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FORTUNE AWAITS US IN AFRICA

Why Should We Sleep While Whites Pitilessly Exploit It?

Fellow-Men of the Negro Race, Greeting:

Gradually we are witnessing an increasing encroachment upon our rights on the continent of Africa by the adventurous European races. Already the great colonizing governments of Europe have established themselves all over Africa by way of political control, and now we find that they are calling upon their different nationalities to go out and take up their residence on the continent for the purpose of exploiting the country and its natural resources. Open appeals have been made to the white capitalists of different countries to invest in the exploitation of the oil fields, diamond, gold and iron mines of the "old homeland." This means that in a short time Africa will become the centre of the world's commercial activities, at which time the black man is to be relegated to his accustomed place of "under-dog" in the new African civilization. This is about to happen in the face of a highly developed Negro civilization in the Western world, wherein men of our race seek the same opportunities in things economic as the other races of the world. Doesn't it suggest that we are sleeping on the job? If white capital should further invest itself in Africa it will mean that there will not be any room for our race to enter into the scheme of African development.

Let Us Sow and Reap

So, now that the opportunity presents itself, why not let us do that which the different governments are calling upon their nationals to do at this time in Africa? The advice of the Universal Negro Improvement Association to all skilled Negroes is that they make up their minds to betake themselves to Africa, there to assist in its development, for in another quarter or half a century Africa will take the place of the most forward and progressive nations of today. The hidden wealth and resources of Africa, if properly exploited, will make any race that enters into the scheme of development today independent and progressive. There is absolutely no reason why the four hundred million Negroes of the world should not make a desperate effort to reconquer Africa from the white man, in that, whether he be English, French, German, Italian or Spanish, his one and only interest is selfish exploitation and domination. Why should we allow them to exploit and dominate the land of our fathers? If the rank and file of native Africans are unable to appreciate the value of their own country, from the standard of Western civilization, then it is for us, their brothers, to take to them the knowledge and information that they need to help to develop the country for the common good. It is preferable that Negroes, from whatsoever part of the world, reap the benefits of African wealth than any of the white races of today.

Look Toward Africa

The Universal Negro Improvement Association therefore encourages Negroes everywhere to look toward Africa as the goal of our ambition and as the hope of our physical salvation. Why should we allow Belgium, Portugal, Spain, Italy, France and England to build up and rehabilitate their bankrupt nations and civilizations out of the wealth and resources of our country? They have no room for us in their countries, and surely we should have absolutely no room for them for exploitation in ours. We have allowed cowardice and fear to take possession of us for a long while, but that will never take us anywhere. It is no use being afraid of these nations and peoples. They are human beings like ourselves. We have blood, feelings, passions and ambitions just as they have. Why, therefore, should we allow them to trample upon our rights and deprive us of our liberty? Negroes everywhere must get that courage of manhood that will enable them to strike out irrespective of who the enemy is and demand those things that are ours by right, moral, legal and divine.

Let us, therefore, prepare ourselves throughout the world for the combat that is bound to ensue between the rivaling forces for the ultimate domination of our country, Africa. Surely as long as the present generation lives we are not going to give up easily and allow these intruders to rob, exploit and dominate the country of our fathers.

Now Is the Opportunity

If the oil of Africa is good for John D. Rockefeller's interest; if the rubber is beneficial to the Firestone interests; if the iron ore is good enough for the Carnegie Trust, then, surely, they are of interest to us. Why should we sit down and allow Wall Street and John D. Rockefeller and the capitalist group of America and other countries to exploit our country when they refuse to give us a fair chance in the countries of our adoption? Why should not Africa give to the world its black Rockefeller, Carnegie, Schwab and Henry Ford? And now is the opportunity, gentlemen. Now is the chance for every Negro to make every effort toward a commercial, industrial standard that will make us comparable with the successful business men of the other races.

You must prepare now to take the plunge, or be forever damned.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant,

Marcus Garvey

President-General, Universal Negro Improvement Association, August, 1929, of the World.

