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## U. N. I. A. LAST TO THROW STONES OF VENOM AND ABUSE

FELLOW MEN OF THE NEGRO RACE, Greeting:

As a Negro interested in the welfare of my race, and as the elected leader of a movement that seeks the emancipation of the Negro everywhere, it becomes my duty to give out to you, from time to time, what little helpful information I may have, as well as to advise you in the best way possible, so as to enable one and all of the four hundred millions of us to travel in the right and safe direction by which we shall see our temporal as well as spiritual salvation.

### The Conflict of Cliques

There has been for quite a while a great deal of commotion in Negro circles—a conflict of individuals and organizations, each making desperate efforts to hold up to ridicule and to destroy the other individual or organization.

There are times when we should know our friends, and there are times when we should save ourselves from our friends. We are passing now through such a time. Those of you who have followed within the last four years the work of the Universal Negro Improvement Association will readily admit that it is the only organization within recent times that has come out with a clean-cut program engineered in the higher and better interests of the race. We had many organizations before the Universal Negro Improvement Association came upon the scene, but all of them had programs confined within limits so narrow as to have rendered it impossible for them to accomplish anything worth while for the race as a whole. Some of these organizations have been in existence for as long a period as twenty, fifteen, ten and seven years. Nevertheless, these organizations, in their own way, contributed to the advancement of the Negro through his being able to lift himself from the one condition into the other, until the time became opportune to launch the Universal Negro Improvement Association with the bigger program.

### An Enlarged Horizon

Within the four years of the existence of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, the Negro's horizon has become enlarged. He now sees things from a wider range than heretofore, and he is better able now to grasp not only the domestic situation, but to take a lively interest in international matters. The Negro who used to operate through parochial, insular and national movements is now taking a lively interest in the international cause of the emancipation of the entire race, feeling assured that no one section of the Negro race can emancipate itself except through the support and sympathy and co-operation of all.

Now that we have this bigger program of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, a program that has arrested the attention not only of our own people, but of the civilized world, we find a great deal of jealousy and rivalry and hatred springing up among our group. We have individuals who because they had not the vision and were not able to launch the movement of themselves and get credit for it, are determined to steal the program of the organization, and at the same time to use every force possible to destroy its originality, thereby playing to the galleries of the entire race for credit they are not entitled to. Then, also, we have other organizations, some really worthy of being called organizations, because of numbers and support, whilst others are only organizations on mere paper, and have no membership, but by their own paper publication they are lined up to oppose the Universal Negro Improvement Association, because of its success and far-reaching influence.

### The Interest of the Masses

These fighting individuals and organizations seem to forget that a great principle is involved, that it is not a question of the individuals or the organizations that must fail or succeed, but a question of the success of the people through organization, and that when the masses of the people are with any one organization, and you try to damage that organization or the individual who leads that organization, knowing you are not only damaging the organization or the individual, but you are damaging the interest of the masses of the people, and that no argument you can bring can justify your action of fighting the organization or the individual in the name or under the guise that you are a friend of the people, or that you are a leader of the people, for if you are a friend of the people, or a leader of the people, you would first consider how much the people would have to lose by interfering with the success of that individual or organization before you attempt to carry out your designs.

### Impairing the Rights of Black Men

The leadership of the Universal Negro Improvement Association realizes that to strike at any movement that has within its fold any large or appreciable number of Negroes with their moneys contributed or invested is not to do the movement or itself any harm, but to imperil the investment or the interest of that many number of Negroes who are members of that organization. It is because of this consideration that the Universal Negro Improvement Association and its leader would never at any time originate an attack against any Negro movement or individual or institution, because it has been fully realized that the harm will not be done so much to the individual, the organization or the institution in question as to the people, hence the Universal Negro Improvement Association has never instituted any campaign against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, an organization that has in its membership thousands of Negroes; it has never attacked the National Equal Rights League or any such bona-fide institutions working in the interest of Negroes, but when it mentioned the name of the N. A. A. C. P. it was in defense of attacks made by agents of that organization on the Universal Negro Improvement Association, the Black Star Line and its auxiliary corporations, thereby jeopardizing the interest of all the people interested in these movements. Natu-

