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HON. MARCUS GARVEY DESCANTS ON THE SELFISHNESS OF MANKIND

Fellow-Men of the Negro Race, Greeting:

The statesmen of the world cry out for peace. They are meeting in many conferences with the hope that they will have peace, but I wonder if they understand the meaning of peace. There can be no peace until that peace reflects the spirit of the message of the angels of nineteen centuries ago. The real peace actuated by love, love as the Christ came to the world to give us; love for the high and mighty, love for the meek and lowly, love for all is the only peace that will reign, is the only peace that will draw man nearer to God.

Man is so selfish that he does not seem to realize that there is anyone else in the world but himself. The statesmen who lead America seem to believe that there is no one else in the world but the people who make up America; the statesmen who lead the British Empire (even though they cry for peace and desire peace) seem to believe that no one else lives in the world but men within the British Empire.

Up to now we have not yet got the message of the angels; up to now they have not yet fully interpreted the spirit of Christ. Christ came into the world not to save one set of humanity, otherwise He would not have been the Christ. Christ came into the world to save mankind; therefore, His love must be for all; His love could not be sectional; His love could not be partial; His love was general and universal. Therefore, before we can have peace on earth, before we can welcome the spirit of the high God; before we can get a true understanding of the spirit of the Christ, who came to us born in the lowly stable at Bethlehem, we must get to realize the brotherhood that exists, realize it in truth; realize it in fact, and practise it whether we be white, black or some other hue.

Being charitable and sympathetic like the Christ would have us to be does not mean to say that we must ignore our physical needs. Christ was not so much interested in the physical activities of man; neither is God interested in the physical activities of man. That may be something strange to say at this hour when you have heard so much about religion. Christ cared so little for the physical that He offered Himself up and was satisfied to go on the cross and let the physical die. God the Father is interested in the spiritual side of man; but man's physical body is for his own protection; is for his own purpose.

God is not and Jesus is not interested in the bodies of men. If you want to care for your body, that is the privilege and prerogative given to you by God. If you want to destroy it, that is the same privilege and prerogative He has given. If you want to commit suicide that is your business. If you want to live, that is your business. God has given you the power; He has made you a free agent as far as the physical in life goes. All that God is interested in is the spiritual; that you cannot kill, because the moment you destroy the physical body God lays claim to the spiritual with which you are endowed. The spiritual is never yours. The spiritual is always God's, but the physical is your own property. If you want to break your physical life up, that is all your business; God does not interfere. And that should be the Negro's interpretation in this twentieth century of Christ's religion.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,



Founder and President-General Universal Negro Improvement Association.

BLACK MEN STARVED TO DEATH BY PORTUGUESE IN WEST AFRICA

Slavery in Worst Form Rules—But Portuguese Are Not the Only Offenders—French, British and American Companies Exact Labor Under Distressing Conditions at Three Cents Per Day

(From The Nation, Sept. 18) WHERE SLAVERY STILL RULES Portuguese Africa, the article in this section of The Nation for March 10, described the Raso-Cramer report on the exploitation of native labor in the Portuguese colonies in Africa, and the item-by-item analysis of the report given on behalf of the Portuguese Government by Alfonso Augusto da Costa, which virtually repeats the report in its entirety.

A government administrator declared that the Government considers all natives its property. This is the law by the Forced Labor Law of January, 1925, requiring all employers of native labor to contract for it with the Government. The law provides that the native laborer shall be bound to the employer for a period of one year, and that the employer shall be liable for the maintenance of the laborer and his family during that period.

The native tax several times mentioned in these articles (the collection of which seems to be the principal function of the Government) has the effect of driving the natives from the cultivation of their own land to work for the planters and large enterprises as well as to finance the Government. The tax amounts to four-fifths of all the natives' direct taxation. The natives pay in this way 40,000,000 escudos (\$1,000,000) annually.

When they come to the hospital they already have a fever. The chief of the health services of Angola, Coronel Dr. Joao Gomes Dalgado, is referring to the frightful proportion of deaths among the employees of the General Construction Company and the railways.

At the present time natives in the out-stations of a certain mission are being punished by the Government because they were so indolent as to neglect some tasks. The officials can only find excuses for the European missionaries, but the natives are made to suffer.

These articles are no special indictment against the Portuguese. A similar system is in vogue in some of the French colonies and in some British Africa. Some of the native exploiters of the native in Angola are non-Portuguese (American, British, etc.). The Angola Petroleum Company, a Sinclair concern, would not permit Mr. Ross to visit its works, and charges have been made against it.

