

GEORGE HARRIS, NEW YORK NEGRO, LOOKING FOR NOTORIETY MISREPRESENTS GARVEY IN COLUMNS OF WHITE NEW YORK WORLD

FELLOW MEN OF THE NEGRO RACE, Greeting:

A wicked and malicious attempt is now being made by the usual group of Negro opportunists to misrepresent me to the public in the matter of my recent visit to and conference with the Acting Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. One George Harris, a New York Negro who edits a little flysheet called "The New York News," and is, by the way, accidentally a Negro Alderman from the 21st Harlem District, is the prime mover of this insidious propaganda. In my Liberty Hall speech of last week I stated that the average Negro editor was illiterate and incompetent; that he was unable to understand public issues and measures of grave concern; that he was not prepared to deal with measures as they affect the community, race, or nation, but would generally delve into personalities and indulge petty spite in making reference to or handling such questions. The action of George Harris proves that my statement was quite correct.

This so-called Negro editor accuses me of forming an alliance with the Ku Klux Klan, as also of surrendering to the Imperial Wizard of that organization. Where this ignoramus gets his information from I cannot tell, but I am constrained to believe that he culled it from a so-called report of a speech of mine which appeared in the New York "World" (a white paper) of the 10th instant. I delivered a speech in Liberty Hall on Sunday night, the 9th instant, and same was reported verbatim in The Negro World of the 15th instant. If anyone can point out to me in that speech where I formed any alliance with the Ku Klux Klan or where I surrendered the principles for which I have always stood to the Acting Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, then I will be willing to admit myself the fool and give George Harris credit for being the man that he wants to be. I explained to my hearers then, as I do now, that my visit to the Acting Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan was for the sole purpose of getting first-hand information about the Klan's attitude toward the race I represent. I wanted to know if the things said about and attributed to the Klan in its relationship with Negroes were true or not. I wanted to find out if it was possible to gather any distance from the Klan that that organization would adopt a different attitude toward Negroes, if it was really on their program to be really hostile to the race. I wanted a better understanding between the race and the Klan, so that there would be very little friction to the advantage of the Negro, realizing that the Negro, and especially in the South, was at the mercy of this powerful organization.

He Himself Admits

This conference satisfied me that an understanding could be reached with the Klan by which Negroes could be benefited, in view of the fact that the Klan does not only represent itself as an organization, but represents to a large extent the feelings and attitude of 90 per cent. of the white Americans toward the Negro race. I realized that the Klan was and is an invisible power and capable of doing a great deal of harm to our race. And that this Klan is capable of doing it has been admitted by George Harris himself. He said that the old Klan, and I know it as well as he does, was responsible for disfranchising the Negro in the South, for segregating and jim-crowding the Negro, for even nullifying the Act of Emancipation. Yet, after he ceded all this power to the Klan, he and others of his ilk believe that the best attitude to adopt toward the Klan today is that of hostility, knowing full well that the Negro has no more power today than even at the time when he was disfranchised, jim-crowded, segregated and his rights abridged by the old Klan.

Northern Noise-Makers

I repeat, knowing the power and influence and intention of the Klan, I interviewed them for the purpose of getting them, if possible, to adopt a different attitude toward the race and thus prevent a repetition in many ways of what happened during the days of reconstruction. Because of this, my effort to stave off an impending danger by a better understanding of the attitude of this organization, this unthinking bombast steps out in the full authority of his ignorance to accuse me of surrendering to the Wizard and forming an alliance with the Klan. This has been the attitude of a large number of Negro editors all over the country, and especially those editors who live in the North, who do not come in daily contact with the Ku Klux Klan, as the millions of our people do in the Southern States. These wiseacres and so-called race patriots remain 1,500 and 2,000 miles away and write all kinds of stuff against the South, against the Ku Klux Klan, and against people with whom they do not come in contact, leaving the people who really come in contact with them to suffer from the result of their senseless and hypocritical propaganda. Some Negro men who write and talk up North will make a big noise as far as Washington, but whenever the conductor requests of them to change cars they become as mum as an oyster. They will write all manner of things up North to sell their papers for five or ten cents and get the poor, unthinking people to swallow all their yellow stuff, without having one ounce of sincerity behind what they write and what they say. George Harris will abuse the Ku Klux Klan up North, and especially in New York, because he knows he is safe in New York, and, by the way, made safe by the strength of organization brought about by the Universal Negro Improvement Association in the Harlem District. But why not take a trip to Georgia, to Mississippi or to Texas and write or speak just half of the things he writes and speaks up North?