**Busy with the High Problem of Negro Freedom, Leader of U. N. I. Has No Time to Plot and Plan the Downfall of Other Negro Organizations**

**WELL-MEANING LEADERS OF RACE THINK FIRST OF THE INTEREST OF THE MASSES—PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCED**

**Selfish Spies Posing as Friends of Africa Enter Ranks of U. N. I. A. Only to Betray It to Its Enemies**

**OPEN-HEARTED WELCOME EXTENDED TO CRITICS AND PATRIOTS ALIKE—SERVICE AND UNSELFISHNESS KEYNOTE OF U. N. I. A.**

rally, it is human and it is business-like for any individual or corporation to protect its interests against attack from whatever source it comes; and as in the case of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, so in the case of all other Negro movements. The Universal Negro Improvement Association and its leadership have never at any time initiated any campaign against any Negro movement or institution, but whenever they speak it has always been because of the interference of these other institutions and organizations with the work of the Universal Negro Improvement Association as caused through, in many cases, jealousy, envy and little-mindedness.

### An Open-Minded Policy

Real leaders welcome every agency of support that would help them to put over a successful program in the interest of those whom they lead, therefore the Universal Negro Improvement Association and its leadership welcomes at all times honest and upright Negro movements that are working wholeheartedly for the uplifting of the race, therefore there can be no fight between the Universal Negro Improvement Association and any such institutions. Why should these institutions and organizations, therefore, continue to be fighting the Universal Negro Improvement Association? Is it because these men have no proper sense of leadership? Is it because they do not know that they are damaging the interest of the people? The time has come when people must speak out and let the so-called leaders of the Negro race realize that they will not tolerate this continuous warfare, this continuous bickering in the name of the race.

### Professional Agitators

You, the masses of the people, are the arbiters of your own destiny; you are the ones to settle this great question, otherwise you are the ones who will suffer.

There are Negro organizations that are purely professional in their attitude toward the race. Such organizations are only avenues through which certain people receive reward for services rendered to their employers—employers who will pay a big price to anyone to start or to maintain any movement that would subvert ultimately the higher aims and aspirations of the Negro race. Such organizations are known to the public by the association that they keep. For instance, it is common knowledge that certain alien elements are financing certain Negro individuals to carry out a program of Bolshevism among Negroes, so that in the future, when they are about to wage their warfare in the interest of Bolshevism, they can count upon a large number of Negroes as supporters. Negro agents of these alien plotters have been fighting the Universal Negro Improvement Association and the Black Star Line consistently for the purpose of defeating the Negro in his higher hopes of commercial and industrial success.

### An Appeal to the Negro Leaders

While, on the other hand, we have some very useful Negro individuals who have been working in the interest of the race but at the same time under the control of men who are misguided to a great extent, and who have been, because of lack of vision, fighting the Universal Negro Improvement Association under cover, we do not want to be at loggerheads with these organizations, because we realize that to fight them would be to imperil the interests of the people. Our appeal, therefore, is to the leaders. Why will you leaders be so narrow? Why are you so little-minded as to attack a movement that has done so much for the race, with the hope of destroying it, so that yours may succeed even though millions of your own race suffer? Can you not see that your action will lead to complete destruction? It has never yet been demonstrated that any individual or any movement or government can permanently last by itself by first trying to lift itself at the expense of the other, because it will only be a question of time when that which you do to others will also be done to you. Therefore the method does not pay; it is not lasting; it is not helpful. If the Universal Negro Improvement Association were to resort to the dirty tricks that other individuals and movements have resorted to to fight it, then there would be a universal chaos in Negro movements. The Universal Negro Improvement Association could not be so mean as to scatter agents all over this country or other parts of the world inspiring them to send up anonymous and other communications to the government authorities, inspiring them to take action on fabricated, imaginary offenses of a rival organization simply because we desire to see its downfall, which we ourselves cannot bring about because of not having the power, so to do. Yet this has been the method of certain Negro organiza-

tions and individuals. How mean, how dastardly! And, again, the Universal Negro Improvement Association would not resort to the mean and contemptible act of sending spies and employing them to remain in the employ of rival organizations, so as to get imaginary as well as real information to be relayed to the government or to the public for the purpose of defeating the interest of that organization. Yet this is just what some of our Negro organizations are trying to do with the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Again I say, how mean, how contemptible!

