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## Editorial Opinion of the Negro Press

### "THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

The demonstration of delegates of the Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction a few days ago in front of a Washington hotel where Negro delegates had been denied admission is another indication of "the signs of the times."

A large number of people in this country are beginning to ask, why deny the Negro civil rights? What has he done to cause this antipathy? What is it he has not done that causes this opposition to him? Has he not been loyal, patriotic and devoted to the ideals of America? Then why such discrimination? Is he not taxed as much on a dollar as any other person? Does he not pay his toll for any violation of the laws of the land the same as other people (and probably more too)? Then the question naturally arises in the mind of those who think, what is the matter—What is it?

The stand-patters and the old-timers are still trying to keep the Negro down, but don't they know as the late Booker Washington said, "You can't keep a man down in a ditch without staying down with him." A new deal is the demand of the times, and the underdog of all nations, who is the masses of people, is demanding a new deal in human affairs; and such an outburst as was seen in Washington a few days ago is but the shadow of coming events.—See.

### THE ST. LOUIS ARGUMENT

VIGILANT LEGISLATORS  
By having vigilant legislators fighting in their interest, Negroes can often make more concrete gains than they can by loose talk and wild denunciation of the powers-that-be. The only forces Negroes can use effectively and without devastating reprisal are persuasive force and political force. Economic boycotts are effective to a certain extent, but

cease hypocrisy, to live up to the truth, to stop insulting our intelligence, to stop killing their consciences. Has New York lost her perspective of justice? Seeing injustice in Alabama, can we not sense it in New York City?

As citizens of America, as residents of New York, we have rights, which none may dare to rob us, or to treat lightly. We have been roused by this show of hypocrisy. We are not going to be side-tracked. It was Grant, who, during the Civil War, decided to "fight it out along this line, if it takes all summer." He won. We Negroes in this state and City of New York, knowing our rights are being adroitly trampled on, have decided to fight for our rights, till Hell freezes over.

### "PEACE BE DAMNED"

THUS roared the old Tiger Clemenceau; but France would not listen until the summer of 1917, when President Poincare called upon the rugged old veteran to save France from her own defeatist propaganda. During the past two weeks talk of world peace has been bantered about with more than usual complacency; and it would appear from the reports published in some of the daily newspapers of this and other countries that they believe that they are really nearing that era of universal peace, which we all so dearly desire.

But in the words of the immortal Lincoln, "This land, or this world for that matter) cannot long endure half slave, half free." President Roosevelt, we feel, may be in deadly earnest, about his efforts to secure world peace; and the other statesmen of the various nations of the world may each be sincere in their efforts, or their pretensions. Yet there is something which seems to have escaped the attention of these gentlemen. There can be no lasting peace on earth, while half its inhabitants are held in bondage, and crushed with a weight of abject poverty, because of the gross mismanagement, and the selfish spirit of domination.

This proud race of Negroes will not lie down in silence and submission while there is a burden laid upon its neck by the men of any other race. "There can be no peace on this planet until Africa is free from alien domination; until strong, robber nations are willing to accord to their fellowmen the God-given rights which are inherently theirs." Because of this conviction we are calling to Negroes all over creation, urging them to steel their souls for the greatest conflict against oppression which the world has ever seen.

Until the time comes when these nations will respect the rights of their fellowmen, we say with Clemenceau, "Peace Be Damned!"

### "NOTHING BUT SUCCESS"

THIS should be the expressed determination of every Negro everywhere.

In our contacts with men and things; in our struggle with conditions we must decide to be masters; but must be satisfied with "Nothing but Success."

Boundless power lies within, waiting to be unleashed, for service, for prosperity, for greatness, for glorious success. Do we dare?

Stir your souls, Brothers! Make your presence felt on earth. The spirits of our fathers rising triumphant from the ashes of glorious past seek to impel us onward to the great and glorious conquest over adversity, over difficulties, and every obstacle that has ever stood in the pathway of the race, in its upward climb to a "Place in the Sun." Do you feel the urge?

Give expression to your great conceptions, your great thoughts, your irresistible will. This world is our field. We can be masters of Fate and Lords of Circumstance. Charm the world with the rich melody of your sacred souls. Scatter sunshine, and chase the gloom away. Fill the earth with the beauty of your dreams, and make of life a joy.

