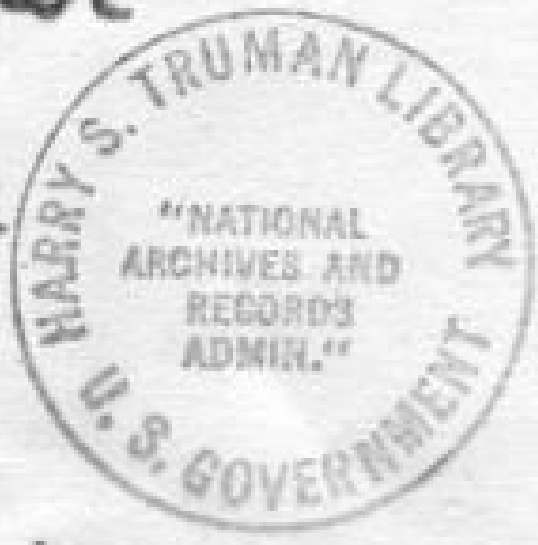


Paul Robeson is coming  
to Cleveland after tremendous  
demonstrations in Los Angeles  
and Chicago. In these cities  
the people came together  
and the public officials  
cooperated in a most  
impressive reaffirmation of  
the right of a great artist  
to be heard and appreciated.



Our Committee is proud  
to welcome Mr. Robeson to  
Cleveland where we are confident  
he will be received in the same  
spirit and the results will be  
here, as in the cities where he  
has already appeared, a greater

unity of negro people and  
their white allies for re-affirm-  
ation in these times of the  
basic democratic rights of all.

Our Com. is grateful  
to the ~~Oberlin~~ student body  
of Oberlin College for its  
invitation. Our Committee feels  
that the spirit of the invitation  
is in accord with the  
objectives of Mr. Robeson's  
national tour.

Injuring into the Oberlin  
invitation the appearance of  
controversy, however, is not  
connected with affirming and



re-affirming the right of  
an artist to be heard  
and the need of all citizens  
to come together to guarantee  
fuller democracy.

That right and that  
need are not subject to  
debate. The Cleveland Committee  
therefore, with greatest good will,  
toward the student body of  
Oberlin College, feels that it  
must decline the invitation.  
We are sure that another time  
Mr. Roberson will gladly accept an  
invitation to sing on the Oberlin  
Campus.



about sept 29

Forum Bd invited

acceptance amount

Fr. Oct 1

Oct 2 reported back

Oct 4 - Owr

Oct 4 - <sup>Statement</sup> white second

Oct 5 - Robert

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Oct 6 - date meeting was  
planned