### Unworthy of Public Confidence

Leaders who are capable of playing these dirty tricks are not worth the confidence of the people. You are not only fighting a rival organization, you are fighting against the emancipation of your own race. We gain nothing by doing that. When it is considered that the Negro is an industrial serf and peon in nearly every civilized part of the world, when we realize that he is a social outcast, when it is considered that in our own motherland Africa, France rules territory twenty times her size; that the British flag flies over an empire in Africa as large as the United States; that Germany's lost colonies in Africa are many times larger than the Fatherland; that Belgium, Portugal and Italy have territories in Africa thirty times the size of their own country, then you will readily see that there is much work to be done by each and every one of the four hundred million of us other than fighting and bickering among ourselves and laying plots for our own destruction.

### The Race's Bitterest Enemies

We cannot injure any popularly acclaimed leader of the Negro race, because of spite without injuring the interest of the millions he represents. We cannot injure the interest of any organization where millions of people are concerned without injuring these millions of people. Then how dare you say that you are a leader, when you fail to take these things into consideration? It is for the millions of members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, as well as the supporters of this movement the world over, to realize that our bitterest enemies are not so much those from without as within; men who will continue to find faults when there are no faults; men who will continue to lie against and to libel a movement just for the sake of holding it up to public ridicule cannot be classified as leaders of this race of ours, but rather as the race's bitterest enemies.

### Treacherous Enemies

During the war of 1914-1918 some of the bitterest enemies of America were Americans themselves; some of the bitterest enemies of England were Englishmen themselves; some of the bitterest enemies of France were Frenchmen themselves; some of the bitterest enemies of Germany were Germans themselves; and so of Italy, and of Russia, but what did these countries do to their enemies who were called traitors? They imprisoned them. Well, the Negro has no government, the Negro has no administrative control, and, therefore, he cannot imprison his traitors, and his enemies; the most we can do is to disassociate ourselves from them, treat them as pariahs, let them feel that they are lepers, outcasts, and if we do that we will be able to fortify this race of ours, and instead of having traitors and wicked men who will accept pay to defeat our interest, we will be able to build up a loyal, patriotic race that will work for its own salvation.

### An Open Heart to All

The time is coming when we must universally get together for the putting over of this bigger program of our industrial, commercial, social, political and religious liberty. Let us get together, therefore, as quickly as possible.

The Universal Negro Improvement Association extends an open hand to each and every Negro in the world. We say: "Come in. Let us be 400,000,000 strong. Let us be a united body. Let us work together for the glorification of the race and the redemption of our motherland, Africa."

We are about to make an effort to have every reputable Negro organization and institution from all parts of the world represented at our third international convention, at which time we hope not only the Universal Negro Improvement Association, but the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Equal Rights League, and all such worthy organizations will get together. But out of the convention will come the real leadership that we seek, the placing of men who are fit to lead. These men, who may be scattered among different organizations today and who are working in different and separate directions, yet having the same object. Real leadership is not selfish. If we are interested in the success of the race, we should be willing at all times to let the ablest mind administer the situation, to place the best prepared man in the lead so long as they have the program at heart and the willingness to do. This is the spirit of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. It welcomes its ranks those who are prepared, those who are able, but you must come with honest hearts; you must come with the spirit of service and not with the spirit of self and the ego of mind.

Trusting that Negroes everywhere will appreciate the fact that the time for action is now and not tomorrow, and that all of us will work together for the success of the great program of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

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