

THE BRITISH-SOVIET SOCIETY
(Birmingham Branch)

PRESENTS

PAUL ROBESON

AT THE

Birmingham Town Hall

ON

Saturday, May 21st, 1949

at 7-0 p.m.

*Friend
Paul Robeson*



PAUL ROBESON, son of a run-away slave, who became a minister of the Church, became himself a tower of learning and sport at College and Havard University. He practised law before his voice and acting ability gave him a pre-eminent place.

Paul is 51, and the working class movement greet him as one who remains the unspoilt, lovable person known to millions for his contributions to Art and Human Progress.

He made his first success before he left law school, in "Emperor Jones". In England in 1922 acted with Mrs. Pat Campbell. In 1928 made his first great popular success in "Shaw Boat". From then he has been world famous.

Gradually he began to see that although he was doing alright, ten million of his fellow negros in the American South lived on the edge of starvation. He says of his first visit to the Soviet Union, "It was like stepping into another planet." I felt the full dignity of being a human being for the first time. He loved what he found there so much, that he returned to Russia each year and also sent his son to school there.

Programme - Price 6d

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1. CHAIRMAN : Mr. H. BAKER, J.P.
2. THE REV. STANLEY EVANS.
Nat. Chairman B.S.S.
3. PAUL ROBESON SINGS
Accompanist—LAURENCE BROWN
4. THE REV. ED. CHARLES.
5. CLARION CHOIR.
6. PAUL ROBESON SPEAKS.
7. CLARION CHOIR.
8. PAUL ROBESON SINGS
9. CLARION CHOIR. (Ballad for Americans)
Mr. Robeson will choose his own Songs.

Songs by the Clarion Choir :

LAND OF FREEDOM.
THE ICE BREAKS.
BROTHERS ALL.
LILLIBURLERO.
SALUTE TO LIFE.
STEPPE CAVALRY.
GO DOWN MOSES.

What do you know about the British-Soviet Society?

DO YOU KNOW :

That the Society is Non-Party, Non-Sectarian ?

That the Society is open to all those desirous of obtaining factual knowledge about the U.S.S.R.? To all who believe that Peace lies through understanding and friendship? That the sole aim of the Society is to promote understanding and friendship between the peoples of Great Britain and the Soviet Union?

THE SOCIETY CAN ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS

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West Midlands Conference on British-Soviet Friendship and Trade.

Supported by the Birmingham and Coventry
Trades Councils.

Saturday, June 11th, 3 to 7 p.m.

2 Sessions with break for Tea
in the Digbeth Institute.

Chief Speaker:

Mr. Henry Levitt,

General Secretary Guild of Insurance Officials. Treasurer of London Trades Council.
Member of British Fraternal Delegation at recent Soviet Trades Union Congress.

Make sure your organisation is represented.

Make the 20 year Treaty of Alliance a real living thing

Increased trade with the Soviet Union would help us
while we lack Dollars. Sign the declaration for world

Peace. All organisations have received copies of this
declaration.

Further particulars from the Hon. Secretary
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