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## GREAT PLEA FOR RACE UNITY BY PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF AFRICA

FELLOW MEN OF THE NEGRO RACE, *Greeting:*

For 31 days Negro Deputies and Delegates from all parts of the world, representing the 400 million members of our race, sat in Convention in New York City and legislated for our future good and welfare. The Convention this year surpassed in every detail the one of last year. Not a stone was left unturned to bring about a readjustment in the affairs of the race, and now that the Convention has risen, and the Delegates are on their way to their respective homes, we feel sure that in another year, the Universal Negro Improvement Association will have become the greatest human power of the twentieth century. Our Delegates are going back with their hearts and souls aflame for the cause of the redemption of Africa. This propaganda must be scattered to the four corners of the globe. Men, women and children everywhere must be converted to the needs of the Negro and the reasonableness of a Free and Redeemed Africa.

I am asking Negroes everywhere to give support to our accredited representatives as they shall approach you in the different communities to which they shall be sent. Each country and each State will have a Commissioner whose duty it will be to supervise the work of the organization in that country and in that State. Each Division of the Universal Negro Improvement Association will have an Executive Secretary who will be a Civil Servant, so that every branch and community will be properly protected by a supervision that is necessary to insure honesty of administration. Now is the time for each and every Division, Branch and Chapter of the Universal Negro Improvement Association to exert itself for the speedy realization of the objects of our movement. All those who have not yet linked up themselves with this, the greatest Negro Institution, are asked to do so immediately. We must all realize that there is no time to waste. The work that is to be done for the freedom of Africa and the emancipation of 400 million Negro souls must be undertaken immediately.

The Universal Negro Improvement Association has undertaken a task bigger than that of any Government. We have to control and discipline 400 million scattered people; to give them one cause, one purpose and convince them that each and every one has but a common destiny. To spread the propaganda alone will take money and brains. In the Convention we have legislated to find and place the men, but we are appealing to the 400 million members to supply the Organization with the necessary funds to finance the mission and thus carry on the work.

The Convention voted unanimously that a Universal Negro Improvement Association fund shall be raised by the name of "The African Redemption Fund." Each

### Asks All Negroes to Donate to "African Redemption Fund" and to Subscribe for More Shares in the Black Star Line—1921-1922 Expected to Be Banner Year

Negro in every part of the world is asked to contribute five dollars or more to this African Redemption Fund, and the money raised will be used for the purpose of redeeming our Motherland Africa. Every man and woman who has an ounce of Negro blood must realize that it is his and her duty to subscribe to such a fund. Just imagine what it would be if every Negro for the ensuing year, would contribute \$5.00 towards this fund for the redemption of Africa. It would mean that in 12 months if 200 million members of the race subscribed to this fund, one billion dollars would be raised, and would be at the disposal of the Universal Negro Improvement Association to foster its program for a free and redeemed Africa. With a billion dollars at the command of an organization of this kind it is to be assumed that everything would be made possible in the cause of a free and redeemed Africa.

If Negroes will only make up their minds to "put over" this program the money can be raised, not in twelve months, but in two months, thus enabling the organization to immediately put into effect every plan that has been laid out for the speedy carrying out of the great object.

Every Negro who donates \$5 to the "African Redemption Fund" will be supplied with a Certificate of Patriotism to the cause of Africa by the Universal Negro Improvement Association, with the autograph signatures of the President General, the Secretary General and the High Chancellor. Negroes in the western world should take it as a privilege to subscribe to such a fund, considering the length of time we have been separated from our Motherland, the punishment our parents have undergone in this western world, and the sacrifice made by them in labor and blood and death, to make us educationally what we are; in common gratitude if for nothing else, we should contribute \$5 to the blessed memory of those who died to bring us up to the standard of civilization, that we in our own time can sponsor the cause of a free and redeemed Motherland. Let us go about this thing with a wholeheartedness not less warm than the Irish and the Jew in their cause for freedom. If Negroes will they can do. Let us will it now.

