

Negro World

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AN APPEAL TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE BLACK RACE TO SEE ITSELF

BEHOLD MEN OF THE NEGRO RACE, Greeting:

It is said to be a hard and difficult task to organize and keep together large numbers of our race for the common good. Many have tried to congregate us, but have failed, the reason being that our characteristics are such as to keep us more apart than together.

The Evil of Division

The evil of internal division is wrecking our existence as a people, and if we do not seriously and quickly move in the direction of a readjustment it simply means that our doom becomes immediately conclusive.

Unification of Race

For years the Universal Negro Improvement Association has been working for the unification of our race, not on domestic national lines only, but universally. The success we have met in the course of our effort is rather encouraging, considering the time consumed and the environment surrounding the object of our concern.

Sentiment Against Negro

It seems that the whole world of sentiment is against the Negro, and the difficulty of our generation is to extricate ourselves from the prejudice that hides itself beneath as well as above the action of an international environment.

The Condition of Prejudice

Prejudice is conditional on many reasons, and it is apparent that the Negro supplies, consciously or unconsciously, all the reasons by which the world seems to ignore and avoid him. No one cares for a leper, for lepers are infectious persons, because all are afraid of the disease, and so

monstrative, it is natural also that no one wants to be of him or with him.

Progress and Humanity

Progress is the attraction that moves humanity, and to whatever people or race this "modern virtue" attaches itself there will you find the splendor of pride and self-esteem that never fail to win the respect and admiration of all.

Respect of Anglo-Saxon Race

It is the progress of the Anglo-Saxon race that singles them out for the respect of all the world. When that race had no progress or achievement to its credit, then, like all other inferior peoples, they paid the price in slavery, bondage, as well as through prejudice. We cannot forget the time when even the ancient Briton was regarded as being too dull to make a good Roman slave, yet today the influence of that race rules the world.

Progress of America

It is the industrial and commercial progress of America that causes Europe and the rest of the world to think appreciatively of the Anglo-American race. It is not because one hundred and ten million people live in the United States that the world is attracted to the republic with so much reverence and respect, a reverence and respect not shown to India with its three hundred millions, or to China with its four hundred millions. Progress of and among any people will advance them in the respect and appreciation of the rest of their fellows. It is such progress that the Negro must attach to himself if he is to rise above the prejudice of the world.

The reliance of our race upon the progress and achievements of others for a consideration in sympathy, justice and rights is like a dependence upon a broken stick, resting upon which will eventually throw you to the ground.

Self-Reliance and Respect

The Universal Negro Improvement Association teaches to our race self-help and self-reliance, not only in one essential, but in all those things that contribute to human happiness and well-being. The disposition of the many to depend upon the other races for a kindly and sympathetic consideration of their needs, without making the effort to do for themselves, has been the race's standing disgrace by which we have been judged and through which we have created the strongest prejudice against ourselves.

The Force of Success

There is no force like success, and that is why the individual makes all efforts to surround himself throughout life with the evidence of it. As of the individual, so should it be of the race and nation. The glittering success of Rockefeller makes him a power in the American nation; the success of Henry Ford suggests him as an object of universal respect, but no one knows and cares about the

PREJUDICE, THE CONDITION CREATED BY OURSELVES

Race Must First Respect Itself

A DESIRE TO DRAW ALL NEGROES TOGETHER

By Our Progress and Success We Compel Others to Respect Us, Says Garvey

bum or hobo who is Rockefeller's or Ford's neighbor. So, also, is the world attracted by the glittering success of races and nations, and pays absolutely no attention to the built or hobo race that lingers by the wayside.

The Prejudice of the World

The Negro must be up and doing if he will break down prejudice of the rest of the world. Prayer alone is not going to improve our condition, nor the policy of watchful waiting. We must strike out for ourselves in the course of material achievement, and by our own effort and energy present to the world those forces by which the progress of man is judged.

