brutally frank in explaining. My passport is denied, they declared, "in view of appellant's (that is, my own) frank admission that he has been for years extremely active politically - in behalf of the independence of the colonial peoples of Africa...The diplomatic embarrassment that could arise from the presence abroad of such a political meddler traveling under protection of an American passport, is easily imaginable."

And so because many of us here in the United States - fighters like our beloved Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, who also is addressing you, because we champion the freedom of our people in Africa and in the United States, because we will not compromise one millionth of an inch on this issue, we are regarded as "political meddlers" in the eyes of those in power in America - in the eyes of that powerful section of America whose program of world domination and war is meeting with the determined resistance of hundreds of millions of peoples throughout the world.

That profit-greedy section of America - the big trusts and banks which look to Africa to replace what they have lost in Asia, stands today behind the regimes of Britain, France, South Africa, Belgium, and the other alien oppressors of the African people, backing up these oppressors, spurring them on to greater and greater exploitation of Africa and its people, and supplying them with guns with which to crush African resistance. In Asia this section of America not only does

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these things, but itself leads the horrible and barbaric slaughter of the Korean people as well as attacks against the people of Malaya and Indonesia. They only wait greedily for the opportunity to let loose their vicious attacks upon great sections of the African people.

But there is another section of America, embracing all those who labor and are oppressed - the 15,000,000 black Americans and many millions of white allies. Despite the most tyrannical suppression of democratic rights in our country's history, and though standing in the shadow of American concentration camps, this section of America, the true America, continues in battle against the doctrine and practice of white supremacy, against imperialist domination, and against the government's war program.

I speak to you not simply as an individual, but as one of that democratic, progressive section of America which is the ally of the African and all other peoples' strivings for democratic rights and national self-determination.

As in America, so in Britain, France, Italy and other imperialist countries, there are progressive forces on the side of the people of Africa even though their voices sometimes may not be audible. But it is especially important to remember your other allies, strong allies, in areas of the world where peoples have only recently won their freedom and created new peoples democracies. I mean, the peoples of China, of India, of other sections of the Far and Middle East, and the peoples of parts of Central and Eastern Europe and of the Soviet Union. They are all allies of African freedom, partners of yours in the common struggle for a democratic world of security and peace.

Among all these peoples with such varied beliefs and ways of life there is today one common aim - to save their national freedom, to save their personal liberties, to save their very lives and the lives of their children, by joining together to save world peace.

This is the theme and purpose of the great Congress of the Peoples for Peace which will assemble in Vienna on December 12th. It is my earnest hope that my fellow Africans as well as my fellow Americans will be well represented at that Congress for Peace.

We need only to look at the wars now in progress, in Korea, in Malaya, in Viet Nam, or at the near-wars threatening in Northeast and South Africa, to realize that the darker peoples of the world have a primary stake in halting military aggression. Through unity of all peoples of all colors in their action for peace lies the true path to the achievement of self-determination by colonial and subject peoples.

The great leader of French Africa below the Sahara, Gabriel D'Arboussier, has pointed out clearly the unity of the struggle for self-determination and the fight for peace. He states:

"Numerous facts in our own countries of Black Africa prove that war preparations are already militating against the people's greatest aspiration--the right to self-determination. We see how liberty is being stifled and our rights suppressed. In the economic sphere, we see the seizure of our raw materials, which tends to enhance the poverty of our working population. Lastly, our countries are being made to supply troops, notably for the war in Viet-Nam. Hence we can see a direct connection between the situation at home and the French government's policy of preparing war.

"And so each time a colonial or dependent people protests against the plunder of its raw material resources, and demands that its country be industrialized, it is fighting for peace. Each nation that protests against the recruiting of troops or demands the return of such troops to their native land, it is fighting for peace...."

The hour is critical. The forces of reaction are desperate. They will, if they can, force the people of the world to endure a blood bath which few of us may be able to survive. The peoples of the world, the people of Africa, too, must answer "No"! They will do so at the coming Congress of the Peoples for Peace. I say to you, stand up now while there is time and join with your allies in this expression for peace.

In the eloquent but simple words of the Appeal which has been issued for the convocation of the Congress of the Peoples for Peace I affirm:

"Your will for Peace must be expressed.

The Congress of the Peoples for Peace will bring together, on the basis of the aims arrived at in common, persons of every opinion and groups or organizations of every kind, who desire disarmament, security and national independence, free choice of their way of life, and the relaxation of international tension.

The Congress of the Peoples for Peace will bring together all those who wish to make the spirit of negotiation prevail over resort to force.

Peace can be saved!

Peace must be saved!