Let these words inspire us whenever we essay any tasks. Let them urge us, impel us on as we rise from stage to stage. Victory will be sure.

On every hand, in every land, we hear the voice of the Negro saying, "Nothing but Success." Let's make it reality friends, and build on earth, to the glory of God, and the honor of the sons of Ham, greater empires, in steel in iron, wood, motor, and in every avenue of human activity mightier empires than the empires of the present, or the past. "NOTHING BUT SUCCESS," shall our motto be!

They are dangerous weapons to use. Two recent examples of vigilance of our legislators were the successful effort of Congressman Oscar DePriest to attach a "rider" to the forestry bill guaranteeing fair and equal treatment of Negro workers, and the passage of the New York State legislature of the bill of Assemblyman J. Edward Stephens prohibiting discrimination by public utility companies of the State on account of race or color.

Directly as a result of these two pieces of legislation, Negroes will get hundreds and thousands of jobs they would not have otherwise obtained. This is something for the colored voters to remember.  
—The Pittsburgh Courier.

### SCOTTSBORO IN PENNSYLVANIA

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The Pennsylvania House of Representatives by a unanimous vote passed the Wasserman Equal Rights Bill as amended by Representative Harris. The House proved by this action that its members believe in the Constitution of the United States and justice for all citizens of every race.

The Bill has gone to the State Senate. It is remembered that the Fuller Equal Rights Bill was emasculated in the Senate and then vetoed by that "great believer in human rights" Gifford Pinchot.

The Senate should pass the Bill and Pinchot must sign it if he is what he proclaims himself to be. The Senate should be "put on the spot" along with Governor Pinchot. Anyone who refuses to vote for the bill goes on record as being opposed to equal rights for the Negro citizens of Pennsylvania. He says by his actions that he believes that colored citizens should be segregated and discriminated against.

We cannot expect the Lord to help us as long as we are not using our best judgment. This is a law abiding universe. The truth of the matter is, we are in the hands of bankers and we had better come to terms with them. We are busy trying to save the world. What about saving ONE BLOCK? If we would save the one block we are trying to pay for we would have enough income to finance all of our work. We cannot get our leaders to see this. We are afraid to make these much needed and reasonable changes because some of our leaders are opposed to one central headquarters. They want their individual kingdoms at the expense of the domination. It would take another "fight" to concentrate our resources. We should not object to that since we are certain that the greatest good will come to the greatest number.

It would really be amusing if it were not so tragic to listen to some of our leaders talking about saving China and the Isles of the sea. Are we saved? Have we found Jesus so fully that we are ready to give him to someone else? We need some one to teach us common sense.  
—National Baptist.

### COLLEGE STILL PREJUDICED

A New York Negro newspaper, also a Negro national organization assailed the College of the City of New York during the recent political campaign on account of the well known prejudice of that institution against Negroes. It is equally well known that the college's prejudice is not directed towards Negro students but evinces itself only by refusing to elect any Negro to a position on its faculty as an assistant professor or to a higher grade.

Several years ago a brilliant Negro scholar eminently qualified to hold an assistant professorship applied to the New York College in the regular way. We are informed that the inspiring Negro was promptly rejected simply because he was a Negro. The fact that there have been a few Negro instructors (or was it only one?) is far less than what we richly deserve. It is an insult and a disgrace that not one Negro is a permanent day-session professor of any grade, assistant or what not, on the faculty of the college located in the largest Negro city in the world.  
—Contributed.

### A. A. Schomberg Donates Books To Hampton Inst.

Hampton Institute, Va., May 27: Mr. Arthur A. Schomberg, as a result of a visit to Hampton Institute last month when he lectured for one of the literary clubs on the campus, has taken a great interest in the Hampton Institute Library, especially in its collection of books on and of Negroes. One evidence of that interest is seen in the gift of two books from his own library, both considered valuable additions to the Hampton Institute list. They are an edition of the poems and letters of Phillis Wheatley, and Mr. Schomberg's own bibliographical checklist of American Negro poetry.

Those who oppose equal rights legislation do not support the Constitution of the United states. They are not one bit better than the Scottsboro jury which sent eight innocent boys to the electric chair. They believe in a double standard for colored citizens.