A Nation and Country for Peace

The Negro needs a nation and a country of his own, where he can best show evidence of his own ability in the

recognized part of alien nations and civilizations is but to demonstrate his imbecility and point him out as an unworthy derelict, fit neither for the society of Greek, Jew nor Gentile.

Drifting Apart

It is unfortunate that we should so drift apart, as a race, as not to see that we are but perpetuating our own sorrow and disgrace in failing to appreciate the first great requisite of all peoples—organization.

The Power of Organization

Organization is a great power in directing the affairs of a race or nation toward a given goal. To properly develop the desires that are uppermost, we must first concentrate through some system or method, and there is none better than organization. Hence, the Universal Negro Improvement Association appeals to each and every Negro to throw in his lot with those of us who, through organization, are working for the universal emancipation of our race and the redemption of our common country, Africa.

The Respect of the World

No Negro, let him be American, European, West Indian or African, shall be truly respected until the race as a whole has emancipated itself, through self-achievement and progress, from universal prejudice. The Negro will have to build his own government, industry, art, science, literature and culture, before the world will stop to consider him. Until then, we are but wards of a superior race and civilization, and the outcasts of a standard social system.

The Need for Workers

The race needs workers at this time, not plagiarists, copyists and mere imitators; but men and women who are able to create, to originate and improve, and thus make an independent racial contribution to the world and civilization.

Monkey Apings of "Leaders"

The unfortunate thing about us is that we take the monkey apings of our "so-called leading men" for progress. There is no progress in a Du Bois or Weldon Johnson aping white people and telling us that they represent the best in the race, for in that respect any dressed monkey would represent the best of its species, irrespective of the creative matter of the monkey instinct. The best in a race is not reflected through or by the action of its apes, but by its ability to create of and by itself. It is for such a creation that the Universal Negro Improvement Association seeks.

The Best of Ourselves

Let us not try to be the best or worst of others, but let us make effort to be the best of ourselves. Our own racial critics criticize us as dreamers and "fanatics," and call us "benighted" and "ignorant," because they lack racial backbone. They are unable to see themselves creators of their own needs. The slave instinct has not yet departed from

them. They still believe that they can only live through the good graces of their "masters." The Negro slaves have not yet thrown off their shackles; thus, to them, the "Universal Negro Improvement Association" is an "impossibility."

Spirit of Dependence

It is the slave spirit of dependence that causes our "so-called leading men" (apes) to seek the shelter, leadership, protection and patronage of the "master" in their organization and so-called advancement work. It is the spirit of feeling secured as good servants of the master rather than as independents why our modern Uncle Toms take refuge in laboring under alien leadership and becoming surprised at the audacity of the Universal Negro Improvement Association in proclaiming for racial liberty and independence.

The Respect of the White Race

But the world of white and other men, deep down in their hearts, have much more respect for those of us who work for our racial salvation under the banner of the Universal Negro Improvement Association than they could ever have in all eternity for a group of helpless apes and beggars who make a monopoly of undermining their own race and belittling themselves in the eyes of self-respecting people by being "good boys" rather than able men.

Apes and Seasoned Beggars

Surely, there can be no good will between apes and seasoned beggars and independent minded Negroes who at least make an effort to do for themselves. Surely, the "dependents" and "wards" of the world will not say that imbeciles will raise a race to the level of the white movement.

tion that expose them to the liberal white minds of the world as not being representative of the best in the Negro, to the contrary, the worst. The best of a race does not on the patronage and philanthropy of others, but make effort to do for itself. The best of the great white doesn't fawn before and beg black, brown or yellow—they go out, create for self and thus demonstrate the best of the race to survive; and so the white race of America the world will be informed that the best in the Negro is not the class of beggars who send out to other piteous appeals annually for donations to maintain coterie, but the groups within us that are honestly striving to do for themselves with the voluntary help and appreciation of that class of other races that is reasonable just liberal enough to give to each and every one a fair chance in the promotion of those ideals that tend to greater human progress and human love.

