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On With the Fight!

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Gradually we are approaching the time when the Negro peoples of the world will have either to consciously, through their own organization, go forward to the point of destiny as laid out by themselves, or must sit quiescently and see themselves pushed back into the mire of economic serfdom, to be ultimately crushed by the grinding mill of exploitation and be exterminated ultimately by the strong hand of prejudice.

There is no doubt about it that we are living in the age of world reorganization out of which will come a set program for the organized races of mankind that will admit of no sympathy in human affairs, in that we are planning for the great gigantic struggle of the survival of the fittest group.

To fight for African redemption does not mean that we must give up our domestic fights for political justice and industrial rights. It does not mean that we must become disloyal to any government or to any country wherein we were born. Each and every race outside of its domestic national loyalty has a loyalty to itself; therefore, it is foolish for the Negro to talk about not being interested in his own racial, political, social and industrial destiny. We can be as loyal American citizens or British subjects as the Irishman or the Jew, and yet fight for the

redemption of Africa: a complete emancipation of the race.

Fighting for the establishment of Palestine does not make the American Jew disloyal; fighting for the independence of Ireland does not make the Irish-American a bad citizen. Why should fighting for the freedom of Africa make the Afro-American disloyal or a bad citizen?

The Universal Negro Improvement Association teaches loyalty to all governments outside of Africa; but when it comes to Africa, we feel that the Negro has absolutely no obligation to anyone but himself.

Out of the unsettled state and condition of the world will come such revolutions that will give each and every race that is oppressed the opportunity to march forward. The last world war brought the opportunity to many heretofore subject races to regain their freedom. The next world war will give Africa the opportunity for which we are preparing. We are going to have wars and rumors of wars. In another twenty or thirty years we will have a changed world, politically, and Africa will not be one of the most backward nations, but Africa shall be, I feel sure, one of the greatest commonwealths that will once more hold up the torchlight of civilization and bestow the blessings of freedom, liberty and democracy upon all mankind.

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THE EAST TUCKS IN ITS SHIRT

Somewhat with insight and a sense of humor once remarked that the Filipino is easy to get on with till he tucks in his shirt; but that thereafter he becomes a problem, growing more acute as he displays further signs of westernization. A sack suit and a smattering of English seem almost always to breed a violent dislike of white men and angry demands for instant independence. Trouble laws, kept down only by the patient fact of America's overwhelming strength. Yet the problem remains, and the future is darkly uncertain.

MR. LOTHROP STODDARD informs us in a recent article on the gradual awakening of Oriental peoples. And Mr. Stoddard adds, "The entire East is today 'tucking in its shirt'." This may not be pleasant news to persons engrossed with peace pacts and good business forecasts. But it is the truth, and it ought to be intelligently faced.

This is not news to those who are following the trend of daily events and reading aright the signs of the times. It is encouraging to the darker peoples of the world because some day these people are going to pool their knowledge and power as the white races have done. What will happen then, we cannot even guess; but the white peoples of the earth are finding it sufficiently interesting to discuss it morning, noon and night, and from every possible angle. We, who may be inclined to minimize or forget this gradual awakening of the darker peoples from their slumber of centuries, are being constantly reminded by the uneasiness of the white races who fully realize the importance and significance of the awakening, and the enormous strength of this dark giant who can crush all opposition if he ever realizes his strength and goes forth to conquer.

Mr. Stoddard discusses at length the progress of some of the people of the Orient—Japan, China, Turkey, Arabia, Persia, Northern Africa and Afghanistan. He touches upon the possibilities of India and Africa, with an area covering more than "half the entire land surface of the globe," and with more than a billion inhabitants—all members of the dark races, hitherto despised and ridiculed because of their backwardness and servility. Negroes who have the normal acquisitive instinct which ought to be fostered and developed by their contacts with the highly developed white civilization in which they live, must blush with shame for members of the race who have not heard and answered the clarion call of African nationalism.