Our Convention has further laid out that every effort must be used to finance the Black Star Line to its full capital of \$10,000,000 so as to enable the Corporation to build and purchase immediately more ships to carry out

the bigger plans of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Millions and millions of dollars of raw materials are now perishing in Africa, South and Central America for the want of ships at the disposal of our race. Our people are holding their produce in different parts of the world awaiting the arrival of the ships of the Black Star Line. They feel that the profits that others have made out of them in the past should now be made by the Black Star Line, and by the Negro race, and the great need is for the ships to remove these products and materials from the markets of America, Europe and Asia.

If every member of the race besides subscribing to the African Redemption Fund will buy more shares in the Black Star Line immediately, and enable the Corporation to raise its capital, it would mean that 1921 and 1922 would be a banner year in the history of the Negro people of the world; there would be no more talk of unemployment because with a fully subscribed capital in the Black Star Line, with all her ships in operation, with a large fund at the disposal of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, work could be provided for every Negro in every part of the world. Let us not sit idly by and criticize. Let us not say it cannot be done, but let us all use the intelligence, ability and education that we possess, focusing our interest in the Universal Negro Improvement Association and put this gigantic program over.

Men and women of the Negro Race, I appeal to you today from a heartfelt consciousness that the things can be done. In four years we have climbed from an insignificant movement into an institution that has absolutely no parallel. The Universal Negro Improvement Association has impressed the world that men, races and Governments everywhere are talking about its influence and its power. If you would like to hear of Negroes building Colleges, and Negroes building Factories, and running their own, of Negroes building Churches, of Negroes building Cities, and Negroes building their own, then rally now to the call of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and subscribe your money to the African Redemption Fund, and buy your shares in the Black Star Line, whether it be five, ten, twenty, fifty, hundred or five hundred dollars. Write your name and your money to the Universal Negro Improvement Association, 125 West 47th Street, New York City, for your share in the Black Star Line.

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UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION URGES NEGROES TO CELEBRATE AUGUST THIRTY-FIRST AS NATIONAL HOLIDAY

LIBERTY HALL, New York, Aug. 28, 1921.—Before the largest audience that has filled Liberty Hall since the beginning of the second international convention of Negroes of the world, Mrs. Helena Hill-Weed, daughter of an ex-Congressman from Connecticut and public-spirited citizen, representing the Haiti and Santo Domingo Independent Society, delivered a ringing speech in behalf of Haiti and Santo Domingo. This society seeks to bring about, through the influence of public opinion, the withdrawal of the United States Government from its present control of both countries.

Will Mark Close of Second International Convention of 31 Days—Plans in Preparation to Make it Notable Event

MRS. HELENA HILL-WEED, DAUGHTER OF EX-CONGRESSMAN HILL OF CONNECTICUT AND PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZEN, ADDRESSES LIBERTY HALL SUNDAY NIGHT AUDIENCE IN BEHALF OF HAITI AND SANTO DOMINGO

Sir Wm. H. Ferris, His Excellency J. W. H. Eason, American Leader, and John Davis, Native African, Speak

period in his or her life, met some industrial, some economic, some social, some civil, some political barrier, because of the color of his or her skin, and because of his or her racial identity. That is nothing new in human history, or rather that is the law of the down of human history, and the men of the race who have survived since the beginning of the world have done so because of some quality that was within them. The first time I saw Mrs. Hill-Weed in the city of Washington, and it is the desire of herself and those acting with her in this movement to see the wrongs done the Haitians and the Santo Domingans redressed. A thorough investigation of the subject of the military occupation and control of the two islands by the United States has been ordered in Congress, and she urged all Negroes having the right to vote to write their Congressmen and Senators to take favorable action upon the project. "I believe," said Mrs. Hill-Weed in her closing remarks, "that liberty is a fundamental duty, a fundamental demand of the human soul, and that liberty is the hope of every humanity which God put upon this earth. So as comrades in the cause of liberty, as brothers and sisters in the human family, I greet you and wish you Godspeed in this great work that you are carrying on."