Contract Labor in Angola A Bulletin (London) of August 15, 1925, published an article signed Cordeiro da Sousa, from which we quote: A contract has been signed between the Government of Angola and the General Construction Company which should have the right to employ a hundred Africans for its service, using them according to the customary conditions generally accepted for the Negro. The company exploits its workers as slaves in exchange for an insignificant remuneration and a deficient supply of food deprived of nutritive properties. The work is violent and continuous, whether the hounding sun suffices and takes the children to the rain precipitates itself upon them in great torrents.

LAWLESSNESS IN FLORIDA IS ON THE INCREASE

Sixty-Three Flooding in One Year—Two White Women Lashed—Governor Appealed to Citizens

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Sept. 14 (A.P.). Sheriff R. J. Hancock, of Putnam county, and Mayor P. S. Wray, of Baitinger, Fla., met Governor Earhart here today to discuss evidence placed before the Governor yesterday showing that sixty-three floodings had occurred in the county within the last year.

From one to five floodings occurred each week, and the Governor said that the result of mob violence. The Chief Executive said he had received reports from the county judges that they were unable to restore order and claiming the county was terrorized. Two delinquents were taken to court and the Governor asked him to intervene, he said.

There has been formed at night to terrorize the community and citizens have been forced to carry weapons. Sheriff Hancock last night said fourteen persons, two of them women, have reported cases of bootlegging and operating disorderly houses. A man giving his name as Earl Spapp is being held in Putnam county. Among these there are not a few who run away so they can take the pieces of clothing which they are furnished on the day in which they enter the hospital. Not a few times some of those who flee are found dead in the high grass, where the last bit of strength had abandoned them.

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GIVE A SCHOLARSHIP TO A DESERVING CHILD

All divisions of the Universal Negro Improvement Association are requested to select at least one student to the Liberty University at Clarmont, Va., fees and expenses paid.

DISMISSED JUDGE OF VIRGIN ISLES CUES FOR LABEL Claims \$100,000 Damages—Says Naval Governor Made It Appear He Was Dismissed for Cause—Had Resigned on Account of Administrative Expenses

A \$100,000 suit for damages against Admiral Sumner E. W. Kittelle, former naval Governor of the Virgin Islands, was filed today in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by Lucius J. M. Atkinson, first American lawyer of the district court of the islands.

"I expect to present all of the material which I have gathered in the course of the action of the Governor," Mr. Atkinson said last night. "I will also ask the court to order the Governor to be held in contempt of court for his conduct in the case."

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WHITES EXCEED NEGROES IN GEORGIA JAILS

Decrease of Seventeen Per Cent for Negroes, Increase of Thirty Per Cent for Whites

ATLANTA, GA.—That the Negro population of Georgia is becoming more law abiding and the white population less so is indicated by a study of the county jails of the State just made by Miss Rhoda Kaufman, secretary of the State Department of Public Welfare. The study shows that in the last four years the number of Negroes in Georgia jails has decreased seventeen per cent, while the number of white inmates has increased thirty per cent.

Continuing Miss Kaufman's study: "Some years ago there were on the average of two Negroes in each county jail, and one white inmate. Now there are on the average of one Negro and one white inmate in each county jail. This is still too high a proportion of Negroes to the white population of the State. The State Department of Public Welfare is working hard to improve conditions in the jails, and to make regular inspections of the jails in the effort to protect the fair treatment of the prisoners alike."

The high spot of the meeting tonight, which was presided over by the Rt. Hon. Fred A. Tooté, Acting President-General of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, was the revealing of a "dastardly" letter written by Clifford S. Bourne, a one-time officer of the Association, to his brother-in-law in far-off Guatemala, vilifying the Hon. Marcus Garvey. The letter was sent on the morning of the meeting, and was read by Mr. Tooté to the assembly.

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NEW YORK MEMBERS REAFFIRM UNDYING LOYALTY TO LEADER ON OCCASION OF WEEKLY MEETING

Hon. Fred A. Tooté and Sir Levi Lord Declare the Fight Is On, and New York Disturbers of the Peace Will Be Brought to Account

NEW YORK CITY, Sunday Night, September 19.—A striking report was made tonight to the despairing efforts of the New York Association to hinder progress of the Universal Negro Improvement Association on the occasion of the weekly mass meeting of the local organization. While Weston and Marke are busy doing their worst, the membership rallied in a remarkable manner and filled the spacious Commonwealth Casino where the followers of Garveyism assembled in their thousands to receive inspiration and encouragement for the work in hand.

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