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## AN APPEAL TO THE INTELLECTUAL NEGROES OF AMERICA AND THE WEST INDIES

FELLOW MEN OF THE NEGRO RACE, Greeting:

The world in which we live is so upset, because of the injustices done to the weak and oppressed everywhere, that we may expect a universal upheaval at any time. Europe is rocking with social unrest; the millions who were used in the war for battering down the military fortresses of Germany, the one-time heroes of civilization and of humanity, are stranded by the millions in England, in France, in Italy, and in other countries from which they went into the war.

The pangs of hunger strike the unemployed millions and they are now crying out to the very heavens for a change, whether of condition or constitution, that will give them bread and ensure their everlasting happiness.

We cannot afford to ignore, therefore, the signs of the times. It is time that we think in the direction to which humanity is traveling. Peoples everywhere are traveling toward industrial opportunities and greater political freedom. As a race oppressed, it is for us to prepare ourselves that, at any time the great change in industrial freedom and political liberty comes about, we may be able to enter into the new era as partakers of the joys to be inherited.

Because we desire happiness, because we desire peace, because we desire freedom of mind and body and of political action, that is why we are asking you everywhere to organize yourselves into the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Everything we do must be done through organization—organized power, organized force. If we are to dig a ditch, we must get the men with the pick and the shovel and organize them into a working force; we must get the teamsters with their mules and their carts to remove the debris as it is dug by the laborers who handle the picks; then you must have the superintendent to see that the work is done, that no man keeps idle on the job; that is organization in productive labor, and as of this, so if we desire to construct a magnificent building we will have to get the architect to draw his plans, the contractor to give his estimate and prepare his men. He will get his masons, his bricklayers, his carpenters and his hod carriers; he will so distribute them as to make it possible for the building to be constructed in the quickest possible time and with the greatest efficiency. So also if we are to embrace the opportunities of government of our own, we must prepare ourselves for the hour, the day or the time when the chance for constructing such government shall come. Therefore, the Universal Negro Improvement Association is preparing the way today for a greater Africa, an Africa that will reflect the highest achievement of the Negro in statesmanship, in government, in politics, in industry, in education, in science, art, literature and in religion.

The world says that the Negro is incapable, the Negro says to the contrary; it is for us, therefore, to prove of what mettle we are made.

Lagging behind in the van of civilization will not prove our higher abilities; being subservient to the will and caprices of progressive races will not prove anything superior in us. Being satisfied to drink of the dregs from the cup of human progress will not demonstrate our fitness as a people to exist alongside of others, but when of our own initiative we strike out to build up industries, governments, and ultimately empires, then, and then only, will we prove to our Creator and to man in general that we are fit to survive and capable of ruling our own destiny. How many of you men and women of my race will lag behind? How many of you will continue to say "It cannot be done"? Shame on you for saying that! We should feel that we are men, we should feel that we are created in the image and likeness of the Almighty Architect, we should be positive that what other men have done, we can do, we must do.

It may seem hard and difficult to make a start at this time of world stagnation and political chaos, but let me say that there never was a better time for the Negro to prove his manhood than at the present. If he can raise himself out of these hard conditions, he will demonstrate to the world his strength of character, his ability to rise ever above the handicaps that surround him. Men have elevated themselves from lower depths than we are asking you to rise from today. Men in ages past have elevated themselves out of savagery, out of barbarism, paganism, and all that allies itself with ignorance, up to the heights of civilization which

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placed them as masters of the world, and if they have been able to do that in ages past, I repeat, you are able to do it today. Let us button down in our own confidence, let us resolve in our own determination, that the thing can be done. What thing? The thing of industrial emancipation, the thing of independent political sovereignty, and we can prove this no better than on the Continent of Africa that God Almighty gave us as our land of heritage.

Some of us in America and in the West Indies may scoff at the idea of "Africa for the African"; may impugn the idea that we should give time to think about making Africa an independent country for Negroes, but let me say to you silly American brother, silly West Indian brother, that the hour of your salvation through Africa is drawing near, and but for Africa, the hour of your death is reduced to slavery, to penury, to servitude, from which you will never be able to extricate yourself.

It may sound good to say that you were born here, that you were born there, and that you do not intend to go anywhere else but where you were born, but let me say to you men the world is small, and humanity in the many and various race groups is growing larger every day.