CUTTING FROM THE "DAILY WORKER" dated 8 August 1952.

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✓ **Robeson still
denied passport**

The U.S. Court of Appeals yesterday ordered a lower court to dismiss a suit by the famous Negro singer and leader, Paul Robeson, asking that his passport be validated.

In his suit, filed on December 19, 1950, Mr. Robeson complained that the invalidation of his passport prevented him from making a singing and speaking tour.

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Membership of the World Peace Council

A pamphlet entitled "The World Peace Movement", issued by the W.P.C. in 1951 and received in this Office through B.1.K. on 13th December, 1951, is to be found at serial 904ab in OF.347, volume 18.

In a list entitled "The World Council of Peace", which begins at page 72 in this pamphlet, occurs the following entry:-

Paul ROBESON - Singer.

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Membership of the World Peace Council.

The supplement to issue No.14 dated 5th December, 1950 of the W.F.T.U. fortnightly review gave a list of the members of the World Peace Council elected at the Second World Congress of Defenders of Peace, Warsaw, November 1950.

This list, which is filed in OF.347/2, volume 6 at serial 187yz, contains the following entry:-

Paul ROBESON - Singer.

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For PF. 44990.

Extract from "Daily Worker, February 2, 1952,
re Paul ROBESON.

Jail threat to keep Robeson from Canada

PAUL ROBESON, famous Negro singer, yesterday confirmed that he had been threatened with five years in jail and a 10,000-dollar fine if he crossed the border from the United States into Canada.

He said it was "indicative of the ends to which the Government will go to prevent my departure."

Mr. Robeson had intended to speak at a trade union meeting with Mr. Vincent Hallinan, a lawyer who has defended the Pacific Coast union leader Harry Bridges.

Immigration officers made the same threats to Mr. Hallinan, and warned both men that "in the best interests of the Government" they should not leave the country.

United States citizens do not require a passport for a short trip to Canada.

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Extract from Telepress Bulletin.

PAUL ROBESON CALLS FOR U.S. GATHERING OF NEGRO LEADERS TO RESIST TERROR

NEW YORK. Telepress -- Denouncing the murder of Harry T. Moore, Negro leader recently killed in Florida, as "political assassination" aimed at stopping the growing demand by the Negro people for the right to vote in the South, Paul Robeson called for unity against Ku-Klux-Klan-men and for a great gathering of Negro leaders to plan joint action for resistance to terror. Robeson suggested such a meeting be held either in the United States capital, Washington D.C., or in some major Southern city on February 14th "the birthday of the immortal Frederick Douglas" (outstanding United States Negro leader of the emancipation movement of the 19th century - eds.).

Robeson's appeal appears in the January issue of the magazine Freedom which was released on the news-stands on January 4th. Louis Burham, editor of Freedom, told Telepress correspondent that the issue will be mailed to 1,000 Negro leaders with a letter by Robeson. It will go to Negro bishops, ministers, labour leaders, national and local leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) and Civil Rights Congress (CRC) and to other community leaders, requesting their views and attitudes to this proposal.

Robeson's appeal states in part: "The murder of Harry Moore was a lynching of a special kind. It was a political assassination. Its aim was to short-circuit the growing clamor for votes and justice in the South by beheading those who are brave enough to demand their rights or strong enough to lead an organised mass movement."

Robeson continues: "In 1948 Maceo Snipe and Isaiah Nixon both gave their lives to Georgia mobs because they sought to exercise their right to vote. In South Carolina, Albert Hinton, NAACP State President was kidnapped and John McCray, head of the Progressive Democratic Party, was framed on a trumped-up (fake) charge - because of their leadership in both movements. Now this dastardly murder of Moore comes as a threat to every Negro in the land: give up your hopes to vote and hold office in the South. Remain a people apart, inferior in status, despised and trampled upon - or we will blow you all to kingdom come!"

The appeal then asks: "Shall we accept this verdict of the Klansmen? The demand of the hour is for resistance to the lynchers and an end of the spilling of our precious blood." Robeson urges a fight to bring the culprits to justice, to impeach Florida's Governor Fuller Warren and "a guarantee of unrestricted enjoyment of every constitutional privilege by the Negro people in every part of the United States."

Robeson stated that "despite all the differences in their outlook, Harry Moore was murdered for the same reason Benjamin J. Davis (Communist Negro leader, victim of the thought-control Smith Act - eds.) was railroaded to jail; they both fought without stint for the rights of their people. And the same hands that hold the key of Davis' cell at Terre Haute, Indiana, are stained with the blood of Moore at Miami. What better time than now to plan for a great convocation of Negro people's leaders." - mz/jmk.

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