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Hon. Marcus Garvey, Writing From France, Discusses Treatment Accorded Negroes There and In Other Countries of the World

Fellowmen of the Negro Race, Greeting:

I am today writing from the capital of France. I have been here for several days representing the interests of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and the race. I am pleased to report that I have found not only Paris, but all France, kindly disposed toward the black man within the Republic. The charge that we lay against America and England for their social, industrial and political prejudice against the Negro within their national bounds cannot be laid at the door of France. The black man here is accorded the same social rights as any other man. That is to say, if he represents a certain social status, there is no discrimination against him because of his race or color. This, as you know, is not true in England nor America, where to be black is a social crime.

Black Men Accommodated

Black men, if they can pay the fare, will be accommodated in the best hotels, clubs or public places in France. The blacks who are employed here receive the same wages as the whites; they are given a living chance and, therefore, are placed in an economic position to take care of themselves. This is not so in England, as I have explained in a previous message. The Englishman discourages the employment of the black man in England so that he shall not be encouraged to go there; he is kept there in economic poverty. As stated, that is not so in France; he is given a chance to live.

Living Carefree

The Negro I have observed here is living a carefree life, much to my regret. Because of the privileges allowed him, he has not developed a race consciousness in France as racially helpful as that which we have developed in America and other parts where we are struggling for Racial Nationalism.

France in the Colonies

While France, however, is accommodating to Negroes in France and treats them with courtesy and respect, it is quite different in her Colonies in Africa. In the French Colonies, the Colonial Administrators adopt a different policy toward the native than is adopted in France, where he is regarded as a citizen. The usual method of exploiting the Native African is the order of the day. This is purely a subtle economic policy which we very well understand and which we will ultimately take care of. This is the

Finds French Republic Courteous and Fair to Black Men in France, While Maintaining Policy of Oppression in Africa

NEGRO IN FRANCE IS CAREFREE OWING TO
LACK OF SPUR TO RACE CONSCIOUSNESS

Warns the Race Against Losing Its Idealism to Build
Constructively for Itself

Working Plan to Further Great Ideals of the U. N. I. A.
Cemented with the French Negro

reason why the Universal Negro Improvement Association urges every black man, French, English, American, Italian, German or Belgian, to forget accidental Nationalism outside of his own race and to remember that the first appeal to us as black men is that we are black and because we are black we must have a common outlook economically, politically, socially, religiously and otherwise.

Negroes Within the Republic

I honor France because of her treatment to Negroes within the Republic, because ultimately that is the only treatment that will bring about a smoothing over of the irritable race problem. American and British Negroes who come to France may expect decent and courteous treatment in keeping with the French internal policy, but we must not forget that we are black men so as not to lose our racial national pride and self-respect and give ourselves entirely over to the flattery in a way that tends to undermine the black man's hope of autonomous nationalism.

Loyal Negro First

I interpret the attitude of the French toward the black man as a gesture toward making him a good Frenchman rather than a loyal Negro. This may be good for France, but when all things are considered, it is not the best for the black man, therefore, those Negroes who go to France must realize that while it is their duty to appreciate the French spirit of courtesy, it is not for us to lose our racial Idealism, the accomplishment or achievement of which will be the only permanent solution of the race problem.

Men Like Du Bois

I can well see why men like Du Bois, who generally follow the line of least resistance, advocate miscegenation

and assimilation ideas as the solution of the Negro problem. In France they find it easy to maintain this kind of idealism, leaving them, therefore, little effort to create on their own account. But the serious and self-respecting Negro cannot allow himself to be intrigued to such an easy but impermanent solution of a problem as grave as that of black and white.

More Sympathetic to France

Comparatively speaking, the black man ought to be more sympathetic and friendly toward France than any of the other major nations, like England and America, because he is better treated. He has representatives in the administration of the Government and he has the privilege opened to him of becoming anything in France other than being President of the Republic, except he was born in France. It may be remote for the Negro to become Chief Magistrate of France, but still the privilege is his without prejudice. This is not so in England or America.

Working Plan Established

We have already cemented a working plan with the French Negro by which we hope to carry out the great ideals of the U. N. I. A.

My visit to France is, indeed, profitable, and I do hope for great results. Our convention of next year will surely bring together the greatest scattered array of Negroes ever assembled for any serious purpose.

Again I salute you and convey to you the best wishes from the Negroes of France.