The Need for Diplomacy

I am sure that there is no Negro in the world who believes that I would

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BIG GATHERING FOR CONVENTION

form an alliance with the Ku Klux Klan or surrender to any white organization for the purpose of injuring Negroes. George Harris knows as well as I do that my visit to the Ku Klux Klan, as far as Negroes are concerned, was as harmless to them as if I had gone into Georgia and helped the Negro in some way or other to exercise the franchise. But this maligner and distorter of the truth does not want to present me to the world in a proper light. Because of his own petty spite and malice he will hold me up to public ridicule; he will try to make out that I am a disloyal Negro. And why? Such a sentiment has been built up around the Ku Klux Klan as to make it unpopular for anyone to say anything other than abusing the Klan. The Allies did not win their battles against the Central Powers by abusing them, but by adopting strategy and diplomacy in getting around them. ~~They did not cut against anybody or anything by abusing the individual or that thing.~~ The George Harris method of getting around the Klan is to abuse them. How far will he get any child of six years of age can tell him. His method of helping the race is not mine. Therefore, I am not going out of my way to aggravate any organized group of white men who can do Negroes harm, especially economically, when there is a better way of settling the differences. George Harris does not employ five Negroes. George Harris does not make any effort to control any industries where Negroes can be employed. George Harris is but working for himself, and anything that will bring him revenue, either from his paper or otherwise, is good business for him. And at the present time it is good business among Negro newspapers to lambaste the Ku Klux Klan. But George Harris does not think, and probably does not care, how many millions of Negroes are getting down South by his undiplomatic and senseless propaganda.

The Isolated Group

But it is not only George Harris. He represents but a group of men who have been trying to discredit me for the last four years. They have practically exhausted every means to hold me up to the contempt of the public, but their every effort has failed. As they have failed in the many attempts before, so will they fail now. Harris, Du Bois and Roscoe Conkling Simmons of late have started to advertise that I am an alien, born in Jamaica, B. W. I. What in the name of goodness this has to do with a man's activities in the interests of his race I cannot tell. But I know this, that up to today they have exhausted every possible means of defeating me and failed. They believe that the only resort is to stir up national prejudice against me, in that I was not born within the borders of the United States of America. I am not disturbed one bit about this propaganda of theirs which seeks to inform everybody that I was born in Jamaica, because I have traveled the length and breadth of the United States of America and I have discovered that among the fifteen millions of my race only fellows like Du Bois, George Harris, Roscoe Conkling Simmons and those who have lived off the ignorance of the masses are concerned with where I was born. The great mass of people who are looking for leadership, who desire sincere and honest guidance in racial affairs do not care whether I was born in Timbuctoo, Iceland, Mars or Jupiter. As a proof of that I have to state that the largest number of members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, of which I am President-General, are to be found in America and are native born Americans. I know these people so well and I love them so well that I would not for one minute think that they would fall for the insidious propaganda of George Harris and W. E. Du Bois. All intelligent people know that one's nativity has nothing to do with great ideals, great principles. If because I am a Jamaican the Negro should not accept the principle of race rights and liberty or the ideal of a free and independent race, then you may well say because Jesus was a Nazarene the outside world should not accept His doctrine of Christianity because He was an "alien"; that because Martin Luther was born in Germany the world should not accept the doctrine of Protestantism; that because Alexander Hamilton and Lafayette were born in other parts of the world, America should not accept the benefits they bestowed upon the nation; that because Shakespeare was an Englishman we should not read "Hamlet" or "Julius Caesar"; that because Milton was not born in America we should not read "Paradise Lost"; that because Marconi was an Italian we of the new world should not make use of wireless telegraphy. This fellow George Harris, who claims to be a graduate of Harvard

is so simple that it seems ridiculous to waste so much space on him. But a great principle is involved; therefore, it is as well that we settle it now as at any other time. Harris is not only speaking for himself, but he is speaking for a group of men who have a subtle propaganda to put over.

