

since (according to the writer) "has waned."

He then pollutes his argument by contending that the Garvey movement "is not now and never was a movement of American Negroes, but of West Indians." My wrathful indignation will not permit me to quote further from this misguided, deluded sentinel.

I respectfully beg your indulgence, however, for the privilege of correcting this pessimistic champion and visionless informer, who proclaims such ignorance concerning that greatest of Negro movements, the Universal Negro Improvement association, founded and nurtured by that dynamic champion (of West Indian birth), Marcus Garvey.

Aside from the connection of Mr. Garvey's birthplace in Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., the writer has completely missed the point, for Garvey brought an organization for not only the West Indian Negroes, but the American Negroes, African Negroes and Negroes in all parts of the world to unite themselves for the redemption of their common motherland, Africa. And if a plebiscite were taken today an overwhelming majority within the United States would register in favor of the colonization project. The new Negro is sick of pleading and protesting, and is eager to locate himself in a territory where his protests will carry more than the strength of the paper on which they are written.

"Waning of the Garvey movement" is a psychological impossibility, for the movement has its roots deeply imbedded in the souls of the people. The effervescent enthusiasm of the movement may be temporarily abated, but a stronger, more virile, and more active organization is just over the horizon, soon to burst forth in even greater brilliancy and splendor.

All true Garveyites are immune to provincial boundaries and accidental places of birth. Our motto is "All for one and one for all."

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A GARVEYITE SPEAKS

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., March 1.—In the Feb. 20 issue of The Chicago Defender there appears an article headed, "Dean Hancock Flays Colonizing Scheme," in which the erudite professor is reported to have "strongly protested" against a colonization bill recently introduced into the Virginia state legislature. The bill in question pleads that the United States congress make some arrangements whereby "all Race members" in the country could be deported and colonized either in Africa or the West Indies.

Dean Hancock is supposed to have written an open letter to the Virginia state legislature "bitterly" lashing the proposed bill and stating that it did not have "any support among our people" and that it was "utterly condemned" by them. I would like to know who gave this presumptuous person such sweeping authority to speak in behalf of "our people."

Further on, the writer argues that the sponsors and advocates of the bill are acting in response to "persistent demands" of the Negroes themselves; the supporting evidence of which he claims is not conclusive, for the basis of the petition is laid in the Garvey movement, which long