The Universal Negro Improvement Association is the pioneer organization among Negroes preaching nationalism for black people. One of the chief handicaps which the Association has had to meet and overcome has been the firm belief of thousands of black men that Utopia lies in becoming an integral part of the white race, instead of working out our own destiny as a group and demanding of the world the recognition and respect due us as a successful and established race and nation. The peculiar outlook of the Western Negro, engendered by his practically recent condition of servitude and encouraged by the white man so that the latter may retain his iron grip of domination and oppression, is puzzling to the other darker peoples of the world who see very clearly the nationalistic possibilities which lie before black people in Africa if they will but stick together and keep their objective constantly before them. It is hard to understand a race that does not long for and fight for the nationhood which carries with it social, economic and political prestige and banishes oppression, discrimination and racial scorn.

Negroes have a great task a long road before them. The journey to racial independence has just begun. Negroes in America, the West Indies, Africa, Europe, are just beginning to learn that they all have the same fundamental longing. The Universal Negro Improvement Association has a common medium through which they may work in the various ways at hand to gain the final glorious objective—African Nationality. The Universal Negro Improvement Association is now ten years old. Through a decade it has preached its gospel, it has had its disappointments; its failures, splendid, its victories, great and glorious. Through it all the goal continues to come, bright and alluring, a haven of racial rest and contentment—Africanhood.

It is hard to believe that the Negro can continue to read the interesting and inspiring accounts of the daily doings of those members of the darker races who are fighting with guns and pens, falling by the way at times, but always, always, rising and staggering on, without being inspired. It is easy to take the line of least resistance and decide forever to remain a racial parasite, but to do so only postpones the day, which must come, when Africa shall be free.

The American Negro and the West Indian Negro "tucked in their shirts" more than a half-century ago. The African Negro today is exhibiting a real desire to co-operate with his Western brother. Let Mr. Stoddard's assessment of the grave problem that confronts the Negro be the solution, after all, lie with us.

PROHIBITION OF A DRUM

THE Cuban Government, we are told, has prohibited the beating of the African "bongo drum." Its monotonous reverberations, so runs the story, irritate some and induce a state of savagery in others. This is the drum which under the skillful hands of the African does duty as wireless telegraphy and which still fills of the European scientists. But Cuba is not Africa. And after all, Cuba is well served with modern telegraphy. So let the "bongo drum" be heard no more on Caribbean shores, and we will not raise our voice in protest. We could only wish that other governments would emulate the righteous crusading zeal of the Cuban officials. Let the saxophone go, with its moaning, grunting monotonies, and the raucous cymbals, and the trap drums—insignia of the art of Paul Whiteman. Many a man and maid, we throw, with respectable claim to civilization, have lost their sense of balance in European and American dance halls, smitten by the savagery, and all because of the "monotonous reverberations" of these instruments of torturing delight. And more prohibition may be enforced. For instance, the monotonous rumbling of the New York elevated railways must fill many an asylum bed, while, chiefly in towns of the Caribbean, the name of those driven frantic by "Faddy's" strenuous application to his Salvation Army drum at street corners, must be legion. The "bongo drum" is gone. Next, ye saxophone!