Several States have gotten out of the Scottsboro class. It is sincerely desired that Pennsylvania, the cradle of liberty, will at the present session of the State Legislature go on record as the exponent of human justice for all citizens of every class and race.  
—The Philadelphia Tribune.

### THE NEED OF CONCENTRATION

We are having financial troubles because we are not using our best judgement. This is no time to comment on the fact that we followed the wild procession of extravagance during the Coolidge prosperity era.

Our assets are scattered over all sections of the country. We have two salaried editors of religious journals (will both of them make one good editor?); two or three printing plants; two or three brick buildings, all in debt; Board Secretaries scattered everywhere; struggling schools on every hill, debts, debts everywhere.

Every Negro leader is ambitious to build a kingdom for himself at the expense of the denomination. We are fighting bankruptcy at this very hour. Our notes are long past due on our investments, schools and salaries. This is the day of combinations, mergers and consolidation. Why we continue to dissipate our resources by over-lapping and duplicating our efforts is beyond the writer. We throw away at least seventy-five thousand dollars each year on needless over-head expense.

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### SERVICE TO COUNTRY

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his or her assessment tax. Let every local office carry out his constitutional obligation or duties in reporting regularly each month to the Parent Body, so that his particular division or branch or chapter and members can be financial; thereby making it possible for us at headquarters to be in such a position as to be able to execute every item of the program.

With very best wishes, I have the honor to be,  
Also, let us one and all rally to the support of The Negro World. Our mouthpiece. With it strong, fearless, and unhampered, we can carry our fight for racial uplift and the redemption of Africa, our fatherland, to the very gates of Victory. I therefore appeal, to Negro everywhere, to stand by our program support it and The Negro World, financially and otherwise. It is your duty to yourself and to the race.  
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## LEADERSHIP

(EDITOR'S NOTE:—Through an unfortunate oversight the article, under the caption, "Leadership," was not credited to its author, Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald Cathcart. We take great pleasure in making the necessary correction in this issue, and trust the error will be forgiven by the writer.—Ed.)

### By THOS. FITZHAROLD CATHCART

#### Chairman of the Manhattan Challengers

Last week I suggested, in these columns under the above caption, that the Negro in America accept the aid of those comrades who are willing to help him win his struggles for a new deal. Thru the advice, I have received several letters branding me a communist.

I wish to make a statement before answering the ladies and gentlemen who sent me those nice letters. Please stand informed that I am not a Communist. I have studied the philosophy of Communism, and don't like it; it is in conflict with the natural laws. I was born in a Roman Catholic family; received my elementary education in Roman Catholic schools, and studied in a Jesuit university. Such a product cannot be a Communist.

But of course it does not say that such a person is devoid of reasoning. I again say, and it is my answer to the letters, that the Communist party is willing to help the Negroes obtain their objectives, and horse sense dictates that the aid be accepted. Just imagine a person suffering from an ailment, and it is conceded that the person wishes to have relief, therefore has tried every known drug to effect a relief, and gets none. Someone comes upon the scene and offers something entirely different from the others and the person is rejected. What do you think of that person who is still suffering? Don't tell me; keep the answer to yourself. I know what I think of that human being. And you have the same thought. It is conceded that the Negro is suffering from a series of injustices. He has tried his own leaders. He has tried the Republican and Democratic parties. Is there any relief?

The Communist party has a program suitable for the relief of the sufferings of the minority groups and oppressed classes. Their platform is your platform, for injustices are heaped upon poor Whites, Chinese, Indians, and Negroes alike. And, since the oppressed classes are in the majority, Communism knows that to liberate one group is not to cure the ills. For no part is greater than the whole. A house divided against itself cannot stand. It naturally follows then, that the Communists need your help as well as you need theirs. Identically the enforcement of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments go along with the program. Since the party needs your help it must barter for it. You want the enforcement of those amendments. The party will help you get it in return for your mass pressure.

As a matter of fact, the Negro can accept the help of the Communist party in the same way the Germans accepted it, in the time of Bismark. In 1780 Bismark completed the unification of Germany and set about to build a great and prosperous Germany. He forgot the poorer classes. The formulae for the German aristocracy, like all others, was of layers. The bottom layer received all the weight. Marx's theory of Communism came into full swing. Germany's existence was threatened at home. Bismark and the upper layers were keen observers; hence they set about to put their house in order. This was done: unemployment insurance, shorter labor hours, better living conditions, and adequate political representation for all classes, was extended by the German government to all its citizens. The items I have just named were drawing cards of the German Communist party. They were no longer drawing cards of the American government to crush the growing menace of the American Communist. As long as the Negro tries to fight American injustice alone, he will always remain the bottom layer of American society.