Worth That Is Clean-Cut

The work of the Universal Negro Improvement Association is clear and clean-cut. It is that of inspiring an unfortunate race with pride in self and with the determination of going ahead in the creation of those ideals that will lift them to the unprejudiced company of races and nations. There is no desire for hate or malice, but every wish to see all mankind linked into a common fraternity of progress and achievement that will wipe away the odor of prejudice, and elevate the human race to the height of real godly love and satisfaction.

The Support of a Program

Every Negro of character should support this program not only morally but financially. The burden of our association is that of the race; hence, we should all go hand in hand in clearing the pathway toward progress and the achievement of greater things.

With best wishes for your success, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

MARCUS GARVEY,

President-General,

UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,

TOMBS PRISON, CENTRE STREET,

NEW YORK, August 14, 1923.

P. S.—Again I have to appeal to all members, divisions, chapters and branches of the Universal Negro Improvement Association to support the Parent Body by the regular monthly returns. Only those members who are sending their divisions or chapters send in their regular monthly reports are really helping the Parent Body and the organization to carry out its program. Remember that the Parent Body cannot function or do anything worthy while if the divisions do not live up to the constitution.

There is absolutely no excuse for any division or chapter not to report monthly and help carry on the work of success is to crown our efforts, then we must all work together and perform our respective duties. M. G.

THE U. N. I. A. IS FIRMLY IMPLANTED IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF NEGROES THE WORLD OVER

Evidences of the Growing Power and Strength of the Movement Are Being Shown Daily—Negroes rallying to the Movement More Than Ever Before—U. N. I. A. Has Taught Negroes the Power of Organization—Marcus Garvey Stands Out as the Central Figure in Great Negro Awakening—In the Tombs His Only Thought Is Service to His Race

THE TASK OF LEADING THE U. N. I. A. IS NO PLAY-THING—THE JOB IS TOO BIG FOR THE AVERAGE MAN—A LEADER LIKE GARVEY IS SENT BY GOD—HIS INFLUENCE IS FELT THE WORLD OVER—WEST INDIES COMMISSIONER SAYS THE ISLANDS ARE PERMEATED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GARVEYISM

Friday, the 17th, to Be Celebrated as Garvey Day in Honor of 37th Anniversary of President General—U. N. I. A. Planning to Send Delegate to League of Nations—Members Contribute Freely to Fund for Defraying Delegate's Expenses—Brilliant Speeches Made by Executive Officers—Liberty Hall Keeps Alive Spirit of Enthusiasm

LIBERTY HALL, New York, Sunday Night, August 12.—The members of the New York Local, realizing that the eyes of the world are focused on them with a view to gauging the stability and permanency of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, are playing their part gamely and proving to the world that the association is here to stay, and that the principles of the movement propounded by the Hon. Marcus Garvey have so permeated their hearts and minds that nothing can turn them aside from performing every act that will perpetuate the association and send the name of Marcus Garvey ringing down the ages as the man who gave to the Negro an awakened soul and pointed him to the destiny which awaits him when, united the world over into one solid confraternity, he can make a successful bid for complete freedom and autonomy on the continent of Africa, which is his by divine providence and inheritance.

The unabating interest and enthusiasm which the thousands of people who throng Liberty Hall Sunday night, after Sunday night is such as to convince the most skeptical that the Universal Negro Improvement Association wields the most potent influence for good among the Negroes of the world today, and that by it and through it the Negro race will once more come into its own and be reckoned with among the other races of the world. From all parts of the country and the world comes the joyful news that the inspiration radiating from Liberty Hall has been caught by the members and non-members of the association, with the result that the work is being carried on with more zeal than at any other time in its history. Small wonder, then, that the great leader, Hon. Marcus Garvey, though confined in the Tombs Prison, temporarily removed from active participation in the work to which he has devoted his life, is cheerful and maintains a remarkable poise which evidences itself in the inspiring messages which emanate from him weekly, bidding his followers to take heart and carry on the work which he has given to them.