Why We Claim the Group

Harris says he does not want to go back to Africa. Nobody is begging him to, but one of these fine days he will be glad to find somewhere to go other than where the attempt may be made lynch him. It surprises me to find how many of us who have been born out of the bosom of Africa fail even to pay respect to our mothers. George Harris does not like Africa, I suppose, because he has so much Caucasian blood in him, even as DuBois and Roscoe Conkling Simmons have. They think, and it is a vain hope that one of these days America will become the common melting-pot that will produce a race just like themselves, neither black nor white, and that at that time they will be the only real Americans. Harris is waiting until Gabriel blows his horn. Because every white man in America feels with the Ku Klux Klan that so long as black and white remain here, the white man shall always have the upper hand—he shall always control the economic, social and political destiny of the nation, and that at no time will Harris and his crew get the opportunity of working out their sweet plan. We who are real Negroes claim Harris as our brother because we know he is not responsible for his condition. We are, therefore, satisfied to share up our rights, political, social and economic with him. We realize that his mother came out of Africa, and our mothers also came out of Africa, and if there is any racial claim of heritage, he and I and all of us who have one drop of Negro blood in our veins can claim no other spot on God's green earth as our exclusive home than Africa. George Harris despises Africa because Africa has no legislative chambers to accommodate him at the present time, because he can not run for the position of alderman in Africa at the present time to get two thousand five hundred dollars or three thousand dollars a year. He despises Africa because Africa has not yet built her beautiful municipal, state and national buildings to accommodate the African politician and statesman. He despises Africa because Africa has not yet built her battleships, her dreadnoughts and her cruisers. He despises Africa because Africa has not yet built her Harvards, her Yales, her Princetons and her Fordhams. And George Harris and his crowd are not going to help Africa do that. But those of us who follow the United Negro College Improvement Association are willing to wait toward the time when we will be able to open her doors to her scattered sons and daughters and to their "Somehow or by any means, then, come home and join the government, come home and be at peace with yourselves and with the world, suppose at that time George Harris will forget what he wrote about Africa as also what he wrote about Marcus Garvey. We may yet have George Harris, putting his name on the ballot to be voted for as an alderman from one of the political districts of Timbuctoo, Togoland or Basutoland.

A Children's Contention

But George Harris, in his article in the New York World, states that I am ignorant of Negro history because I know nothing about the part the race has played in the history of America. He went on to say that the Negro has established his right to America by the fact that he was with Balboa when he discovered the Pacific Ocean; that he played a part in the exploration and settlement of this continent; that black men were with all the Spanish discoverers and explorers—with Cortez when he went into Mexico, and with Coronado when he went to Kansas in 1541; that black men were with Fremont when he discovered gold in California in 1849; that Mat Hensen was with Commander Perry when he planted the Stars and Stripes at the North Pole. What an awful confession for George Harris to make! I think I know as much about Negro history as the average Harvard graduate. And I should like to inform Harris, however, that it was Peter Salem who killed Major Pitcairn, and not as he states. But what does this all mean? Harris does not understand what it means to be with a man and to be *in* a man. The hod carrier is with the bricklayer or the mason, but he is not the bricklayer—or the mason. The office boy carries the bag of the physician, but he is not the physician. The fireman throws coal into the furnace and heats the boiler, but he is not the engineer. And so Harris ought to realize that when Hensen was with Perry it was not because Hensen and Perry had decided between themselves in equal rights to discover the North Pole. When Negroes accompanied Balboa, it was not with the understanding that they were the equals of Balboa in the purpose of the expedition. When Negroes were with Fremont when he discovered gold in California in 1849, it was not on equal rights of discovery. Otherwise the Negro would have had his gold today. And as with the discovery of gold in California, so would the Negro be possessor of at least half of the discoveries made by those whom he accompanied on equal terms. To be with a man does not mean anything. You may be paid five cents a day to be with him. You may be with me because I feed you and care for you, but that does not mean that you are going to enjoy the benefits of the things I am in quest of except there was an original arrangement entered into to share the spoils. George Harris has a wrong conception of history and a very poor understanding of the race question. If he studies it a little more he will probably in the future be better able to write an article in criticism of Marcus Garvey.

