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ROBESON TO CHARGE U.S. WITH GENOCIDE

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NEW YORK, Monday.

PAUL ROBESON, the world-famous Negro singer, has applied to the State Department for a special passport to visit the United Nations General Assembly in Paris.

He intends to present to U.N. a petition charging the U.S. Government with the crime of genocide (racial murder) against the 15 million Negroes living in the United States.

The petition says that the U.S. Government is violating the U.N. Convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide, adopted by the General Assembly on December 9, 1948.

In his application for a passport, Mr. Robeson declares that he has been chosen by the 88 distinguished Negro and white petitioners to present the petition on their behalf.

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It is a detailed indictment of racial persecution in the U.S., with hundreds of documented examples of lynching, denial of justice, and economic discrimination.

It shows that in addition to the thousands of Negroes who are killed or unjustly jailed by law authorities, every Negro in the U.S. is robbed on an average of eight years of life because of the economic conditions under which he is forced to live.

Mr. Robeson, himself, has been subjected to particularly inhuman discrimination since taking an active part in the peace movement.

His concerts are barred in almost every hall in the country, and on radio and T.V.

His passport has been seized by the State Department, and his repeated requests for permission to travel abroad have been turned down.

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Extract for File No. PF 44,990. Name: ROBESON. Receipt date: 19.11.51.
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Original from. Intercept. Under Ref : None. Section: R.6.
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Cross reference from an intercept to Professor BERNAL from
the Unity Theatre Society Limited, noting from the printed
heading that the following persons are members of the
General Council of the Unity Theatre Society Ltd: 1951-1952.

Paul ROBESON.

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Extract from summary of World Broadcasts Part I. The U.S.S.R.

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Negroes in the Peace Struggle

The conference in Cincinnati attended by more than 1,000 Negro and white trade unionists for the purpose of setting up a National Negro Workers' Council was covered in a dispatch from New York quoted in the Tass service for Abroad. The delegates, said this report, had expressed their determination to fight not only for the cessation of anti-Negro discrimination, but also for peace and freedom.

Hood, Secretary of the Michigan section of the Automobile Workers' TU, had declared in his opening speech that the best hopes of the American people were based on an intensified struggle on the part of Negroes and progressive whites for democracy, equality and peace, and he had added: "We are here because many of our freedoms are disappearing in the face of the USA's war economics. We utter a warning against American reactionary fanaticism and we declare that 15,000,000 American Negroes and another 15,000,000 white workers will, united, put an end to anti-Negro discrimination, anti-Semitism and the persecution of people of foreign origin."

The resolution passed at the conference, the dispatch went on, had deplored the fact that more than 15,000,000 American Negroes were deprived of equal opportunities as regards employment and wages and had called for the collection of 1,000,000 signatures to petitions demanding the safeguarding of a just labour hire system. Other subsidiary resolutions had demanded: (1) the conversion of trade unions into "organisations of enlightened and active participants in the fight for the freedom of Negroes"; (2) legislation against lynching; (3) the liquidation of anti-Negro discrimination; (4) a campaign for the right of Negroes to a decent standard of living; and (5) a more active defence of Negroes' rights by the union movement.

Among the speakers during the discussion had been "that outstanding fighter for the liberation of Negroes", Paul Robeson, who had declared that he would fight for his rights "to travel the world and demand that my people be given freedom". (Tass in Russian for Abroad 30.10.51)

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 44990.....Name: ROBESON, Paul.....
 Original in File No.: P.F. PP 56875 Vol. 2.....Serial: 57a.....Receipt Date: 31.10.51.....
 Original from: Int. Letter.....Under Ref.:Dated: 22.10.51.....
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Cross Reference from:

Int. Letter to Daily Worker, London, England from "Comite
 International de Defense du Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS signed by
 Paul DEMEULENAERE (Secetaire) 594, Chaussee de Waterloo,
 Bruxelles and mentioning Paul ROBESON as one of the
 Presidents.

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Extract for File No. P.F. 44,990. Name: Paul ROBESON.
 Original in File No. P.F. 52,267. Serial: 207b Receipt Date: 11.10.51.
 Original from: S.L.C. Southern Rhodesia Under Ref.: FE.77 Dated: 1.10.51.
 Extracted on: 23.11.51. by: MSO Section: R.4.

Ext. from Int. Letter to Mr. Charles MZINGELI, P.O. Box 679,
Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, from Louis E. BURNHAM,
Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York 27, N.Y.,
forwarded by S.L.C. Southern Rhodesia and mentioning Paul ROBESON.

This will introduce to you the most recent addition to the Negro press of the United States, the monthly publication FREEDOM. FREEDOM is Paul ROBESON's newspaper and as such seeks to convey to its readers in the United States and abroad the unity of our struggles for full citizenship here with the struggles of the independence and workers' movements in the colonies.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 14, 990. Name: ROBESON.
 Original in File No.: P.F. 149, 341. Serial: 23a. Receipt Date: 9.10.51.
 Original from: Int. Letter. Under Ref.: - Dated: 5.10.51.
 acted on: 6.11.51. by: C. J. P. Section: R. 5.

Extract from Int: Letter from Michael HAMBURGER, Students Union, Broad St, Aberdeen Scotland. (son of Ursula BEURTON, Soviet Agent), to the International Union of Students. Praba II. Votesska 12. Czechoslovakia, mentioning :-

Paul ROBESON.

Dear Comrade,

A group of us have put forward Paul ROBESON as our nominee for the Rectorship of Aberdeen University. The post, which is in effect an honorary one, is tenable for 4 years, and our rectorial election takes place on November 10th.

Robeson was kind enough to accept nomination, and we feel that his election would be a small token of the tribute due to him as a great progressive and a great artist, as well as a victory against the anti-democratic and racialist practices here and in the U.S.A.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 44990 Name: ROBESON.

Original in File No.: P.F. 68064 Supp. Serial: Receipt Date: 6.9.51.

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TELEPRESS Monday, September 3, 1951.

PAUL ROBESON FILES APPEAL FOR RETURN OF PASSPORT

NEW YORK, Telepress -- Paul Robeson, world-famous American Negro artist and peace leader, whose passport has been seized by agents of the State Department, has filed an appeal from a Federal court order which recently upheld the State Department action. Both Robeson and his son, noted American youth leader, are forbidden to leave the country. Robeson senior has received many invitations from workers and peace groups throughout Europe to sing before them. His son was invited to attend the recent World Youth Festival in Berlin.

Robeson and his son have charged that they are being kept under virtual house arrest in the United States because the government fears their messages of peace and brotherhood. The State Department has taken away Paul Robeson's passport on the grounds that he is a member of three "subversive" organizations. These are the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which sends food and clothing to Spanish Republican refugees, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, and the International Workers Order, a workers' fraternal insurance and mutual benefit society, which is the only insurance organization in the United States which does not discriminate against Negroes in its rates and membership requirements. This action has been taken by the State Department despite the Supreme Court ruling that organizations cannot be listed as "subversive" until they have had a legal hearing. - rb/pg