P. S.—Remember, all of the U. N. I. A. members must help The Negro World to carry on our work. Send a substantial donation to keep our mouth-piece alive. To better carry on our work we must increase the paper at the earliest possible moment. Rush all funds to 355 Lenox Ave., New York City—M. G.

Race Woman Leaves \$250,000 Fortune

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The will of the late Cornelia Triplet of 2025 Fifth Avenue, who died here last week revealed that she had left nearly a quarter million dollars to her relatives, friends and charity. The bulk of her fortune will go to relatives and The Home For the Aged and Infirm Women on Lemington avenue. The home is to receive \$5,000 immediately and another large sum after a 25-year trust period has expired. She also left \$1,000 to the St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Negro Peons Go on Strike

LEXINGTON, Miss.—Living in a state of virtual peonage some 10 Negro families comprising 93 persons participated in what is perhaps the first farm strike on record, when they packed up their meager household goods and left nearby plantations in Holmes County last week, rather than work during the coming year for "furnish" instead of money.

The furnish which had constituted the only pay of these farm tenants for several years consisted merely of necessary food, clothing and shelter. When their employers refused to pay them money for their farm work, the farm hands moved from their cabins on the plantations to the yard of a colored church in Jerusalem, Miss. Here for the past week or more they have encamped in tents. Unable to force their tenants back to the farms, the landlords last week were aided in their efforts by the Holmes County Health Department, which ordered the colony to disband for "sanitary" reasons. Their refusal to disband, health authorities stated, will necessitate quarantining them in their present location and vaccination of all dwellers in the strike colony.

The strike of these Negro farm tenants has served to reveal the general conditions existing for Negro farm labor in Holmes County and in the state. In the county Negro farmers work 4,910 out of the 6,000 farms there. Of the number worked by Negro farmers only 472 are owned by them and on only 265 others were the Negro farm tenants paid cash for their labor. Fully 65 per cent of the Negro farm tenants in this section worked for "furnish" and received no cash payment from their employers, according to figures furnished by the United States Census Bureau.

Rich Citizens Live Too Long, Commons Told by Chamberlain

LONDON—Neville Chamberlain the tall and dignified Chancellor of the Exchequer, relieved his budget speech in the House of Commons today by jokes about patriotic taxpayers "paying more for worse beer" so as not to disappoint the British Exchequer, and about wealthy Britons living too long. To the wealthy Britons, whose death duties during the last two years decreased about \$68,000,000, Mr. Chamberlain said he felt like calling out as did a British General during the Peninsular War when his soldiers hesitated in battle: "Come on, you rascals, do you want to live forever?"

Flag Question Causes Riot in Porto Rico

SAN JUAN, P. R.—The Legislature continued in session recently with the flag bill, which precipitated a riot in the Capitol Building, reposing on the Speaker's desk in the House, where it was predicted it would be the last measure to be considered before adjournment. The date for the trials of Pedro Albizu Campos and Jose Portilla, charged with inciting the riot, has not yet been set by Attorney General Romani.

Manuel R. Suarez, the high school student who was killed when a marble balustrade in the capitol collapsed, was buried. Two political parties, the Nationalist and Liberal, both of which advocate Porto Rican independence, joined in giving the young Nationalist an elaborate funeral. With his burial, however, mob excitement, subsided.

Qualified Negroes Can Vote in Democratic Primaries in Fla.

4 White 'Night Riders' Held

DRESDEN, Tenn.—Four white farmers were under arrest here this week, accused of being members of a band of "night riders" who have been terrorizing colored tenant farmers in this vicinity in an effort to drive them out.

Take Certain Action
Sheriff Will Dunn reported that he captured the quartette of marauders near Greenfield, while investigating outrages committed in the section of robed bands of men who rode through the farms bearing torches at night. The gangs would raid the cabins of colored farmers and abuse the occupants and threaten them with violence unless they would leave and make room for white workers.

Accused of Crimes
Those in jail here are Charlie Rachael, Allen Vance, Robert and Floyd McAllister, brothers. The sheriff said Rachael and Vance are charged with writing threatening letters to the colored farm hands on the A. R. Brock plantation, and that the McAllister brothers are accused of burning homes of colored tenant farmers.

