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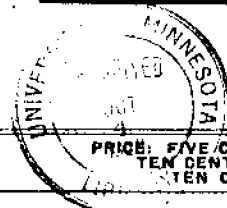
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## PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IS NEEDED AT GENEVA

**Negro Must View the Major Questions of Life Seriously and Take Practical Measures for Their Solution—Two Negro Delegates Cheer Anti-African Speech of White Representative**

Fellowmen of the Negro Race, Greeting:

I am writing to you today from the city that is commonly called the capital of the world. Geneva has become the world's capital because of the many international and important conferences that have been held here and because, at the present time, the League of Nations is domiciled here. It is marvelous to see how apparently responsive the nations of the world are to the great idea formulated by Woodrow Wilson, the outgrowth of which was the creation of the League of Nations.

### Statesmen at Geneva

Statesmen and politicians are here from all parts of the world, representing nearly every nation, endeavoring to adjust, through the efforts of the League, the many differences and perplexities with which the particular nations are afflicted. We have races here represented as well as nations. Minority groups as well as oppressed majorities have their representatives here knocking at the door of the League for a humane consideration of their demands and their rights.

### Negro Not Really Represented

Until I arrived, the Negro was not represented as a majority group. It seems to me that every race in the world aspires after something through the proper channels with the exception of the Negro. Up to now the Negro seems to take the major questions of life lightly and deals with them more emotionally and sentimentally than practically. While these peoples and nations are here endeavoring to adjust their affairs by politics and legislation, the Negro seems to think that he can live permanently in a highly strung political world by sentimental appeals. We must change this attitude. We have to be practical, and that is why I have pleasure in representing the Universal Negro



League of Nations Headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland, Where Marcus Garvey Presented Petition on Behalf of the Negro Race.

Improvement Association at Geneva at this time.

### Given Glad Hand

I have been given the glad hand of fellowship by many of the representatives of the different nations that are represented here, because it seems to them that the Negro, at last, has awakened to the consciousness of his duty to himself. It is true that we have one or two representatives in the League, but the countries they represent are so dominated by white interests that these representatives are practically voiceless.

### White South African Speaks

I had the privilege of listening to the speech of the representative of South Africa as delivered before the Political Committee of the League, in which he extolled the great work of the Afrianders in their effort to preserve white South Africa so that the white race may develop. He also implored the League not to train the natives in the use of arms. This is interpreted to be a direct appeal to the majesty of the League to assist the white South Africans to oppress the black natives, in that, while the white South Africans are trained in the use of arms, the appeal to the League by him is not to train the natives in the use of arms so that the natives may be at a disadvantage in dealing with the white South Africans who are endeavoring to keep them down. The speech of this delegate was a direct attack upon the evolutionary development of the black man in South Africa, and yet two black men who were

**Marcus Garvey Busy at Geneva Making Contacts That Will Be Beneficial to the Cause—Pressure on League of Nations Must Be Brought to Bear By a United Race**

present, as delegates, sat there and never said one word in defense of the Negro, but at the close of the speech of the South African delegate joined in with the white delegates and cheered—as to suggest that the appeal of the South African for the help of the League in further imposing the will of South Africa upon the natives was well received. This is the kind of demonstration by Negroes that encourages the white man to feel that the Negro is indeed incompetent and incapable of developing himself as a man. Yet, this will change.

### Petition Before the League

The petition for an adjustment of the international Negro question is now before the League. We are expecting that the matter will be fully discussed in the next session, in 1929. Already we have promises from many of the delegates to do their best to help the Negro, and it is for us to now unite our forces the world over to bring the kind of pressure necessary upon the League of Nations so that they may act unanimously in adjusting the grievances against which we have complained and in granting to us the freedom that we demand.

### Must Be Fully Represented

We must be fully represented at Geneva in the future, and as soon as our conventional program is made up and published I feel sure that Negroes everywhere will subscribe to that part of it that seeks to establish a permanent Legation at Geneva representative of the Negro race.

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

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