Garveyism—The Hydra-Headed Monster

To the Editor of The Negro World: No living man since the downfall of Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany has been the victim of more unfavorable newspaper comment, abuse, vilification and ridicule than Marcus Garvey. Not being a reader of French and Belgian newspapers I have no records of their comments or opinions; but of the English, of the Anglo-Saxons, and of Negro-Americans who lay claim to being the intellectual leaders of their race in this country, enough has been written to fill volumes. Mr. Garvey has been called by every name, with accompanying adjectives, that could be permitted to appear in print, and an unquestionable proof of the man's indomitable courage and will can be found, not in the many articles that have been thrown in his path, but in the innumerable lawsuits he has combated, or the insulting taunts to which he has been for three years subjected in a "Cinderella" nation, but in his militant survival of the concentrated attacks upon his intelligence, his sincerity, his honesty, and his ability. The downfall of no great leader has been so ardently wished for, or prematurely announced, since Napoleon. Sometimes the announcement comes from the editorial columns of the New York "Times," with an assurance and finality most gratifying to our enemies. At other times the announcement comes through the columns of the "Herald," as a result of an insinuation by a drunken London Cockney on the occasion of a speech at the Royal Albert Hall. And, still at other times, it is broadcast through the liberal New York "World," that the imaginary empire of a bombastic and unscrupulous adventurer has been broken up by the forces of the law. For this, Negroes who seek a wider world-freedom and nationality of their own, should be supremely grateful. It shows an independence of racial group movement hitherto unknown and untried, a tearing away from the questionable guidance to which we have submitted for so long, and which the very instincts of self-preservation within us are urging us to reject. After all these years of unbridled oppression, of scorn, and denigration in the south, of high rents and doubtful shelter in the North, for which a civilized government has shown so little concern, we learn that the Post Office authorities have been ordered to themselves to protect the interests of the beloved Negro citizenry of this republic. Keen interest should be shown by thoughtful Negroes in the activities of the Post Office department. If, through dilatoriness of Mr. Garvey or his organization, such elaborate efforts are to be made, as new

reports indicate, to see that our earnings are not thrown away in this drive for nationhood and freedom, then, and of an apparent evil great good will accrue to the race, and fifteen million souls will shout their benedictions to high heaven, and brushing, eagerly, in the din of the universal about, by saying Mr. James Watson Johnson and the hearthstones and the trouble of sending those periodic telegrams to southern governors. I maintain that life is of more value than money. I mean the little that Negroes do get; and our financial interests should be of less concern to those sincere and well-meaning officials than the lives of the unfortunate members of our race who fall victims of mob violence, especially when it is remembered that we exercise our own independent right and judgment in investing our earnings as we think fit. A very important issue is now at stake, and we should begin to think constructively. There is a fact that is often overlooked by both white and black critics of Mr. Garvey, and that is always ready to send tears to our eyes: the money that the organization has wasted, but they seem to forget that from all parts of the world were drafted or invited in the last "Great War to End Wars," a war in which the mixing of races and the intermingling of the respective Allied governments. We lost what was more than money—our very lives. The world made any offer for democracy or for a road the speeches of the past week in Congress or Fortification, listen to the ravings of "crusader" senators over the different naval programs and we will realize that the very next day a great many Negroes called out to fight for the freedom of small nations while 400 millions of us will be left nationless and helpless victims of unreasonable world-wide prejudices and unfounded hate.

By this it should be fully realized by all who are disposed to tamper with the future and liberty of a large group of our race, as we are determined to earn the gratitude of our children yet unborn, that neither abuse, insinuation, nor deportation, nor even unprovoked persecutions can impair the faith of millions of us who will live on in our matches leader, Garvey. If we stood doubtful at the crossroads, questioning ourselves as to whether we were men, he has shown by his courage, by his fearlessness, by his spirit of self-sacrifice, the way to go forward in the face of combined and studied opposition, how to replace a feeling of fatalistic submission to the arrogance of an oppressive caste by a sense of manly pride in the latent and potential virtues of a race which has not been sufficiently conscious of its own worth, which, if properly shown it, is prepared to go over even until a reluctant and heartless world will be compelled by the logic of circumstances to admit us among the family of great nations.

Feb. 18, 1929. R. CLYNE, New York City.

EDITORIAL OPINION OF THE NEGRO PRESS

Be sure your "principles" are not prejudices when quoted on things you have not thought out or are eager to condemn.—National Baptist Voice.
Educate practically for the things your hands find to do, and dignity the field you are engaged in, be it ever so humble, by the character of your service, and do not expect the world to do for you. You must earn the job by superior service and adequate production.—Atlanta Independent.
There is no hope for the man who is satisfied with the achievements of the past.—Star of Zion.
Every gain in society comes after struggle. The high places now accorded womanhood, which we wish our women to share, has been granted only after centuries of struggle. We cannot afford to talk history now to sink in disappointment because we fall once.—Kansas City Call.

