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## CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING AND ACTION FOR NEGROES

Fellow Men of the Negro Race, Greeting:

The hour for constructive thinking and action has arrived. We have labored in the wilderness of agitation, petitions and profitless noise for many decades and have achieved nothing.

The various organizations we have formed within the last fifty years have done nothing more than to hold mass meetings, asked for and received interviews and sent up petitions, all without any real beneficial results. The Universal Negro Improvement Association being tired of the methods of the past is determined to initiate a new program, that of constructive accomplishment.

Some people ask, "Why hasn't the Universal Negro Improvement Association protested against so and so, and why hasn't it sent a telegram to the President denouncing lynching; why hasn't it asked for interviews from Congressmen and Senators over the question of injustice to the Negro?" Why should you want it to do this when other organizations have been doing this for the last twenty years without any result?

The time has come for us as a people to stop skylarking with ourselves and allowing others to make mimics of us. Little groups of individuals fighting against themselves can represent only themselves, they can accomplish very little in the interest of a great race scattered over the country, and for that matter scattered over the universe. If conditions are such as to affect the race generally, then that race must organize generally to bring about a change in the condition. It is no use ten, one hundred or one thousand out of a group of fifteen or two hundred or four hundred millions getting together and saying, "We alone can do this thing, therefore, we will ask interviews of Congressmen and Senators, telegraph the President, and by so doing, bring about a cessation of the injuries done to the race as a whole."

The Universal Negro Improvement Association has a wiser plan. Our purpose is to have the race solidly organized, to have Negroes in the North, the South, the East and the West, not only of America, but of the entire universe, linked up with one determination, that of liberating themselves and freeing the great country of Africa that is ours by right. When we make a demand we do not expect it to be refused, because our determination will be backed up by the financial, educational, industrial and physical strength of the entire race. This is our answer to those who are asking us why we do not send up petitions and hold mass meetings and send telegrams to the President. We have no time to waste.

Some Negroes who claim to be leaders do more harm to the race by their continuous meddling and mixing up of things than otherwise. Let us take the Ku Klux Klan expose for an argument. For years the Negro has been outraged by the Ku Klux Klan. Nobody said anything about it; nobody raised a voice of protest sufficiently strong as to have caused the nation to make a stir in putting down this national menace. And why? Simply because only the Negro was affected by it. The Klan was ostensibly organized to put down "imaginary Negro domination." If it were for such a purpose only nobody would have said anything about the Ku Klux Klan as far as the national voice goes. But when it comes down to attacking Jews, Catholics and white aliens, then it was time for our big daily papers and our statesmen to expose this great menace and to call upon the President and Congress to put it down immediately. What the attempt is being made with a earnestness to destroy the menace of Ku Klux Klan for Negroes and everybody to be benefited here pops up insignificant non-impressive Negroes making big demonstrations against the Ku Klux Klan, going to see the President, making demands on Congress to investigate the Ku Klux Klan; thereby giving an argument to Col. Simmons and his associates to say, "Are you going to encourage the insolence of the Negro? Are you going to encourage Negro domination by destroying the only organization in the United States of America that seeks to keep the Negro in his place? Why, do you not see what these people are up to? See how outraged they are because our intention toward them is exposed, are you going to encourage them to

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believe that they should become the dominators of this country and the equal of the white man?"

The very argument that Simmons will put up is the argument that will appeal to 90 per cent. of the white people of this country to let the Ku Klux Klan continue its operation so long as it cuts out its anti-Jew, Irish, Catholic and white aliens program.

Who would have been the cause of the continuous existence of the Klan but those Negroes who bob in without any influence and give everybody to understand that the Negro is against the Ku Klux Klan. Nobody cares whether the Ku Klux Klan kills Negroes or not, and if it is for Negroes alone the Ku Klux Klan would become as powerful as the Government itself.

Our leaders do not know when to interfere and when not to interfere; they muddle up everything and some do it simply because they want notoriety. They have been in the press that Mr. So and So called on the President, and Mr. So and So was in Congress and interviewed certain Congressmen. For the sake of this notoriety the whole race must suffer.

This is the kind of leadership we have had for the last fifty years. We want strong-minded statesmen, men who will not jeopardize the interest of the race by their own selfish whim and caprices, but who will study the situation so closely as to move only when it is to the better interest of the entire race. Negroes, keep quiet and let those who have the power, who are equally prejudiced against you, crush the Klan for their own purpose. We will benefit thereby.