The Great Convention

Having wasted all this time with George Harris, I now have to remind the four hundred million Negroes of the world of the approaching Third International Convention. In a few more days New York will become the center of world activities among Negroes. We will have assembled here on the 1st of August thousands and thousands of delegates from all parts of the world—from Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, Canada, South and Central America, the West Indies and the forty-eight States of the Union. We are expecting to put over the biggest program ever undertaken by any race. It is necessary for every Negro to give his financial and moral support to this great convention. You can do so by sending up your \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 now to the registration desk of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, 36 West 125th Street, New York City, N. Y., U. S. A. We want all the help possible to carry on this great work, and we are depending upon you to give it.

With very best wishes, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant
MARCUS GARV

**MARCUS GARVEY, President of the
Universal Negro Improvement Assoc.**

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Detroit, Mich., July 18, 1922.

P. 3.—All Divisions, Branches and Chapters of the Universal Fraternity Association are reminded to have their Secretaries send in their financial report. No Division will get the proper recognition and support if the financial report is lodged with the Secretary General at the end of the year.

All Roads from the Four Corners of the Globe Lead to LIBERTY HALL, NEW YORK, United States of America, from the 31st of August, 1922. If You Haven't Seen Me for Years, Meet Me at LIBERTY HALL. Be at the Convention and Be Among the First to Be in Line for the Parade at 1.30 P. M.; August 1st. Meet Me at the 71st REGIMENT ARMORY, PARK AVE. and 34th St. at 1 P. M. When 50,000 Persons Will Be Present to Hear the Greatest Orator of the Race Speak for Liberty.

The Secret Service in Action

It was noteworthy that the Negro population of Camden with a few exceptions, is quite quiet about this murder. There is no murmur about the fact that William Jefferson was lynched; yes, they are shocked by a white mob

time fully indicate it. However, time and time only can settle that ill-drawn picture, meantime we must not sleep. One more word concerning the recent Birmingham bombing. I am warm against listening to what he called "the foreign Negro." No, he did not come from Africa. He was in the connection, but, like the Chicago Tribune, I shall leave you to "write your own history." I am not a professional intellectual making an attempt to classify Negroes from a national standpoint. I am a Negro, and I know Black is black, and since we all are from the same primary source it is not surprising that we should be able to work together for the common good of all. What a truly wonderful work we are doing together. I am sure that we would progress: "What a beautiful picture! But, on the contrary, never let us be lulled by the thought of liberty, the bill of unqualified freedom, until we have united entirely to that end. Let us be inspired, for it can be rather let us be inspired, for it can be done. And we shall do it, come what may."

nated as social heads of the different duchies to be created in Africa. The court reception this year promises to eclipse anything of its kind held even between Europe and America. It is rumored that even the courts of Potsdam and London will not be able to eclipse the court reception of the Universal Negro Improvement Association on the

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The Universal Negro Improvement Association, charged with the responsibility of freeing the four hundred million oppressed Negroes of the world and with the redemption of Africa, is now raising a universal fund to capitalize its work for the freedom of Africa.

The Second Annual International Convention of the Negro peoples of the world legislated that a capitalization fund for the propagation of the work be raised from among all Negroes under the caption of "The African Redemption Fund"; that each member of the Negro race be asked to donate five dollars (\$5.00) or more to the fund for the cause of world-wide race adjustment, and the freedom of Africa. Each and every Negro contributing to this fund will receive a certificate of race loyalty given by the Universal Negro Improvement Association with the autographed signatures of the Provisional President of Africa, the Secretary General and High Chancellor of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

If you are a race patriot, if you are desirous of seeing your race liberated, if you are desirous of seeing Africa free from oppression, if you are desirous of building up a great Negro race, you will send in your five dollars or more immediately to the "African Redemption Fund." Send postal money order, money mail order, check or American currency in registered cover, made out to the Universal Negro Improvement Association. All remittances must be made out to the association and not to individuals. Address your communication to Secretary General, Universal Negro Improvement Association, 56 West 135th Street, New York City, N. Y., U. S. A.