A race that was ten millions fifty years ago is today sixty millions. A race that was thirty millions fifty years ago is today ninety millions; how many will they be tomorrow, and the world is not growing larger?

What will happen through the multiplication of all these various race groups, of those who are in power, of those who are strong, those who have at their command the forces of the world, through which they can exploit the weak and ultimately exterminate them? What will happen to you, the weak and unprepared, when the strong become more numerous and the world remains at its present size?

Ah! if you will but think down the future and compare the possibilities of the future with the happenings of the past you will come to the conclusion that there is no other salvation for the Negro but through a free and independent Africa. Ah! brother, I am appealing to you from the depths of my heart, not to allow flattery to destroy your vision of the future, not to allow temporary happiness to destroy the salvation of your children and posterity, because, understated, the world changes as races and nations become more powerful.

Whilst geographically speaking, the world has ever been in its divisions as we know it, and even today, politically speaking, the world has changed, and is still changing. Yesterday we had the Roman Empire, we had the Greek Empire, we had even before them the Carthaginian, the Assyrian and Babylonian empires. What has become of them? They have gone into the oblivion of the past, because of human progress, because of the development of certain races as against the stagnation of others; but even yesterday we also had the great Carthaginian Empire; we had the Roman Empire; we had the Empire of Austria and Hungary. Where are they now? They too, are traveling toward the oblivion of the past. Today we have the great French Empire, the British Empire, and other great commonwealths. Will they stand?

Ah! methinks not, because of the changes, and in the changes we also can see what will happen tomorrow as against what existed today. Therefore, the four hundred million Negroes of the world, standing as they are in the higher life, the life of liberty, the life of political freedom, and politically. Let us prepare ourselves, let us prepare our minds that in our souls we create. Can we create, let us create, let us create, let us create.

As you stand, your heart is beating, your mind is working, your soul is crying out to the very heavens for a change, whether of condition or constitution, that will give them bread and ensure their everlasting happiness.

one of happiness; and so with the lessons of the past, the corruption of soul, of heart and of mind, has led us to the destruction not only of the individual, but of the race and the nation.

Let us, in creating our own destiny, set before us the qualities of human justice, of love, of charity and mercy, of equity; upon the foundation let us build as a race, and I feel that the God who is Divine, the Almighty Creator of the world, shall forever bless the race of ours, and who to tell that we shall not teach men the way to life, to liberty, to true human salvation. Let us, therefore, remember that the Universal Negro Improvement Association is founded upon the principles of human justice, humanity, liberty and human love, which we practice among ourselves, so that through unity and effort we will be able to demonstrate to others the way they should live.

Will you not, therefore, help us to build an organization that will stand out as strong as its name implies? Indeed, we want a universal response to this great call of the Universal Negro Improvement Association; we want the fifteen million Negroes of America to realize that they alone can achieve nothing; we want the millions of the West Indies to know that they alone can achieve nothing; we want the millions of our race in South and Central America to realize that standing alone they can achieve nothing; we want the millions of Negroes of Africa to realize that by themselves they can achieve nothing, but by universal cooperation, by unity and effort we can rise above slavery.

O God, will you not touch the hearts of the people everywhere and cause them to forget their narrow nationalism, their narrow racialism, and parochialism? Will you not set them to the higher object, the greater goal of human freedom? And how can we wait for this universal emancipation? We must wait now to the Negro men and women of higher intelligence in America for God's sake, sink your narrow personalism, your narrow individualism; for God's sake, throw away your personal mindlines, and let the race pass on toward its freedom and its glory, do so good because you are too selfish, too narrow, too small, the millions pass toward their destiny, the so-called intellectuals of the West Indies, for God's sake, get out of the way of the masses. Can you not realize that strangling the hopes of an unfortunate race by your narrow individualism? Why will you continue to stand in the way of the people ask you to let them pass? Let them pass, let them pass, Children of Israel and the Egyptians, let them pass between the two pillars of the Red Sea.

Ah! again I say, men of the world, there is but one organization that stands for the uplift of the Negro race and to happiness; that organization is the Universal Negro Improvement Association. You can help Africa by your financial, educational, moral and material support. You can help Africa by your financial, educational, moral and material support. You can help Africa by your financial, educational, moral and material support. You can help Africa by your financial, educational, moral and material support.

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# VICIOUS ATTACK UPON THE BLACK RACE BY RAY BEVERIDGE, SOUTHERN WHITE AMERICAN WOMAN

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