Merit Rewarded

Sir Wm. H. Ferris, M. A., spoke at the banquet of the evening. He congratulated the Provisional President of the Executive Council, Mr. J. W. H. Eason, the American Leader, upon the success of the convention. He also congratulated the Provisional President of the Executive Council, Mr. J. W. H. Eason, the American Leader, upon the success of the convention. He also congratulated the Provisional President of the Executive Council, Mr. J. W. H. Eason, the American Leader, upon the success of the convention.

highest Statesmanhood." Standing in front of Westminster Abbey in London, England, some time ago, I saw an inscription above the entrance to that wonderful cathedral, "Love and Service." We find that those are two qualities, and service the action, which prompt individuals to high statecraft. This is seen in the choice of Moses of old, choosing rather to suffer affliction with his people than to enjoy the throne of Egypt for a season. It is further seen in the action of the prophet-Stations Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel, choosing rather to advocate the complete freedom of an oppressed people, choosing rather to be held up before the world high ideals and God-like aspirations than to allow themselves to be engulfed under the control of rich, powerful monarchs of their day.

There was another man, born in Santo Domingo, Toussaint L'Ouverture, who was born a slave, taught himself to read and write, never saw an army, and yet he was the genius of the man; such the inborn courage he possessed, such the constructive power he possessed, such the manhood, sacrifice his ideals, in order that he might secure drinking the poison hemlock.

It is further seen in the actions in the actions and in the works of the immortal Cicero, thundering in the Roman forum against the treachery, the duplicity and the intrigues of the mighty Cato.

It is further seen in the actions of Lafayette of France, choosing rather to fight with the American patriots in the American Revolution, rather than to throw off the English yoke and to live in peace and prosperity and plenty in the sunny lands of France.

It is again seen in the actions of George Washington, the Father of his Country, choosing rather to suffer with the bareheaded, bleeding soldiers in the snow, than to live with the nobles of Virginia and to rest a lasting heritage from the crown heads of Europe.

It is now up to you, my friends, to do it. It is now up to you, my friends, to do it. It is now up to you, my friends, to do it. It is now up to you, my friends, to do it. It is now up to you, my friends, to do it.

Love and Service. I am to speak to you on the subject, "Love and Service, the Quality and Action for the Development of the

the militant suffrage movement; because I want you to know that I am a militant—a militant for liberty, for ever liberty is seeking to be heard and to be found. And we women in the militant suffrage movement worked for freedom for women—national freedom for women of every race and of every color. I want you to know that we would have had freedom for women two years before we had it if we women in the militant movement had been willing to say that we would not insist upon the right of Congress to enforce that freedom in every State in the Union. We said, we would not have freedom for white women if freedom for black women does not go with it.

Madame Outraged. I must not waste any more of the precious ten minutes to talk to you about freedom for women, because I am not going into that subject, but every right-thinking American who believes in the ancient principles of liberty and democracy upon which this government was founded; it is with shame when we think of the fact that we have been perpetrating upon our fellow citizens, the women of this country, a crime which has been started within the last two or three weeks here in the United States. It is with shame when we think of the fact that we have been perpetrating upon our fellow citizens, the women of this country, a crime which has been started within the last two or three weeks here in the United States.

Higher Citizenship. This wonderful quality of love, and this powerful act of service are manifested in the actions of men and women in their willingness to suffer, and for centuries to suffer, to bleed, and if necessary, to die for an ideal rather than allow weak humanity to be crushed by the heels of the powerful nations of the world. It is seen in the actions of the men and women in the United States who are working for the freedom of the oppressed people, such as the Friends of Irish Freedom, the Friends of Indian Freedom, the Soviet movement and other such organizations. This quality of love and service is manifested in the actions of men and women in their willingness to suffer, and for centuries to suffer, to bleed, and if necessary, to die for an ideal rather than allow weak humanity to be crushed by the heels of the powerful nations of the world.