With very best wishes, I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant,

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A Negro Necessity

To the Editor of The Negro World:

Our fastidious and serious minded leader in the person of His Excellency Hon. Marcus Garvey has stated in an undeniably true and necessary for a fearless and truthful press to give to our race a true perspective of the racial condition.

Today more than ever the urgent need for this step is clearly evident. While the colored people have made great progress in the past, it is imperative that we have a strong and effective Negro organ to constructively combat this sinister danger.

While sentiment dominates every institution created by our people, leaders, from the pulpit to the theatre, in all spheres, the masses of the white people are thinking in terms of their preservation and security, constitutionally, morally, physically, educationally, religiously and politically. Then, why not Negroes, in the same of all this, be so sensible and reasonable, should we not think in terms of the black race? As long as we remain the white people to furnish us with our food, our clothing, our shelter, our education, our health, our very life, it is our duty to mold our every thought and action to the defense of our race.

Furthermore, the race needs and must have a reforming of the old system of journalism. The news space is today given to matters and subjects often very important to the benefit of our intellectual advancement. Too much scandal, too much negativity, too much sensationalism, too many front pages of unimportant news. We, the U. N. L. A. Negroes, want a dignified presentation of news and current day happenings that will serve to give us a better understanding and conception of our true relationship in world affairs.

We hope that the day will soon come when advertisements appearing in the Negro people to change their "dark" complexion or to "straighten their hair" will be wholly discarded and replaced by the background of foolish advice. It was never our wish, as we profess and honestly should, as we develop that phase of our progress that counts most—CHARACTER. The fragrance of flowers is natural and emanates from WITHIN. Negroes, let us be natural and beautiful!

ARTHUR S. GRAY

Stealing U.N.I.A. Thunder

Popular N.A.A.C.P. Pastime

To the Editor of The Negro World:

Allow me to express to you the public with the trickery of the N. A. A. C. P. leaders here in New Orleans.

A most striking incident occurred here in the South's most interesting city, New Orleans, a few weeks ago, when a Negro girl of poor parentage was shot down in the streets by a white hoodlum. The news flashed in all of the white and Negro papers. An attempt was made by those Negro organizations whose are in the public in "Protection against lawlessness." Well, since this was a case of a white man shooting a Negro girl, the N. A. A. C. P. remained quiet, which was proof

Football Star Building

Stadium for Alma Mater, Hampton Institute, Va.

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va., July 27.—The first section of the proposed \$125,000 stadium that is to be placed on Annapolis field is being constructed under the supervision of William E. Lee, popularly known as "Big Boy" Lee, who is a member of the football team of the University of Virginia. The stadium is being built of concrete. The first section when finished will seat 1,500 people or more.

Lee has just completed a course in building construction at Hampton Institute, receiving the B. S. degree with high honors. Before finishing his course he drew up the plans for the stadium job. After finishing college he was selected to carry out the plans which he had drawn up. At present the structure is moving along with great rapidity and it is expected that by the opening of the football season Hampton's football followers will be able to watch the game from a section of this new concrete stadium.

Lee, who has received his early training at Peabody High School, from Peabody High he entered Hampton Institute and selected the building construction course. During his four years in the course Lee was an outstanding student, besides being connected with the varsity football team, the basketball team, dramatics and other extra-curricular activities. He clearly demonstrated that it is possible for a man to be a great athlete and also an excellent student at the same time.

Of William Lee, Coach Gordon F. Smith says: "He is the type of athlete that a coach enjoys having on his squad and a man the school is proud to turn out. No more will the student body cheer the 'super' playing of William on the Hampton team, but in the future years, he will be playing at many of the games that will be played in future years. He has set a record that will be an honor for any athlete to strive to attain."

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BEN BESS FARGE STILL PLAYING TO FULL HOUSE

Judge Reserves Decision at Hearing to Determine Whether Negro Should Be Freed—Woman Denies She Ever Retreated

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Maude Collins in court she ever for gave Ben Bess, Negro, who was convicted of a criminal assault upon her and served thirteen years in prison before being pardoned a few months ago by Governor Richland.

Master in Equity J. C. Townsend, conducting a hearing to determine whether the pardon was obtained by fraud and should be revoked, failed to render a decision today.

Bess was found in the possession of an affidavit by Mrs. Collins that he had not committed the assault to which she testified at his trial, sympathy for Bess won the State, and the Florence Grand Jury began an investigation with a view to indicting the woman for perjury.