All donations to this fund will be acknowledged in The Negro World, week by week, and a book of donors will be printed and circulated all over the world as a record for succeeding generations of Negroes to see and know those who contributed to the liberation of the race and the freedom of Africa. Send in your five dollars or more now.

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A Correction

The name of Henry Gellen, New York City, which appeared in the July 8 issue of this paper was spelled wrong. Parry's name is Henry Gellen, not Henry Gellan.

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Gentlemen:—Please find herein enclosed \$5.00 as my contribution to the African Redemption Fund. Wishing you every success in this great work, I remain,
Yours truly,
J. E. G.

Bahama Islands, July 1, 1922.
Dear Sir:—Find enclosed \$5.00 for the African Redemption Fund. Only wish I could give more to such a worthy cause. Respectfully,
E. D.

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Sir:—Please find herewith my donation of \$5.00 to the Fund. Only wish I were able at this moment to donate more. Yours for success,
A. D.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 5, 1922.
Sir:—Enclosed you will find \$5.00 as my contribution to the African Redemption Fund. Wishing your efforts may prove a success, I remain,
Yours respectfully,
G. W. S.

London, Eng., July 5, 1922.
Gentlemen:—I do hereby send \$5.00 as a second gift to the African Redemption Fund, and I shall never stop to help such a worthy cause.
Yours fraternally,
E. H.

Havana, Cuba, July 2, 1922.
Sir:—Please find herein the amount of \$5.00 as my contribution to the cause of Africa. Sorry that I am not able to donate more, but accept my best wishes.
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Respectfully yours,
C. E. D.

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On Sunday, June 4, Bro. Austin of the Brooklyn Division paid us an unexpected visit and spoke to an enthusiastic crowd who always like to hear the doctrines of the U. N. I. A. Bro. Austin promises to return again and we welcome him and any other loyal U. N. I. A. speaker to help build up our division.
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New York City or in the United States of America. Is a Ku Klux man, who is either actively, physically or spiritually a member of the Klan, and if follows George Harris, he is guilty of grave well-organized white organizations like the Ku Klux Klan that have a policy and a program, millions of us are going to pay the cost of it. The Ku Klux Klan has a program. White people when they get together fifty or a hundred million strong always have a program, and if we aggravate them to the point where they say "These Negroes are getting too fresh, too impudent, too ambitious and, therefore, are going to mete out to them what they deserve," do you know what will happen? Throughout the Southland—and especially the Southland—millions of our men, women and children will suffer day in and day out because of the senseless propaganda of fellows like George Harris up North, whose words really mean absolutely nothing because they have not even the manhood to go one mile below the Mason-Dixon line and give utterance to their North or bluff.

Count the Cost

It is the duty of the Universal Negro Improvement Association to count the cost. There are some Negroes who like to follow white folks—anything white folks do is all right. If white folks say let us march up the street, they are ready to organize a group of Negroes to march up the street. If white folks say let us turn to this side of the street, they will organize the group to turn on this side of the street. If white folks say let us attack the Ku Klux Klan, you will find some Negroes following suit. And this idea of attacking the Ku Klux Klan never came into vogue among Negroes until the New York World, for its own good reason—for the reason of increasing its circulation, for the reason of getting even with somebody it hated, for the reason of advertising the Ku Klux Klan—started the attack. Who can tell but that is not the motive? Who can tell but that is the diplomacy of the other man to get the activities of the Ku Klux Klan before the country, because there are millions of people today who never knew of the Ku Klux Klan and who never had an opinion one way or the other until the New York World exposed the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and told what the program of the Ku Klux Klan was? And since that time hundreds of thousands of white Americans who never had in their minds joining the Ku Klux Klan are now members of the Klan. I say and I believe that the publication of the World in its so-called exposure of the Ku Klux Klan was a means of advertising the activities of the Klan, and since that day, do you know what has happened? Protestants have organized an organization to fight the Catholics. Since the exposure of the Ku Klux Klan, which was said to be organized for the purpose of being anti-Negro, anti-Jew and anti-Catholic, the Protestant Alliance of America has organized a new organization to fight the Catholics and the Holy See. That is the strategy of the white man that poor, weak-minded, water-brained, senseless fellows like George Harris cannot understand. The Ku Klux Klan represents, if not in actual membership, the spirit of nearly every well-thinking white American. After the Ku Klux Klan program was exposed it became so popular that the Protestants who were probably members of the Klan realized that their work of fighting Catholics might be hampered by the activities of the Klan, and they simply stepped out and organized another organization to carry on the same thing the Klan was organized to do. And later on you will find different organizations probably springing out of the Klan to carry out the designs that the Klan may have upon any one race, upon any one group, upon any one set of people in any community. This thing calls for deep thought—the thought of a statesman and not that of a ward politician. George Harris is a ward politician, and therefore cannot measure up to the highest intelligence of statesmanship. A man who is going to look out for a thousand votes to get him into office, irrespective of the measure that confronts the people, is