Mayor Proposes That Milwaukee Sell Coke, Milk, and Rum Jointly

MILWAUKEE—To a City Council apparently ready to do his bidding, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, who today began his seventeenth year in office, outlined in an inaugural address a four-year program of legislation which may put the municipality in many fields of business.

Mr. Hoan, reelected recently on a Socialist platform, declared that the city should retail coke, take over milk distribution and initiate steps to acquire electric power plants, and approval plans to establish a municipal bank of issue. Further, he demanded that the city put into effect the six-hour working day and urged workers to resort to the ballot and general strike to attain this end.

The disordered conditions of world economics, Mayor Hoan described as "the death agonies of a dying system and the birth pains of the coming of a new and better world."

To Start a 'Church of God' Steamship Line

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Newspaper publicity is crowning the efforts of the Rev. James E. Lewis, described as a minister, shipbuilder and promoter, who has announced that he has just about perfected plans to take the Negro back to Africa. He is the president of the Church of God Steamship Line which he reports is negotiating for a 4,000 ton vessel which will transport Negroes to Africa and bring back mahogany, palm oil and other west African products.

Urge Funeral Directors to Support Race Manufacturers

JACKSON, Tenn.—Speaking before one of the largest audiences ever assembled here Monday night, R. R. Reed, former and executive secretary of the Independent Funeral Directors Association, declared that plans were being perfected to place \$300,000 in support of the eight casket factories now being operated by the group and the four embalming fluid and cosmetic companies.

Reed's address climaxed the third annual session of the Tennessee State Funeral Directors Association, which was largely attended by members from every section of the state. Practically every phase of the profession was discussed and efficient service was the keynote of the sessions.

150,000 Die Annually
Referring to the work of the national organization, Reed stated that after a battle of eight years the Race funeral directors were burying some 98 per cent of Race people who die annually. Through the work of the organization hundreds of youths have been employed to carry on the work necessary to direct the funerals and the interment of the 150,000 who die each year.

Prominent Bishop Warns Against Labor Terrorism

JACKSON, Miss.—A warning that serious racial troubles will result from continued organized efforts to force colored workers off their jobs, was expressed by Bishop Theodore Bratton of the Episcopal diocese of Mississippi here Friday.

Bishop Bratton gave the warning in a public statement, which was inspired by demands made upon Jackson employers by groups of white men that they dismiss all Negroes in their employ. Demands were repeated when some of the employers refused to comply.

U. S. 'Friendly' Toward Haiti

WASHINGTON.—The State Department, in a note made public today, informed Haiti it was willing to examine in a "friendly spirit" any proposals that government might make for refunding its outstanding bonds. The American financial supervision of Haiti is designed to protect the American holders of these obligations.

However, the State Department insisted upon its right to maintain arrangements with Haiti which adequately would protect American bondholders.

The American note, delivered by Minister Dana G. Munro, was an answer to a note from Haiti last December. This proposed that Haiti and the United States should jointly establish a fiscal agency to handle Haiti's public debt or that Haiti be allowed to fund its \$15,000,000 foreign obligation and thus, so it said, end America's "financial dictatorship."

Madame Naidu Jailed in India

BOMBAY — Mme. Sarojini Naidu, acting president of the Indian Congress, was arrested today for defying a Government order forbidding her to leave Bombay to attend the annual convention of the Congress at Delhi. Just before she left her home Mme. Naidu said: "I know I shall be arrested, but patriotism means more to me than prison."

The Government forbade the Delhi meeting. Mme. Naidu said she regarded it as an honor to follow Gandhi to jail.

'Daughters' Ask Idle Aliens Be Deported

WASHINGTON — A resolution urging legislation to empower the President to proclaim the existence of an emergency and to order all aliens not gainfully employed to leave the country was adopted recently by the Daughters of the Revolution at their national congress here.

The resolution, reaffirming the society's demand for drastic restriction of immigration, also recommended for the first time the reduction of quotas to 10 per cent of those provided by the act of 1924.