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ANCIENT ETHIOPIAN CEREMONIAL COURT RECEPTION REVIVED SCENES OF UNUSUAL POMP, MAGNIFICENCE AND SPLENDOR BY U. N.

LIBERTY HALL, New York, Aug. 27, 1921.—Under the auspices of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and the second international convention of Negroes of the world was held tonight a Liberty Hall social event that will be remembered as the greatest state social event that has taken place among the black people in the last three hundred years. It was a ceremonial that will be remembered as the greatest state social event that has taken place among the black people in the last three hundred years. It was a ceremonial that will be remembered as the greatest state social event that has taken place among the black people in the last three hundred years.

Greatest State Social Event Held by Negro Race in Over 300 Years, Ranking with Similar Functions Held by Leading Nations of World

Colored Persons of Note in Every Walk of Life, and from All Parts of the Globe, Present—All Highly Impressed—Ceremonial Concludes with Brilliant Ball

Also small American flags that appeared here and there. At one end of the room was a large silk flag of the U. S. A. with the stars and stripes and a large American silk flag. The social effort of the decorations was very striking. These were made under the supervision of the High Commissioner, Rev. Dr. William H. Ferris, with the aid of Madame Sharpe Young, Miss Amy Jacques (Mrs. Garvey's secretary), and Mr. J. H. Trotter, one of the ushers of Liberty Hall and its official decorator. As the high officials entered they were escorted by uniformed members of the African Legion to the ante-rooms at the east end of the hall, where they waited the time for reception to begin. At about 8:30 o'clock a bugle call was given, announcing that all was ready. The African Legion of 60 men, under Major Ludwig Harrison; the Black Legion of 100 men, under Major Mrs. J. Williams; and the Women's Motor Corps of 15, under the leadership of Capt. Mary Ann Davis, the Juvenile Corps of 15 girls, under the leadership of Miss Mary Ann Davis, and 14 boys, under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Trotter, entered the hall in the western end of the hall. Immediately Capt. Harrison and four of his degrees, the Black Legion, the Women's Motor Corps, and the Juvenile Corps, acted as an escort to His Grace the Chaplain General, His Highness the Potentate, the Provisional President of Africa, and the American Legion, as they marched forward to review the audience that was seated and stood at attention while the dignitary and official slowly walked past and closed the ranks of the African Legion.

His Highness the Potentate wore the same uniform he wore on the morning of the opening of the convention in New York City. He wore a black velvet tunic, black broad-brimmed hat, and a black sash. He carried a sword and a military cap. He was accompanied by a military band. The African Legion, the Black Legion, the Women's Motor Corps, and the Juvenile Corps, followed in a single file. The audience was highly impressed by the pomp and magnificence of the ceremony. The ceremony concluded with a brilliant ball.

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LADY HENRIETTA VINTON DAVIS, L. C. O. N.

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GREAT CLOSING DAY OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF NEGROES WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AUG. 31, AT 8 O'CLOCK SHARP AT LIBERTY HALL

120 West 138th Street THE SECOND BIGGEST NIGHT OF THE ENTIRE CONVENTION

The Most Brilliant Orators of the Race Will Deliver Historic Speeches His Excellency Hon. MARCUS GARVEY

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Come and Judge the Best Speech of These Three World Famed Orators All Newly Elected Officials Will Be Presented and Deliver Speeches

Mme. Marie Barrier Houston Mme. Revella Hughes Mme. Fraser Robinson, Principal Soloists FULL STRENGTH OF BLACK STAR LINE BAND

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CIR JOHN E. BRUCE, K. C. O. N.

Notwithstanding many tempting offers to go to England and the continent by boat, Miss Davis preferred to remain true to the race and gain whatever laurels she might win as a Negro.

As a director of the Black Star Line and in her capacity as international secretary she visited Jamaica, Central America on the first trip of the Yarmouth. She remained in Central America for three years, making the largest audiences, selling many shares in the Black Star Line, and returned to New York on the second trip of the Black Star Line.

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