Apparently the Negro is such a religious being that might is not right. In his conception of religion meekness and humility are his conquering forces. By the way, this paragraph answers the gentleman who said, in his letter, that Communism is unGodly, therefore the Negro cannot accept its aid. If he only knew that paradise rests under the shadows of the sword, he would have had his just share of this material existence long ago. When someone of vision and thought attempts to tell he is branded ungodly and Communist.

Forget the question of who believes in your God and who believes in mine. The burning question of the hour is, must the oppression of the masses continue? The barriers in the way will not be removed by a division of the masses' camp. Nor will division of the minority groups remove them. The Republican and Democratic parties belong to the upper layers. If I need alms and a cure for some ailment, I would go into the Holy Rollers camp and get it. The question of my being a Roman Catholic and the people of the relief station are Holy Rollers is another issue. It can be taken care of later. Aid is what is needed now, to achieve an objective that rightfully and justly belongs to every human being.

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## "Know Thyself!"

By Leslie Bishop  
If we should attempt to compare the leadership of the Universal Negro Improvement Association with that of our so-called Uncle Tom, hat-in-hand pseudo leaders we can also compare sparkling diamonds with glass. But there is no comparison, as you will see: Diamond is fashioned out by nature, glass is the production of man's mind. The mineralogist and those who chiefly specialize in the formidable task of crystallizing diamonds know without any reasonable doubt, that man is not the maker of this precious stone, but is only the crystallizer—the refractive and dispersive elements are then very high and when the natural stone is ready for use it shows a remarkable brilliancy and play of prismatic color, but with all the skillful work performed by man, Nature is still the only creator of the sparkling diamond. On the other hand, glass is the production of man's mind. It is an amorphous substance, usually transparent or translucent, consisting ordinarily of a mixture of silicates, and in some case of common borates phosphates. Glass, we can truthfully say may shine like a diamond but it is of an entirely different nature; it is undoubtedly the product of man and cannot withstand the durability like diamond.

The leadership of the Hon. Marcus Garvey takes on the appearance of diamond and differs immensely from that of our spineless, mediocre leadership just as diamond differs from glass. He has that gift of the gods—creative imagination. Such a leader is spiritually independent. No suppression or oppression, privation or suffering can put out that divine spark. Sometime, somewhere it will blaze forth for all the world to wonder, sweeping everything before it like a mighty avalanche.

A real leader like ours has the courage and understanding to lead the members of the race to victory. He is unlike the glass-like leaders because he cannot be broken easily. He is like diamond, Nature's gift to man. Whether we approve or disapprove of his principles, we are going to be kept moving by them because his life is guided and impelled by the divine spark within him.

### THE OTHER FELLOW'S JOB

There's a crazy among us mortals that is mighty hard to name; Whoso'er you find a human you will find the case the same; You may seek among the worst of men and seek among the best, And you'll find that every person is precisely like the rest. Each believes his real calling to be along some other line Than the one at which he's working—take, for instance, yours and mine. From the meanest fawning creature to the leader of the mob, There's a universal hanker for the other fellow's job. There are millions of positions in the busy world today; Each a drudge to him who holds it, but to him who doesn't play Every farmer's heavy hearted that in youth he missed his call, While the same unhappy farmer is the envy of us all. Any task you care to mention seems a vastly better lot Than the one special something that you happen to have got. There is one sure way to smother envy's heartache and a sob—Keep too busy at your own to want the other fellow's job.  
—Charles L. O'Laughlin.

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### In England and America taught higher mathematics to many private students. Spent more than six years designing (calculating and drawing) railroad and highway bridge and structural steel for buildings erected in Canada, England and nine America States.

An inventor of the "alternating current track circuit" by which (signaling) you are protected every time you travel on any subway or on the electrical zone of the "New Haven," New York Central, or Pennsylvania Railroad.

Performed the detail drawing of the foundation of the medical college and hospitals at Broadway and 188th street.

Was a structural draughtsman of the Board of Transportation, 250 Hudson street.