She then asserted that she never had retracted the charge; that she thought she was merely signing a paper expressing forgiveness, and that the document never had been read to her. She never saw or wrote Governor Richland and had been arrested and moved to evade the pardon.

Maude Collins, a white woman, wife of a merchant of Florence, where Bess and Mrs. Collins lived, has sworn to an affidavit that she herself read the retraction which Bess signed, that the two were in the room, including a divorce judge, and that she knew what she was signing.

At the hearing Mrs. Collins repeated her story that she had not retracted, saying the paper forbidding Bess was the only thing she ever had signed and she was "sorry I had done that."

"My son took me to the office of Mr. Townsend, where Ben Bess old lady kept working my son and me to force him to sign the affidavit," she said, "and I signed the paper he gave me. It came me \$50 and told me that would help me get my son out, and I gave the money to my son. If the paper was read to me it was awful low and I don't recollect hearing it read."

Governor Richland also testified, chiefly concerning a notation on the pardon, that it had been granted on information and was therefore revoked.

Bess' attorneys have announced that if the hearing goes against them they will appeal to the Supreme Court of the State.

NOTED NEGRO PHYSICIAN OF HARLEM RANKS SECOND FOR POLICE SURGEON JOB

Dr. Louis T. Wright Second on List as Result of Competitive Examination for Lucrative City Post—176 Sat, 26 Passed

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—With the unusually high mark of 82.20 out of a possible 100 points, a Negro, Dr. Louis T. Wright, of No. 218 West 128th St., ranks second in the list made public yesterday of those who have passed the city service competitive examination for police surgeon.

Provided Dr. Wright passes the medical test Monday, and is appointed by Police Commissioner Warren to one of the two vacancies existing at present, he will be the first man of his race to hold such a position in the department.

A total of 176 physicians took the examination on Oct. 18, 19 and 20 last, but only twenty-six are on the published list of those eligible for certification by the Civil Service Commission. The highest mark in the list is the Ralph C. P. of No. 164 West 79th St., who scored 85.00 out of the possible 100, or only 15 out of a point higher than Dr. Wright. Third in the list is Dr. Morris Green, of 50 East 85th St., with a mark of 83.00.

Certificate in Warren

According to the civil service regulations, after the routine medical examination for physical fitness, the first three men on the list will be certified to Commissioner Warren, who is then empowered to select one for the first vacancy. After this appointment is made, the fourth man on the list, Dr. John H. Gaskill, of No. 141 West 10th St., will be moved up a notch, and the Commissioner then will select a man for the second vacancy.

Commissioner Warren yesterday at least may deny that Dr. Wright will be appointed if his record justifies it. "Well, what?" he asked me, "I have nothing against him, of course I'll make him a police surgeon. It's a matter of this kind I don't allow race, religion or politics to interfere. We have many excellent colored police-

men, and they are still coming in." The salary of a police surgeon is \$4,600 a year. His duties are to look after the physical welfare of the policemen under his charge.

Father, Noted Physician

Dr. Wright was born in La Grange, Ga., thirty-seven years ago, but his father, a noted physician, moved south afterward to Atlanta, Ga., where Dr. Wright was reared and educated at the public schools.

He attended Clark University, a Negro college at Atlanta, from which he received the degree of bachelor of arts in 1911. His father, in the meantime, had died and his mother remarried. His step-father was also a physician. Young Wright, who had set his mind on following in his father's and step-father's footsteps, entered the Harvard University Medical School.

His record there was one of consistent excellence. When he was graduated in 1915 it was in fourth position in the class of 190.

He served his internship in clinical medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Washington, D. C. In 1916 he returned to Atlanta, where he practiced with his step-father. When the United States entered the war he enlisted and served eighteen months, the last eight of them in France as a captain in the Medical Corps.

At the end of the war he came to New York and accepted a position with the Bureau of Health, which he relinquished in order to engage in clinical work for the Harlem Hospital. In 1925 he was made a regular member of the hospital staff as one of the four assistant assistant visiting surgeons, a post which he still holds.

Export in Research

He has done much work in research and experimental fields. Among other things he originated, in 1918, the intradermal method of smallpox vaccination, which has since almost entirely replaced the older injection method. The virus by this method is injected by needle between the two layers of skin instead of in a scratch made in the skin. The older method was unsatisfactory because it was impossible to control the exact amount of virus used.

He is a member of the New York County and State Medical Associations, the American Medical Association and is president of the North Harlem Medical Society, which has about 100 Negro members.

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