His message read tonight by his wife, Mrs. Amy Jacques Garvey, is as follows:

Garvey's Weekly Message
Conveying Hope and
Counseling Patience

August 12, 1923.

The Tombs Prison,
Centre Street,
New York City.

To the Members and Friends of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, Liberty Hall:

Gratefully do I thank you for the wonderful spirit you have shown in continuing and promulgating the work and ideals of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

Nothing in the world affords me greater pleasure than learning of the spiritual earnestness of those of you who pledge yourselves to "hold the fort" of our ideals until our generations rise in their consciousness to the salvation of their own souls and the redemption of their own country.

The wait seems long, and the distance is far, but nothing worth while is achieved in a day. Have patience, be strong and firm, and as surely as the night changes into day, so also shall our condition of oppression and wrong change into liberty and justice. Real members and co-workers of the association, as you are, make me feel that our time, energy and sacrifice are not in vain, but a meagre contribution to a noble cause that shall live when all human opposition will have crumbled and the ashes of our enemies mingle with the dust.

Time is eternal and the Everlasting

Watchman, who stands at the Gate of Eternity, beckons to us; and we, in humble obedience, stretch out our hands as our "Princes rise from the dust of past ages."

Why be sad? Have you not heard the news? It is not today, it is not tomorrow, but God knows when, and the time shall come when Ethiopia will be free and our race redeemed.

Carry on the work of love! Hold high the banner of the red, black and green and stumble not until the Cape's silvery waters roll back the echo: "Ethiopia, thou Lord of our Fathers." Carry on! Carry on! Carry on! Is the wish and prayer of

Your obedient servant,

MARCUS GARVEY,
President-General,
Universal Negro Improvement Association.

The speakers tonight were Hon. William L. Sherrill, First Assistant President-General; Hon. R. L. Poston, Secretary-General; Hon. Thomas Anderson, Minister of Labor and Industry; Hon. P. L. Burroughs, First Assistant Secretary-General; Hon. G. E. Carter, Vice-President of the New York Local; and Hon. R. H. Tobitt, Commissioner of the Eastern Provinces of the West Indies. Mr. Tobitt, who has just returned from the field of his activities, brought heartening news of the wonderful progress that the movement was making in the West Indies and South Central America, where he said that the spirit of Garveyism prevailed, and the people were at one in their efforts to put the program over.

A most pleasing feature of tonight's meeting was the splendid response given to a call for funds to meet the expense of a delegate from the Universal Negro Improvement Association to represent the Negro race at the League of Nations conference to be held shortly in Europe.

Announcement was made tonight of the celebration of Friday, August 17, as Garvey Day, in honor of the thirty-seventh birthday of the President-General. The idea was heartily endorsed by the membership, who gave indications of their intention to celebrate the day in a manner that will give befitting token of their respect and loyalty to the President-General, Hon. Marcus Garvey.

Following is the text of the speeches:

THE NEGRO AS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY

The first speaker was Hon. Percival V. Burroughs, Second Assistant President-General, who spoke on the subject: "The Negro as the Unknown Quantity in This Present-Day Civilization." As far back as we could remember or trace back, he said, it was found that the Negro has played his part in the positive as well as in the comparative civilization of the world, but in the present civilization today the Negro is an unknown quantity, having become so through the instrumentality of the indomitable and inspired leadership of Hon. Marcus Garvey, who has had the nerve to open the eyes of the Negro and not only the Negro, but the eyes of the entire world. The Negro is an unknown quantity because he has never been given the opportunity to prove his ability or his qualifications in the arts, in science, in literature, in romance, and in any of the branches which other races have been permitted. But even with this limited scope once in a while we found individuals among us who had chiseled out little niches of fame for themselves in science, art, letters, etc. But today we are pushing the old ideas of the Uncle Tom Negroes aside and are forging to the front.