the fellow that you cannot entrust with the destiny of a race. If fellows like George Harris are to be my leader, then may God Almighty take me now, because I will have absolutely no use for life.

Living in a Serious Age

I want you to realize that you are living in a serious age. You are living in a serious time. You are surrounded by a serious race of people—a people who are thinking all the time, who are doing all the time.

George Harris talks about his intention to live here and die here and to be what he wants to be. I do not gain anything from his going to die here, but all of you know the kind of death we do get here. So that I quite agree with him that he is going to die. He is welcome to that kind of death. When I die I am going to die for something noble, for something that is worth while. I am going to die fighting for a grand and glorious ideal (applause), and that ideal is a country of our own, a government of our own, a nation of our own. (Applause.)

George Harris calls me an alien and George Harris is supposed to be a graduate of Harvard. An alien is one who enters a country on his own account without any invitation, and who domiciles himself in that portion of the country because of his own desire. I never desired to be born in the western world, my desire was to be born in the land of my fathers, but all against my will, all against my stubborn protest, somebody seized me, shackled me, and made me helpless, took me away from my own native land and brought me into his own country. How dare you say, therefore, that I am an alien? A German-American is an alien because he came uninvited. The Irish-American is an alien because he came uninvited; the Anglo-American is an alien because he came uninvited. But there is no Negro in the western world who is an alien. (Great applause.) If this so-called newspaper editor had any sense he would know and realize this: that great principles, great issues, great ideas, great movements know no nationality. (Applause.) The principle of human liberty knows no nationality. The ideal of religion knows no nationality. If Marcus Garvey is an alien of America because he teaches the doctrine of human liberty, then Jesus Christ was an alien to the world because he preached the doctrine of Christianity. (Applause.) If Marcus Garvey is an alien because he teaches the doctrine of human liberty, then Martin Luther was an alien because he taught the doctrine of the Protestant religion, and therefore Protestants had no right to profess Protestantism; Englishmen had no right to profess Protestantism; the French had no right to profess Protestantism, because Martin Luther was a German. (Applause.)

Know No Nationality

Again I say, great ideas, great principles, know no nationality, and if George Harris had any sense, if his mind was big enough for a leader, if his heart was big enough for a leader, he never would have written the things he wrote here. I will not waste any more time on George Harris because he is not worth it. Outside of the Republican support in Harlem George Harris could not get a hundred Negroes to support him because they know him so well. Yet George Harris makes a big noise about his being an Alderman, because through our loyalty to our race we elected him simply because we wanted a Negro there, not because he was thought to be the proper man. We were so loyal to our race that because we saw the position go vacant for the want of the presence of a Negro we will put him there. I want you to realize this: he is Alderman because of our desire to see a Negro in the Aldermanic Chamber, not because we thought so highly of George Harris. George Harris thinks me an alien while other folks do not think me an alien. While George Harris and DuBois try to advertise that I am from Jamaica, 15,000,000 American Negroes do not give one row of pins where Marcus Garvey came from, and I feel as comfortable in New Orleans addressing 5,000 native-born Negro Americans as I feel addressing any crowd in Liberty Hall of 3,000 Americans and 3,000 West Indians. I feel as much at home addressing 10,000 American Negroes in Los Angeles, born on the borders of the United States, as I would feel addressing 15,000 Negroes in my own native city of Kingston, Jamaica. DuBois and George Harris have harped on the fact that I am a Jamaican and a West Indian and a foreigner because they are endeavoring to play on the prejudices of people. Every effort to down the movement has failed, and they are trying to see if they can appeal to the native loyalty of their own folks to see if they will not think better of them than they think of Marcus Garvey.

