

Crucifixion of Paul Robeson Blasted by Press in India

NEW DELHI, India—(ANP)—“If Paul Robeson is un-American, so much the worse for America,” declares The Hindu, India's greatest newspaper, in an editorial condemning the recent incident in Peoria. Paying tribute to Robeson for his great work in the uplift of his race, it said: “Robeson has been to Russia where he found that non-white persons were treated as equals by the government and the people of the Soviet Union.

“Impressed by this, he sent his son to a Russian school. Red-baiters in the United States recently announced him as a Communist sympathizer. This led to a refusal to allow him to give a public recital in Peoria, Ill.

“It is worth noting that the colored press, which speaks for about one-tenth of the population in the United States, has always been vocal in supporting the movement of colonial peoples for independence.

“Colored Americans do not want a special place for themselves. They want political and social equality. Like Robeson, they see that their progress is linked with the emergence of suppressed peoples in other countries, and realize that democracy at home will come only when nations cease to dabble in power politics and put their own houses in order.”