After all it does not matter so much how one has to get an education. It is obtaining the knowledge and then applying it that counts. The great part of it is that there are so many persons in America who are imbued with the ambition to make their lives count and are determined to secure all possible benefits, no matter the means. It seems only to this that the fact that the education of this country have put higher education within the grasp of all, and the restrictions to

partake is not restricted.—California Voice.
So long as you can put out a new output and get absorbed in it, you are young. And if you can do something that you could not have done as well in earlier years, you are getting wiser. Mental fitness for middle-aged men is as important to the rest of the world as it is to the young. The man who wears a head and shoulders the responsible work of the world falls most heavily.—California Eagle.
The most miserable, hapless person in all the world is the unbeliever in himself in everything that is worth while. The fellow who does not believe in man or woman, who doubts ideas or fitness, who mocks at faith, who seems low as a weakness, and who worships the status of his, because his unlighted way, snatching at gains and discovering that they are only dross when he finds them in his hand.—California Eagle.
Frequently every Negro high school student who gives about his history class today is frantically conscious of the fact that the history texts are prejudiced for his eyes, and are unduly and discriminatingly lacking in the recital of the part of his own race in the world's progress, no matter the means of civilization. He longs for the truth, and his appetite for knowledge of his own race is keen.—Florida Defender and Guide.

Noted Scientist Likens The Human Brain to Operation of Newspaper

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Sir Arthur Keith, famous British scientist, lecturing before the Royal College of Surgeons, said the human brain resembled a newspaper office. Messages from various quarters flowed into the brain, said Sir Arthur, according to their nature, passed to departments devoted to foreign news, politics, commerce, sports, fashion and other subjects. Before the time messages were received and the time they passed to "expression" in the hands of the printer much staff work had to be done. The news might be old or libelous or uninteresting; it had to be examined, formulated and arranged; some part of the staff must think of the policy of the journal and make provision for future issues. The organization in the human brain was apparently of a similar kind. Sir Arthur said that the remarkable thing in course of the brain was that of the animal brain was that it was not the staff which handled the messages and which was to the printing of the news that had increased; the change which had come about concerned the "editorial staff."

Alexandria, Literary Center, B. C.

Alexandria was founded in 332 B. C. as a commercial and military center. Under Alexander's successor, Ptolemy Philadelphus, it became also the greatest literary center of the ancient world when, about 250 B. C., he brought about the transference of literary activity from Athens to Alexandria by his sudden patronage of literature and the foundation, or enlargement, of the Alexandrian library. Ptolemy's patronage at once brought many of the best writers and copyists to his library, where they began what soon came to be the recognized standard editions of the great writers. From these so-called "Alexandrian editions" have descended most of the ancient manuscripts now preserved in our famous libraries.

AN AUTHOR ABROAD DISCUSSES HARLEM

Says Great Age of Negro Art in America Is Coming Soon (From the Manchester Guardian Weekly)
Mr. Carl von Heubner, the author of "Nigger Heaven," made some interesting comments on the position of the Negro in the United States when I saw him during the week-end. He refused to let the Athenians have any of the food he could distribute unless the editions he wanted were sent to him. Of course he got them. He sent the Athenians the grain they needed, and also paid them fifteen talents in silver (about \$15,000). However, he did not send back the originals of the tragedies, but authorized copies instead. He is said to have brought from Naxos the entire works of Aristotle. Among the translations which Ptolemy had made for his new library were the books of laws of the Jews, recommended to him by his librarian, Demetrius of Phaleron.

HEALTHY GOLD COAST IS LIBELED BY TERM, "WHITE MAN'S GRAVE"

The West of Africa has always been the butt of those who are not natives nor residents in Africa on the ground of innation. The impatience has rebounded home. The natives of Africa have never at any time invaded England or any other European nation into their country, either to govern them or for trade purposes. It was the necessity arose that some western power, for expansion purposes, sought African possessions. It is difficult to improve the possessions of Africa which have never at any time invaded England or any other European nation into their country, either to govern them or for trade purposes. It was the necessity arose that some western power, for expansion purposes, sought African possessions. It is difficult to improve the possessions of Africa which have never at any time invaded England or any other European nation into their country, either to govern them or for trade purposes. 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