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## "AMBITIONS OF THE NEW NEGRO"

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Through the doctrine of the Honorable Marcus Garvey and the activities of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League amongst the Negro people of the world, a new element has emerged from the ranks known by the name of the "New Negro," who have assumed enlarged ambitions. They have been regenerated and baptized in the lake of purity, and have received a fresh supply of energy, courage and valor to become united as a race, to battle in the struggle for existence in this material age and reconstructive period of the world's unrest. Those of us who have become interested in this wonderful movement have expanded our chests and broadened our shoulders to assume greater and heavier responsibilities; and have become bold, fearless and determined co-workers in the righteous and noble cause of freeing our suppressed race from the shackles of semi-bondage, and also self-government for our beautiful motherland, viz., Africa. Our new ambitions are to be generals, captains and lieutenants in the great African army; admirals and captains in the African navy to battle against the European foes who have monopolized our country for themselves. We are prepared to lay down our lives on the battlefield of Africa for the cause. The struggle for supremacy will be a terrible one, but we are confident of the result, for the cause we are fighting is a righteous and just one in the sight of God; a cause that humanity in general has been blinded to, but with the help of the Everlasting Father who created man in His own image, we will be victorious in the militant sacrifices that will be made.

We, the "New Negro," have realized that we are only sojourners and aliens in the western hemisphere after 350 years' residence in these parts, but we were originally Africans. The royal blood of Africa runs in our veins, and therefore we are connected to every true African. Our forefathers were

on behalf of Christianity and suffering humanity? The way is clear for such persons to enter the fold, where they will be taught the doctrine of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, and be baptized in the lake of pure purity and emerge from it a better person, a useful citizen, and a loyal advocate for the redemption of Africa. The Universal Negro Improvement Association is endeavoring to bring all the Negro people of the world together under one banner, which is the Red, Black and Green; irrespective of nationality or creed for race unity. The motto of our organization is: "One God, One Aim, One Destiny," and should serve as a keystone remembrance of the long sufferings endured by our forefathers and foremothers under the shackles of slavery, and the bitter agonies and cries that they were subjected to; the disadvantages taken of an innocent people under the guidance of civilization of European powers. We, who are known as West Indians, are only sojourners and aliens in a foreign land, and the beautiful islands of the Caribbean are in reality not our homes, as our forefathers were brought against their wishes to inhabit the different islands. We were originally Africans, and are still Africans, as the noble blood of Africa flows through our veins. We cannot get away from the fact that, although you may have a small portion of Negro blood, you were intermixed through no fault of our race. The white man taught us the game.

Africans were pure when brought from Africa, and we, the descendants, are the offsprings of Africans, irrespective of shade. Africans at home and abroad are determined to see our beloved and beautiful country redeemed from semi-slavery that exists under the so-called Christian governments, who have monopolized our land for themselves, and who vainly boast of their culture and civilization from the ancient days of Rome and Carthage. Are you willing to allow them to continue in their prosperous enterprise of keeping the resources of our country; the holding of the natives in semi-slavery; the plunder of their earthly goods and chattels? The answer will be unanimously from the Negro people of the world: No! We cannot allow this barbarous practice to go on any more. Our brothers and sisters have suffered much from the hands of white people, and it is nigh time for us to arise and proclaim to the world our grievances.

the governments of the world under the domination of the white powers. We have been begging for a chance ever since they have encouraged us; but now we have ceased to do so, but are demanding democratic liberty for Nations; self-government for Africa, which the Lord gave unto our forefathers to be inhabited by us. We are determined to redeem it, and if circumstances cannot accomplish same, then we will resort to force and will make great sacrifices of our worldly goods and ourselves to sustain our effort. We are prepared to lay down our lives for the noble cause of redeeming our beloved motherland. Our new slogan, "Africa for Africans," is appropriate and just in the sight of all mankind.

The new Negro has ceased to fight amongst themselves; envy, malice and hatred have been exterminated from our hearts; misunderstandings and differences have been erased from our thoughts, and everything that pertains to keep us divided; down in the rut and mire have been marked out and forgotten by us, who have been regenerated and reborn in the lake of purity. We are spreading and preaching our new doctrine of Race Love, true feelings, Race Unity to the Negro people of the world to get them united under one banner, in one association, for the righteous cause of demanding the redemption of our beautiful country. The Universal Negro Improvement Association stands for the principle of elevating the Negroes of the world into a better understanding, to have a movement of their own, a government for the people, controlled by Negroes, for Negroes, irrespective of shade or creed. Many of the classes of the old Negroes, who were taught to look upon the white man as their superior have said that the object of this movement is impossible to accomplish. They further said that the white man was our enemy, and that the blacking race in the pathway to success, for they have been told with reason, for our program can never be achieved. But we, the new Negro, have refused and it's not

you without ample representation, where you have no vote or voice in the legislation of laws? The new ambition of the Negro is to take part in the controlling of the government of Africa, to assist in the various activities.

The Negro has adopted a new ambition, to go into business for himself. Some, with a little and limited capital, have opened small business places, such as to become a strong and powerful element in the business world. There can be no progress without finances, which is the power wheel to success. No business or enterprise can exist on words alone, but finance and hard work, and undying co-operation will enable to tide it over the waters of prosperity and success.

The Universal Negro Improvement Association invites every Negro to cast in his lot with us; to come and enroll his name under its banner. It is not only a governmental movement, but also a charitable and benevolent institution for the race. We have done our duty in the past and will continue to do all within our power to help our downtrodden race. The orphans and widows have been cared for; the sick and wounded have been attended to; the needy and distressed have been aided; the hungry have been fed, and, lastly, the dead have been buried in Christian form. We are doing all we can for humanity, and will continue to do so until the redemption of Africa is an accomplished fact, when the government of Africa will take care of them. Arise today as men and women of the age and adopt the new ambitions of the Negro. Get baptized in the lake and race of purity, and go forth to the world with new hearts, new conscience, new thoughts, new minds, new ambitions, to proclaim Garveyism to our race, and work with undaunted courage and determination to convert all to our movement. Be enthusiastic, zealous, in the struggle, and never for a moment allow downheartedness to creep within you. May God bless the Hon. Marcus Garvey to prolong his life to behold the promised land, and the U. N. I. A. prosperity and success in the noble task, is the 5 years wish of the office.

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