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JUDAS ISCARIOTS WAGE COWARDLY WARFARE AGAINST LEADER OF U. N. I. A.

Fellow Men of the Negro Race, Greeting:

Just at this hour our race stands at the crossroads of destiny. Whether we shall go forward or backward must be decided by us just at this critical time.

As every sober-minded, liberty-loving, well-thinking Negro knows, there is but one movement among the Negro peoples of the world today that seriously arrests the attention of mankind, and that movement is the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Men of our own race and others have been playing with the destiny of the Negro for hundreds of years, and especially within the last half a century. The policy of the world in the past has been that of fooling the Negro, and the same attempt is now being made to enslave him through his own ignorance. But with the advent of the Universal Negro Improvement Association all Negroes the world over caught the insight into the higher life—that of true liberty, of real democracy, which should be the benefits enjoyed by all mankind. Catching this new hope and inspiration, we have struck out in all parts of the world with the determination that we shall be free. This new attitude has caused alarm. At first everybody thought it was a huge joke for Negroes to talk about freedom, democracy, human rights and a free and independent Africa, but the wave of public sentiment has become so sweeping, and men of our race everywhere are making it emphatically known that they shall be men and not mere hirelings, serfs, peons and slaves, arouses the suspicion of those who have always used us as pawns on the chessboard of time.

The Fight Is On

With the arousing of this feeling as to the ultimate success of the work of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, plans have been laid everywhere to cause its defeat, thereby preventing the Negro from gaining his objective. Many are those who have had plans for the destruction of the Negro, and among them is the Negro himself, that treacherous, time-serving, incompetent, lazy Negro, who has always hearkened to the beck and call of the hereditary master. At this time you find centered around the Universal Negro Improvement Association a combination of men, organizations and colonial governments, all seeking in some way or the other to bring about the downfall of the greatest movement ever started by Negroes for Negroes. But the fight is on to save the Negro race now and forever.

It must be clearly understood by Negroes everywhere that this is the last chance within the next five hundred years for the Negro to strike a universal blow for his true emancipation. Emancipation from industrial, commercial, educational, social, religious and political slavery.

Strike, for the Hour Is Come!

The race that allows itself to be defeated during this period of world reorganization is doomed for another five hundred years, and probably doomed for all time. This is the hour, this is the time, this is the day when all peoples through organization must lift themselves up to that higher plane of human achievement, national glory, so that they may not be disturbed by those who may happen to climb the heights before them.

As humanity stands at this time, in its many divisions, it means that the weaker groups of the human race must be the servants of the stronger ones, that these weaker groups shall be exploited to the benefit of the stronger ones, that the disorganized groups must be reduced to be the servants of the stronger ones, and I warn Negroes everywhere against this impending danger. Remember, Negroes, you were slaves once because you were weak; if you organize not, you may be slaves again.

A Return to Slavery

There is only one organization in the world that can save you from a return to the condition out of which we were emancipated in the last century, and that is the Universal Negro Improvement Association, and because others desire to enslave you that is why this universal fight is being made to prevent you from having a free and independent Africa and a truly emancipated race. Any Negro individual or organization that helps to keep you in the position in which you have been for the last half a century is more your enemy than those who have planned your destruction.

Underground Conspiracies

That the Universal Negro Improvement Association is attacked today through me is proof of the great pressure that you have brought to bear upon the evil hearts of the world. To study the combination of forces operating against the Universal Negro Improvement Association is to realize that your organization is fighting greater powers even than the central powers did during the last bloody war. During the last war, when the central powers

Like Martin Luther, George Washington and Eamon De Valera, Hon. Marcus Garvey Is a "Rebel," Willing to Die, if Need Be, for the Vindication of Ethiopia's Cause

RACE PATRIOTS, BEWARE! THE HOUR FOR FREEDOM IS STRUCK! SHALL WE GO BACKWARD OR FORWARD?

on the one hand and the allied powers on the other, declared war against each other, the forces of opposition and destruction were visible, and so they were able to fight each other in a military way from the proper knowledge of the strength marshaled against them. But this fight of the U. N. I. A. is against seen and unseen forces. It makes it hard and difficult, therefore, for each and every member of the great movement to see and know the enemy. You must therefore be guided, and it is for that reason that I am endeavoring to point out to you the forces lined up against us. We have men of our own race who are being paid, subsidized and encouraged to wage a relentless battle against us, and at the same time to put forward a program that would appear to be similar to the one that is sponsored by the Universal Negro Improvement Association so as to deceive the public mind of our race. We have the strong arm and power of hidden forces that have always enslaved us as a race operating against us. But shall they triumph? They shall not, because we of the Universal Negro Improvement Association have accepted the greatest of all leaders as our standard bearer, the leader Jesus Christ, and whosoever He leads four hundred millions of us shall follow without fear, without stumbling, but with bold hearts and Christian courage."

Enemies at Work

The matter of my arrest last week for the alleged fraudulent use of the mails is but a concoction decided upon by the unseen forces operating against us to find some criminal excuse by which the promoter of the greatest movement among Negroes could be held up to world scorn and ridicule, thereby exposing the movement to contempt. It is a mean, low-down, contemptible method of embarrassing any movement for human uplift.