It is not Marcus Garvey's fault that they think better of him than they do of George Harris. He had a long time proving his worth and if he failed before Marcus Garvey came it was not Marcus Garvey's fault. I know no nationality; I know no national boundary; and the Negro is concerned. The whole world is my province until Africa is free. (Applause.) Wherever Negroes are enslaved politically, industrially, socially or educationally there is my home for the time being. Until they become politically emancipated, whether it is America or the West Indies or Africa, I have a work to perform, and I can do it anywhere with as much pleasure as I am doing it here now. Soil does not matter one bit except that soil is Africa. All soil looks alike to me. I want my good friend George Harris to realize that he has a chance to make good and the Universal Negro Improvement Association affords him the opportunity if he will become a convert of the right doctrine. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Mr. Poston's Speech

Your Excellency, the Provisional President of Africa, Officers and Members of the New York Local, Ladies and Gentlemen—
I am about prepared to say tonight, as I said in this hall some time ago, that the light is on—the light is on this time to free ourselves against the class of people who want us at this

time of our progress to capitulate. You know friends, for some months, for some years we have been awakening the people to racial consciousness and that spirit was criticized as it is today, and the spirit is having its effect in the camp of the enemy, and those people fearful of the power of this great awakening are trying to divide us and the light is on against those who would have us capitulate.

But recently I was at the Public Library, where I heard a young man speaking; he had just won a scholarship to Copenhagen. This young man spoke for a long while about conditions in Europe, and then finally he struck upon a subject that most American speakers touch upon, the subject of social equality. It was my pleasure to have just a word to say in that meeting, and after I had spoken there was a white lady in the meeting who did not like the tenor of what I had to say, and she got up and expressed her views. But not content with the impression that she had made in that meeting when the meeting was over, she sought me out for further debate. There was with her a colored man, and this was her attitude: that the kindred spirits in the two races should come together, and this colored man agreed that this viewpoint should be put forward, and said "I think that we ought to do that kind of thing; I think that we ought to break down all lines that we might get together."

I said to him the very fact that you concede that this is something to fight against is all the more reason why you should stay apart.

I said that in order to get at this some years ago the white race drew up a line in this country to separate us from them upon the theory that we were inferior to them. Whether that is right or wrong, the thing has gone on for years and the two races of people have been forced to live separate; that condition has proved unsatisfactory to colored people of the world, and they have built up a strong feeling of racial consciousness and they are doing things on their account; they are developing strong men within the race. Now, the most impressive part of the white race, which is the woman—the very first person to see those things—was crying that the barrier be let down, and the new Negro is saying that they will not pass. They draw the line because they felt that we were inferior, and we are proving to them that we are their equal and superior in many things and they are beginning to see this and are asking that the lines be let down, but it is up to the Universal Negro Improvement

Association to maintain the integrity of the race, to maintain the integrity of the race, to do things along racial lines. The Negro is asked to let down the lines, but the moment that we let down the lines and the moment that we cease to do things, that moment we will lose the power that has made this organization what it is today. I am appealing to you tonight to think in terms of black men; to do things upon your own account.

I was reading today where the trade of the world last year was one hundred billion dollars. We constitute in this world more than thirty per cent. of the population of the world, and we do not contribute one per cent. of the business of the world; that is, we do not control one per cent. of the one billion dollars of the trade of this world, and you wonder why. Simply because for years we have not been an entity; we have not placed our trust within ourselves. We have trusted the white man, we have sought his co-operation, forgetting that co-operation of the kind the white man is asking us to do is no co-operation at all; it means a laying down of the lion with the lamb, and when they get up the lamb will be in the lion's stomach; so I am appealing to you tonight to keep intact, and no matter what they say to you, you tell them that you are doing things upon your own account. You have the example of the Japanese and the example of other racial groups in the world to look on, and you cannot be mistaken whenever you take this course. My appeal to you tonight is not to let them pass, but remain intact as a race and carry out the principles of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

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By Order

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