State Attorney Writes Opinion

TAMPA, Fla.—A written opinion by Attorney General Landis of Florida, affirming the right of Negroes to vote in the Democratic primary, if they are Democrats and qualify by paying their poll taxes, is one of the most momentous opinions rendered since the introduction of the white Democratic primary system in our state. It is inevitable that the results will be far-reaching on the future of the Democratic party no less than the Republican.

It opens again to thousands of Negro voters the opportunity of registering their political preference and unlocks the "closed door" which has made him a political pariah.

To the Negroes of Florida who recognize the good points in the candidates of the Republican party there will be the urge to qualify and vote, to those who recognize the good points of the Democratic candidates there will be no less vigorous appeal for support.

Let each and every Negro go today, register and pay your poll tax and thus qualify to cast your ballot in the next election.

It is our earnest wish and prayer that the basis for the ideal government, a two-party program function so efficiently as to make every clean ballot a prize in our future elections.

All honor to the Negro leaders in Pensacola, who had the political sagacity and moral courage to challenge a condition that had made us political serfs, and no less honor to that increasingly forward looking group of white leaders, Republican and Democratic, who with Lincoln realize a nation cannot exist half (politically) free and half (politically) slave, without danger to the peace and perpetuity of the government.

Negro Lacks More Practical Leaders

LYNCHBURG, Va.—On Sunday, Garnet C. Wilkerson made an address at the regular mid-monthly service in the college chapel. At this service Mr. Wilkerson spoke of the progress of the race in education, religion, and business. He stressed the fact that the Negro is still short of physicians, lawyers, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, and business men. In Mr. Wilkerson's opinion the Negro has been a real force in the spiritual and moral education of the race.

According to figures quoted by Mr. Wilkerson from the Census of Religious Bodies in the Bureau of Religious Statistics, has church property valued at \$100,000,000. The speaker, however, deplored the fact that there is such a shortage of well prepared ministers among the various denominations.

In the course of his address, Mr. Wilkerson said that the Negro should enter a greater variety of vocations and at the same time increase his number of professional men and women to meet the great need of more physicians, dentists, pharmacists, lawyers, ministers, and business men. Mr. Wilkerson, Attorney Houston, and Mr. Haynes motored back to Washington after the service. They were the week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Johns.

Five Million Dollars To Aid Sufferers of Storm-Tossed Area

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Senate of the United States last Thursday passed a joint resolution introduced by Senator Black of Alabama calling for the initial appropriation of \$5,000,000 to aid the thousands of persons rendered homeless in Southern states recently stricken by tornadoes and storms in rebuilding their homes and rehabilitating the storm area.

The bill was submitted to the House of Representatives last Friday and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Under the provisions of the bill the Secretary of Agriculture is empowered to make loans not exceeding \$5,000 to persons in the storm-stricken area of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Kentucky at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

Should the bill pass, thousands of colored families in these areas, who have lost practically their entire belongings because of the recent tragic storm, will be eligible to make loans from the Federal Government. Colored people were hardest hit in the loss of life in most of the towns and cities affected in these states. In many instances valuable homes and buildings owned and occupied by Negroes were completely destroyed by the tornado.

Heavy Negro Vote in Democratic Primary

RICHMOND.—In larger numbers than ever before Negro voters participated in the democratic mayoralty primaries held here recently. Prior to the primary election special effort was made to increase the number of qualified Negro voters in the primaries. The issue of the contest was the respective attitudes between the present Democratic mayor and his opponent on Negro school facilities in the city.

Chinese 'Joan of Arc' Leads Kirin Irregulars to Victory

HARBIN, Manchuria — A 26-year-old Chinese girl, known among the natives hereabouts as a modern Joan of Arc, is playing a prominent part in the campaign of irregulars along the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, according to Chinese reports.

As well as could be learned here, the girl is the leader of 1,000 Chinese volunteers opposing the Manchukuo authority in Northern Kirin Province, which borders on Soviet Russian territory.

Reports today said that she led her band against a detachment of Chinese provincial forces in that area with such enthusiasm that the Manchukuo troops retreated in haste before the fiery attack.

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