As much as the enemies of Christ crucified Him for a political offense, they did not accuse Him of petty theft because He was above that. As much as the Catholics in the early days hated the reformer, Martin Luther, and curtailed his influence among Christians, they did not resort to the contemptible means of saying that he was a thief. As devout as Robert Emmett was to the cause of Irish freedom, and even though the British desired to discredit him, and remove him out of the way, they took his life for a political offense, and did not hold him up as a common thief. Even though George Washington was a rebel in the sight of the English when he took up the sword for American freedom, they sought his life by which they could crush the cause, but they did not hold him up to the contempt of the world as a fraud and a cheat. As much as David Lloyd George was opposed to the program of Eamon De Valera for the freedom of Ireland, he sought him as a political offender, but not as a common thief, even though he sold liberty bonds for Ireland in the United States of America without any securities behind them. Why, then, resort to such contemptible low-down methods in dealing with Negroes, when Negroes seek the same thing Christ did and Luther, Emmett, Washington and De Valera sought: is it because no one has any respect for the aspirations of the Negro why he must be so meanly and contemptibly thought of?

But we shall not so much blame others as we blame ourselves, because in our own ranks we have men who are untrue to us, and naturally it is an encouragement to others who have no respect for us.

But the whole world of Negroes know that the program of the Universal Negro Improvement Association is not that of money or exploitation; it is that of fighting for the liberty, the true emancipation of Negroes everywhere.

The Price of Freedom

That we have no country of our own; that we have no strong government of our own; that we have not yet made our own laws; that Africa is still in the hands of ravishers, we shall patiently await the day when we in this generation, or our children, shall have the privilege of living under our own colors—the Red, the Black and the Green—and then and there we shall be better able to make ourselves understood by a non-appreciative world.

We must expect all kinds of embarrassments, all kinds of troubles in this our fight for the freedom of our country. No great cause is won without sacrifice, without suffering, without hardships; so that we shall all prepare ourselves as the years go by and as the Universal Negro Improvement Association grows stronger, to meet with oppositions of all kinds. Some of us will have to go to jail, to the electric chair—yes, to be imprisoned for a whole lifetime, so that Africa shall be free. That we do not make the laws, that we do not control governments wheresoever we live, it is impossible for us to give ourselves that protection that will prevent us from being held up to the scorn and ridicule that others would have us suffer.

It pains us when those whom we respect are not respected by others because others happen to be in power and we are not. But there was a time when the Roman spurned the Briton, laughed at him, mocked him, imprisoned him, and now the Briton does the same to others. There was a time when the Germans spurned the French, laughed at them, jailed them, and now the French are dealing out the Germans just what they received some years ago. It is all history repeating itself, so that while we suffer today from the scorn and contempt of others, it does not follow that we shall always be in a like position. We feel sure by our own energy and effort the day will come when everyone will feel proud to be an African citizen, and the advantage that others take of us today will be made impossible because of our ability then to protect ourselves.

The Sufferings of the Race

Let us bear patiently the insults and indignities hurled at us, but let us not forget them. Write them down in the book of time—yes, let the history of the Negro race tell of our sufferings, of our trials and tribulations, so that future generations of our own, in turning these bloody pages in the future, will be able to guide themselves in their contact with all mankind.

I am pleased at the splendid spirit demonstrated throughout the world by the members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. The many cable messages you have sent us, all telegrams, have encouraged and inspired me beyond the expression of words. I ever had an abiding faith in the determination of the New Negro, but now more than ever I feel that there is nothing in the world to turn back the race of today from its march onward toward the freedom of the four hundred millions.

Whatsoever be the disappointment, fellowmen of the race, I want you to realize that there shall be nothing in the world to dim our spirit, but that on the contrary we must be put over, the battle must be won. The more we succeed the more will be the organized pressure against us, and whenever the pressure lightens the more you know how strong you are and the nearer comes victory. Please not for one moment lose heart, remember you have pledged yourselves to see this battle through, the battle of the survival of the fittest. We must win and we shall win by our stick-to-itiveness, even though the disloyal, wicked, treacherous men of our own race try to help others to defeat us, even though some of our unprincipled newspapermen publish wicked lies against us, yet remember that we have good in our race, more good in our race than bad and the good shall triumph. It is a pity that some of the Negro newspapers of this country are so unscrupulous, so unprincipled as to continue to publish fabricated news against the Universal Negro Improvement Association, but still there are other journals of our race that have sufficient self-respect and regard for the truth not to publish these malicious lies as released by the paid enemies of the race.

"Let Us Fight Them Harder"

Let the evil ones continue to work out their own destruction, for surely they shall die. As there is a God, as there is a world, as there is a heaven, the Universal Negro Improvement Association shall triumph and the evil ones shall fall, yes, they shall fall like Lucifer never to rise again.

Let every member of the Universal Negro Improvement Association throughout the world make up his and her mind to work harder for the success of this great movement. As the evil ones of our race are linked with those newspapers that are unprincipled to fight us, let us fight them harder and prove to the world that the Universal Negro Improvement Association cannot die. So long as the race lives, Africa shall triumph and her sons and daughters everywhere shall be free.

I once more appeal to you for your support, morally and financially. Now is the time for you to do everything you can to help the Universal Negro Improvement Association and its auxiliary, the Black Star Line. There is much more to be said and written about the Black Star Line than policy would allow at the present time, but everything shall be made known and when it is done the Negro shall triumph as never before.

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

MARCUS GARVEY, President-General,
Universal Negro Improvement Association

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