Marcus Garvey has made it possible

for every Negro man, woman and child to use their ability to the best advantage, and we are able to prove conclusively to the world today that we have men who have climbed the highest rung of the ladder in medicine, law, ministry, in politics, in art, science and every branch of human endeavor.

A new civilization, the speaker predicted, will soon dawn upon the world—a superlative civilization; and since the Negro has played his part in the positive and comparative civilization of the world, he is capable to carry on and take care of the superlative civilization which shall soon dawn upon mankind. The world is beginning to realize that the Negro has not yet been tested, because when the test would have been made on the battle plains of Metz, when 175,000 Negroes were about to be annihilated, the armistice came along. The world is awake to the fact that not having the opportunity to test the Negro, he becomes to them an unknown quantity.

Let us then realize, he concluded, that each one of us has a certain task to perform in order that we may better prove to the world that the Negro, as an unknown quantity, will be able to present to the world a new and better civilization which will embrace the principles of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

HON. R. L. POSTON SPEAKS

Hon. R. L. Poston was the next speaker. He had just returned from a visit to the Detroit Division and narrated his impressions of that division in regard to the work of the U. N. I. A. The division, Mr. Poston said, received him with open arms, and assured him that Detroit was 100 percent behind the movement. He loved the Detroit Division because the people in that division show you in all ways that they are behind the movement. If there was any light in the division they put it aside upon that occasion; everybody seemed to be working as one united whole for the realization of the aims and objects of this great organization. They not only showed it by their talk and by their actions, but they showed it by their finance. His recent trip to Detroit, said Mr. Poston, from a financial standpoint, was the most successful he had ever had since coming into the

There was one thing that impressed him particularly during his recent trip, and it was the speech of some of the members they met on the field, and particularly the speech of a young attorney in Detroit by the name of J. Milton Van Low. Mr. Van Low brought it to his attention and to the attention of the audience that every colored leader in the world today who is fighting for the freedom of his people is in jail. He started off by mentioning Mahatma Gandhi of India, and then he mentioned Said Zagou of Egypt, and last but not least, he mentioned the march leader of the U. N. I. A., Hon. Marcus Garvey. (Applause.)

That should mean something to us, said Mr. Poston. We should receive that and give it more than a passing thought. Every honest effort to get for the colored race a place in the sun is interrupted by the scheming and exploiting white man who is determined to keep us at the foot of the ladder.

Why We Follow the U. N. I. A.

We follow the Universal Negro Improvement Association, he said, not because we feel the plan is a perfect one—nothing started by human agency is perfect—but we follow it because it is the only plan in existence to get for our people absolute freedom. We do not even claim that our leader is perfect or his plan for redeeming Africa cannot be improved. But suppose we do not accept his plan; there is no other plan among Negroes or among the critics of this great movement. So that should encourage us to get behind the Universal Negro Improvement Association and make it what it ought to be—a great force for the liberation of the 400,000,000 Negroes of the world. He was very much encouraged to learn of the enthusiasm manifested in Liberty Hall. There is one thing that he noticed that, outside of New York, wherever The Negro World goes into a city the people devour it trying to find out just what is going on here at the New York Local, and each time the members of the New York Local deport themselves as loyal and devout members of the Universal they sent the program just that far, because the rest of the world is looking up to New York for light and leading. (Applause.)

NOTICE!

To All Members and Divisions of the
UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President-General and Founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, and because of my inability to actively continue my administration of the affairs of the Association through my imprisonment, I hereby notify you that I have named and appointed the following persons to officiate as the Executive Committee of Management of the Association until its next International Convention, when the proper election and appointments will take place:

WILLIAM SHERRILL, 2nd Asst. President-General;
CLIFFORD S. BOURNE, Chancellor, with the assistance of
ROBERT L. POSTON, Secretary-General.

The above-mentioned persons shall, with the advice and instructions I can give during my absence, jointly direct the affairs of the organization, and I ask for their jointly the consideration of all Divisions, Chapters, Branches and Members.

