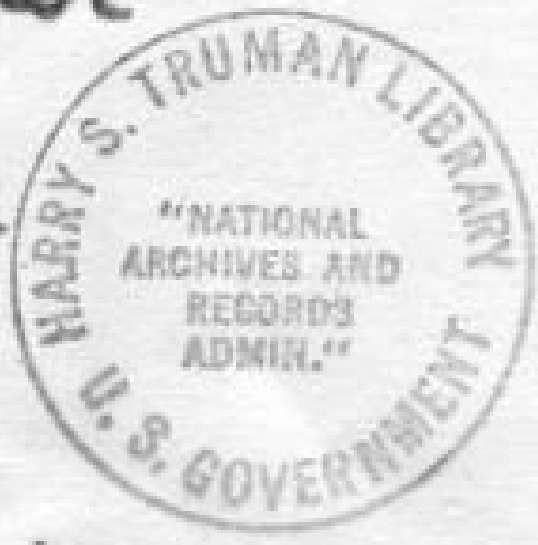


Paul Robeson is coming
to Cleveland after tremendous
demonstrations in Los Angeles
and Chicago. In these cities
the people came together
and the public officials
cooperated in a most
impressive reaffirmation of
the right of a great artist
to be heard and appreciated.

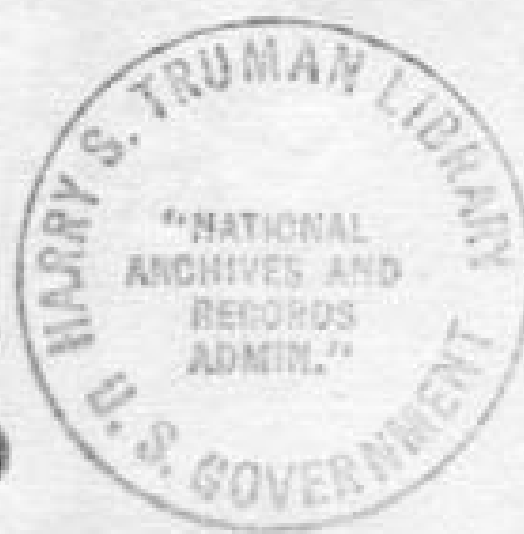


Our Committee is proud
to welcome Mr. Robeson to
Cleveland where we are confident
he will be received in the same
spirit and the results will be
here, as in the cities where he
has already appeared, a greater

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.

Injecting 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 half

Oct 4 - Owr

Oct 4 - ^{Statement} white second

Oct 5 - Robert

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Oct 6 - date meeting was
planned