You will not expect the Universal Negro Improvement Association to mix up in everything simply because it may be popular to hold mass meetings and send petitions. The Universal Negro Improvement Association is biding its time, when it can render useful service to the entire race. We want, therefore, a strong organization, we want the fifteen million Negroes of the United States, each and every one to become members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. We want the four hundred million Negroes of the world to be active members of this great organization, and by the unity of our strength financially, educationally, industrially and physically, we will compel the recognition of the world. Therefore, let us concentrate on organization; organization is the power that moves the world; without organization we will become like a drifting vessel tossing about on the turbulent waves in the raging storm.

As a people we must unite everywhere; we must forget the narrowness of nationality and insularity. We must remember that we are oppressed because of our economic and political undevelopment in race. We will never be respected and given our rights until we rise above the universal stagnation in race.

We have to start out now building ourselves into communities of progressive men and women, and ultimately launch out to the bigger ideas of empire.

Parochialism, insularism and narrow nationalism as lived under alien leadership, will never save this Negro race of ours; will never solve the great Negro problem. It is only when we strike out toward empire on our own account, and by our own achievement build up a permanent culture and civilization of our own, will the world say to itself that the Negro is a man and will accept him as such. Let us, therefore, waste no more time in petitions and mass meetings in our little groups and communities; let us come together now, let us join hands, let us pull, drag, ourselves into the consciousness of a united purpose.

Why can't the Negro people of this country make a statement of the race of Negroes of the world?

Garibaldi, Mirabeau, Pitt, Gladstone, Bismarck and Washington. Every race and every nation at some time or the other presents a statesman who ultimately becomes the savior of the race of the nation. How long must we wait for such statesmen? How long must we wait for such leaders? Have we not gained the lessons of civilization? Have we not taken in the beautiful illustrations and examples of history? Then why wait for another decade? Why wait for another century to do what should be done now? Rise, men of the Negro race and let us have our Washington, let us have our Napoleon, let us have our Bismarck, let us have our Garibaldi, let us have our Count Leo Tolstoy, and we can have these men now if we will but sink our individualism, if we will throw away our narrow nationalism and insularism, if we will say, "Now is the time for us to get together and be one."

The ends we serve that are selfish will take us no further than ourselves, but the ends we serve that are for all in common will take us even into eternity. The truly great never die, they live forever; yes, even today we find the same old the same old men who have passed from the stage of human action, twenty, ten, five centuries ago, their memories are as fresh as if they died but yesterday. Why? Because of the great deeds done by them not for themselves alone, but for the good of all of their race and their nation. When will the Negroes rise to the heights of human service and sacrifice? When will the ambition of each and every one of us be to do good for all of our race and our nation? When will the Universal Negro Improvement Association be the greatest organization in the world? A new history is to be written and the deeds of our great savants, our philosophers through whose lead and through whose light we shall march on to the goal of freedom and everlasting peace.

May I not ask you, therefore, fellow men, to become members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association? I ask you to join the greatest Negro movement in the world. Why should you keep out when we need your individual as well as your collective help to bring about a change in the conditions that affect the race. You can help the Universal Negro Improvement Association by supporting its program. We desire to link up the four hundred million Negroes of the world into one solid body, moving towards the glorious objective of a free, united, and united Africa. Will you help us? Do so now by subscription to the "African Redemption Fund" sending to the Universal Negro Improvement Association, 59 West 135th Street, New York City, what you can afford to contribute to the great cause of African freedom.

It can be \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 or \$1,000, or whatever extent you value liberty and whatever your means, and you should subscribe to this great cause of African freedom, and we are asking you again to support the great international enterprise of the Black Star Line Corporation, the largest of which is to float ships on the seven seas to carry the commerce of the Negro from country to country and make him one of the great industrial capitalists of the age. You can support the Black Star Line by buying shares at \$500 each. You can buy one share for twenty-five one hundred shares for \$25,000. You can buy one share for the Universal Negro Improvement Association, and we will give you its Construction Loan, through which we will build up our mills and industrial institutions, and we will give you that the millions of our race have their own leadership.

Now is the time for Negroes to pay his and his part in the great struggle for the freedom of the race. As the great struggle for the freedom of the race is now being fought, you can be a part of it.























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