With very best wishes for your success, I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,

MARCUS GARVEY,
President-General, Universal Negro Improvement Association.

HON. T. W. ANDERSON SPEAKS

Hon. T. W. Anderson said: The papers recently have been filled with news concerning our late President, Warren G. Harding. We all bowed our heads in grief when we heard of his passing. Of course, he had to pass, as we all must pass; but we grieve that he was stricken down in the noonday of his life, when his opportunity for usefulness had just come to him. The papers are now full of information concerning his successor, Calvin Coolidge. I want to draw your attention to the method of the white man. When one of his race is advanced to a high position, the first he does is to seek out his history and to find all the good things about him he can, and bring these good things to the attention of the world. He wants the world to realize that he is the best possible man for that job.

The Negro, unlike the white man, when a Negro is elevated to high position—especially the leadership of his race—the first thing he does is to look up his history and find out all the bad things we can about him and bring them to the attention of the world; we want the world to believe that he has no business leading, that there is something in his life that makes him unfit for leadership, although we may not be able to present a leader as capable as he is, still we insist upon his leadership being rejected. No wonder we do not get any further than we are and we will never get anywhere until we learn to deal to emulate the white man in that respect—in making ourselves and others believe that our leaders are the best possible men in the world. Don't you suppose that Mr. Coolidge has some enemies? Yes, he has, but they forget that enmity when he is advanced to the position of leadership, and we hear Senator Borah saying, "Give him a chance to make good." God grant that that shall be the slogan of the Negro peoples of the world from now on. "Give Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association a chance to make good."

All Races and Nations Have Organized
Most of the great nations and races of the world have had to organize to protect themselves. Going back to ancient times we find the Jews in an organization known as Judaism. They had to organize because they were surrounded by other races and they had to organize to protect themselves, and they did it successfully. Rome had to organize in order to protect Rome and she did it so successfully that wherever a Roman went he was respected and looked upon as a force and power and every one bowed before the advance of the Roman people. The Grecians had also to organize to protect themselves and they organized so forcibly that when Xerxes came upon the plains of Marathon with his army, made up of all the races of the world, Greece was able to withstand him and hold on a few years longer.

A few years later a new Negro movement came on the scene, founded by a man known as Mohammed; for thirteen years no one believed in his movements except his wife and his nephew, but finally his fellowmen began to believe in his movement and 100 years after Mohammed had conquered almost all of Europe, Asia and was fast advancing into Africa and today no movement has as many followers as the Mohammedan movement. The English had to organize to protect themselves; the Russians had to organize to protect themselves; the Americans had to organize to protect themselves and at last the Negro, after waiting for 320

years, a man came forth—a black man—and gave them an organization. The man was Marcus Garvey, the organization was the Universal Negro Improvement Association; and what other movements have done for other races this movement is going to do for black men, and we are asking you to have faith in the Universal Negro Improvement Association and believe in it.

In conclusion, Mr. Anderson made a plea for the support of Negro organizations and industries. "Develop your industries," he said, "make them worth while; that is what we are asking you to do. You cannot expect the movement to go forward and do nothing to make it go forward. The time is past for talk in this organization; we don't want big talk, we want big work, we want big deeds. We don't care how much you have done for the organization or how long you have been with it or what you have put in it, or what you once did for it. We want to know what you are doing for it now. We don't care what you did for it two or three years ago; we are calling on you now to do your duty, and we expect you to do it."

