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PREPARING FOR THE WORK OF AFRICAN COLONIZATION

Dear Men of the Negro Race, Greeting:

The Universal Negro Improvement Association feels it its duty to prepare the minds of the people everywhere for those changes that are generally contemplated for the good of the race. In keeping with such a duty, we take it as a pleasure to announce to the race at large that this is to be a year of consolidated effort among people everywhere for the development and redemption of our country, Africa.

Africa the Attraction of the World

Africa, as every thoughtful person realizes, is becoming the attraction of the world; her resources in mineral and agricultural products are being exploited by the aggressive and colonizing races and nations of the world. For such a reason Europe—France, Italy, Portugal, and Belgium—are endeavoring to strengthen their hold and to expand their influence on the continent. The pioneering and adventurous spirit of Europe is driving its people toward Africa. It is this mad rush that alarms the Universal Negro Improvement Association and urges it to unite the scattered sentiment of our people and direct it toward African redemption. If we, as a race, do not concentrate upon the redemption of Africa and the exploitation of its vast resources, it will simply mean that the continent in another twenty-five years will have become a new country for the European races where the Negro will find it as hard and difficult to eke out an existence as he does now in America and Europe.

The Peopling of the World

The fight of the Negro of the present is to prevent the European from making Africa his new home. The European has already peopled Europe, America and Australia. He made a strong bid for the peopling and dominating of Asia, but he failed, thanks to the activity and alertness of the Asiatic.

Doomed Forever

If Negroes sit supinely by and allow the European to prosecute his desires in the direction of Africa, then it simply means that we are doomed forever. The European has his plan of world conquest and domination. It is not likely that he will take the Negro into his confidence. It is for us to discover his purpose, and, as far as it affects us, to see to it that we are protected. This is the work of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

Protecting Interest of Race

We feel it our duty to all times protect the

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interest of the Negro race, and with such responsibility resting upon our shoulders we go forward advancing the banner of the Red, the Black and the Green, with the object of creating out of our united efforts the idea of African imperial redemption. The thing that we desire is to see a great and powerful African commonwealth where Negroes will have the same opportunity and privilege to rise to power and glory as the white man has in America, Europe and Australia. We are asking for the whole-hearted cooperation of the Negro peoples of the world for the accomplishment of the program of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Let us do everything possible to develop industrially and commercially the now existing Negro nations by strengthening their hands with our western intelligence and helping in their growth to political power.

Respect of Other Races

We must place ourselves in a position where the other races and nations of the world will not fail in their respect for us as a people. We want to stir the Negroes of America and the West Indies to the realization and the fact that Africa affords just at this time a glorious opportunity for colonization, and as the white man for centuries went from Europe to colonize and people America and Canada, so should the Negro from the West Indies and America turn toward the colonization of Africa.

Our Western Education

We should convey to Africa all that we have imbibed by the way of education and culture from the contact of three hundred years with western civilization. Africa needs scientists, mechanics, engineers and tradesmen of all kinds. Yes, she needs doctors, teachers, business men and captains of industry. America and the West Indies have been splendid training grounds for the Negro for the last three-quarters of a century. We have learned from the best universities of Europe, Canada and America, and we can now apply that knowledge for the

development of our Motherland. Surely all thoughtful Negroes of America and the West Indies will dedicate themselves to the work of Africa's development.

Preparing Ourselves

Those of you who are preparing yourselves in the banking and other financial institutions of America be assured that we shall expect you to become the great financial magnates of Africa in directing the banking systems of the Mother Country. You who are in the insurance business of the United States of America, surely we are expecting you to preside over the "Metropolitan" and "New York" African insurance companies and corporations of the future. You men and women who are engaged in your little industrial enterprises, surely you are training yourselves to become the presidents and managers of department stores and other corporate enterprises of Africa. Surely you lawyers and other professional men who are experimenting in the United States and the West Indies are but getting ready for the bigger field of practice in the great Commonwealth of Africa, where you shall become leaders in statesmanship and in society. And you men and women who have had to labor by your hands, surely you are preparing yourselves to undertake the bigger task of building for your own race and laying the foundation for your own commonwealth. The contact and civilization that we have had in the western world will surely fit us for undertaking the big task of African redemption. Let us, therefore, focus our attention upon African colonization in 1924.

Repatriation Boom

Let us save our dimes and dollars and accumulate them so as to be ready when the great boom starts in repatriation. The Universal Negro Improvement Association hopes that in 1924 several hundred thousand families from America and the West Indies will be repatriated to Africa to work in its development.

Duty of Members of Organization

Members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association everywhere should redouble their energies and determination and push forward the program of the organization for this new year. As we labored six years to make this our movement the greatest organization in the world, so we should continue during 1924 and 1925 to see that a great part of the program is accomplished.

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

Your obedient servant,

MARCUS GARVEY,

President-General,

UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Washington, D. C., January 16, 1924.

P. S.—I am asking that every member of the Universal Negro Improvement Association secure from his local division a copy of the new constitution that is now off the press. Members can only intelligently understand the working of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and their relation to the organization by reading the constitution. The constitution is the members' only safeguard in the proper conduct of the affairs of the organization. See to it that your secretary supplies you with a copy of the constitution. I also ask that every member pay to the secretary of his division the annual dollar tax which is now due. By the payment of this tax the Parent Body is rendered able to carry out its administration work.

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