HON. WM. L. SHERRILL SPEAKS

Hon. Wm. L. Sherrill was the next speaker. He said he was beginning to feel a little bit of the burdens that Marcus Garvey has felt for the last five or six years. He was beginning to understand more fully than ever before that the job that Marcus Garvey has is indeed a big one. Although there are three officials carrying the same load that Garvey carried himself, he (the speaker) felt his part of it. The task of leading the Universal Negro Improvement Association is no playing thing; it calls for a real big man—not a man who says he is big or thinks he is big, but a real big man, and Marcus Garvey was that big man. "Lots of us," he continued, "think we can easily fill Marcus Garvey's place, and lots of us think we can easily tell Marcus Garvey what to do and how to do it. I want to tell you that Marcus Garvey has tackled a job that is too big for the average man; the men for such jobs as this must be made to order, and God makes them. (Applause.) I am afraid we do not know or appreciate as we should the value of Marcus Garvey to the race. I have been able to become more intimately in contact with Mr. Garvey himself since his imprisonment in the Tombs than ever before, and I have been more able to understand the greatness of the man and to read the deep sincerity and earnestness in his heart. I have had the privilege of going several times to the Tombs to see Mr. Garvey, and when I go in the Tombs he does not bemoan to me his fate—he is not worrying about his condition; he does not solicit the pity and sympathy of myself or anyone else who goes down there. Marcus Garvey is fervently and earnestly thinking, talking and working in the interest of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, although he is behind the bars. (Applause.) His biggest thought is: "How can I best serve my race while in the Tombs?"

As I see him with all of his papers spread out on the table before him, just as used to be at 56 West 138th street, I wonder to myself what manner of man is this, who, although bound in chains and looking in the face of death perhaps is thinking not of himself but thinking of the people God sent him to serve. I want to tell you that you will have to look a long way before you can find another Marcus Garvey. Men of his type come once in a long period of time. The best thing you can do—those of you who want to help Marcus Garvey—

is to keep up the great work that he started; to carry on the faith he entrusted to you; keep alive his spirit that is now roaming about among you for if the members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, for whom he has spent his energy and spilled his blood, turned back from the goal to which he has pointed you, it will be enough to grieve him to death in the Tombs. It is up to you to stand fast and hold fast to the organization in order that when Garvey comes back again with flying colors he can pick up this organization and go on toward a free and redeemed Africa.

There are lots of critics who are trying to enlighten the members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association as to what ought to be done and what must be done at this time. There is a deal of information being given not only here in New York, but all over the country; and there is even in the organization some individuals who were hollering "Garvey" when Garvey was out of the Tombs and able to defend and protect himself, who now think that they have the confidence of the people and are taking advantage of that Garvey's confinement to exploit the people for their own selfish purposes and gain.

I want to say this to all the leaders and members of the U. N. I. A.: The people who have placed their trust in you have not placed your trust in you because of any particular quality or confidence they have in you; they have placed their trust and confidence in you because they think that you are absolutely loyal to the program of the Universal Negro Improvement Assn., and especially at this particular time to Marcus Garvey. The reason why the people support this President or that President, the Committee of Management or Members of the Executive Council is because they believe you to be working in the interest of the organization and in harmony with the U. N. I. A., and in sympathy with Marcus Garvey, the people are ready to let you down and out. (Applause.) I say that because I have just come from a tour over certain parts of the country and I find that there are some who have mistaken the people's confidence in them to be a personal compliment to themselves, and I want those who are managing the affairs of the organization in all parts of the world to know and understand that the individual members of the U. N. I. A. to a man are behind Marcus Garvey, and if you want to be on the right side, you had better stay with the Universal and Marcus Garvey. The Negro has implicit confidence in Garvey. A lot of these leaders who are attempting to take advantage of Garvey's imprisonment were here before Garvey came to America and had not done anything, but now they tell you what they can do. They are not going to do anything, and the people know it.

I had the pleasure of riding in company of Mr. Poston and the President and the Secretary of the Washington Division of the Universal Negro Improvement Assn. in the funeral procession of the late President Harding at Washington. Perhaps you do not know it, but there was an excellent floral design sent as a token of sympathy by this organization. We also had our place in the procession. The U. N. I. A. is ready, willing and anxious at all times to do its part toward this great government and pay its respects to the Stars and Stripes. As has been said, we, the members of the U. N. I. A., are not anarchists, bolsheviks nor revolutionists. We are simply men and women who in spite of everything have decided to try out against the wrongs done our race and bring to the attention of the world the fact that there has been a man within us a new spirit which will not submit to the old regime, which will not submit to the old methods, but must have an outlet, and if we cannot get this outlet in America, if we cannot get this outlet in Europe or Asia, we are determined that this outlet shall be our former home—the great continent of Africa. (Applause.)

We paid our respects to Mr. Harding as President of the United States, because we felt that although he might have fallen short of fulfilling many opportunities that would have written his name in history alongside of Abraham Lincoln and Douglas, that he only failed to make use of those opportunities because of human frailties. Our only hope is that Mr. Coolidge,

who has now assumed the Presidency of the United States, will take advantage of the great opportunity placed before him by the people; that he will take advantage of the great trust that has been given him, to stand fairly and squarely, uncompromisingly and fearlessly, on the side of truth and justice for all citizens of the United States, caring not what the color of their skin may be nor from what section of the country or the world they may come.

We feel that the Universal Negro Improvement Association at this particular time is in need of the co-operation of any who would attempt to lend their sympathy and support to this great program, and we solicit the support and co-operation of all who believe in racial freedom and racial redemption.

Hon. R. H. Tobitt Speaks

Hon. R. H. Tobitt, Commissioner of the Eastern Provinces of the West Indies, was the last speaker. Owing to the lateness of the hour he could not go into all the details in connection with his work in the West Indies. He said, however, that the spirit of Garveyism throughout the islands of the West Indies and in British, French and Dutch Guiana is the same as the spirit that permeates Liberty Hall in New York—the forum of New Negro thought.

Spirit of Garveyism Prevails in West Indies

"I want you to be assured of the fact," said Mr. Tobitt, "that despite the evil machinations of the enemy within the last few months in order to plot the downfall of our great leader—despite the combination of diabolical forces, I want to say to you that in the past few months the people have come together more able in that part of the world and are joining the association more than they have for the last two years. If it was a test of the stamina of the New Negro, if it was a test of the qualifications of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, verily it will go down in history that Marcus Garvey in prison or Marcus Garvey dead will be stronger than Marcus Garvey alive. (Applause.)"

Having on a previous occasion given a glimpse of the work in Bermuda, Mr. Tobitt gave the audience a brief insight into the work of the U. N. I. A. on the island of St. Kitts. In that little island, he said, you will find that the spirit of Garveyism prevails, but on account of the prevailing conditions you find there that the work is not so strong under the name of the U. N. I. A. as in some other places, but those who have the Garvey spirit are working on a plan that by and by will light a torch that will spread throughout the island of St. Kitts.

Referring to the work in British Guiana, Mr. Tobitt said that some of the men into whose hands were entrusted the work of the association had proven disloyal, but that he had succeeded in securing the good will of the government and the police authorities and the work was now going strong.

In Dutch Guiana, Mr. Tobitt said, the U. N. I. A. is on a good footing. He was royally welcomed in Paramaribo and given the freedom of the city by the government authorities. Conditions in Dutch Guiana, Mr. Tobitt declared, were extremely favorable to the association and the people there are filled with enthusiasm over the movement.

In Trinidad, where the work has received great opposition, Mr. Tobitt said that the U. N. I. A. was progressing very favorably and where formerly there were only two or three divisions, there are now thirty-two divisions going strong, and, despite the fact that the Negro World is banned there, it gets there anyhow.

In conclusion, Mr. Tobitt said that no matter where they went they always had a tender spot for Liberty Hall, New York, and every time he came among them, he received new inspiration to carry on the work that was before him. He was pleased to see that, despite the fact that our great leader was not here in body, his spirit has so permeated Liberty Hall that they had not lost the interest they had four years ago, but that instead thereof they were determined to put the program over and that those who have been out in the forefront of the battle feel themselves backed up by the people in this country in putting the program over and in so spreading Garveyism that the time may come when the Negroes shall not fail to know that they have a part to play for the establishment of a race that has a history.

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