

THE NEW NEGRO IS NO BEGGAR

Editor Negro World:

Dear Sir: Allow me to protest to a letter I have read in your paper of August 12, 1921, which was written by one Z. A. Cunningham, Box 43, Cespedes Camaguey, Cuba, on the ground that the contents of such a letter would do more harm to the ignorant and weak-minded members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, who may happen to read it, than good.

Noting that the letter above mentioned was not signed by any officer of the division, I think it is unfair to the division and the organization in general.

This writer, who seems to feast very heavily on pessimism, assumes the position of spokesman for the entire membership of his division, and wishes to obtain excuse at the hand of the parent body should they stop supporting this great cause.

It seems unbelievable that an entire membership of a division of new Negroes would have this request.

Therefore, assuming that this poor writer is merely one of the pessimists of the division, I beg to advise same to pay up his or her obligation to the best of their ability, doing the same with the balance when able, and the U. N. I. A. shall consider them a hundred per cent a new Negro.

The new Negro has ceased begging and has determined to battle his way while there is life in him until Africa is redeemed. Nothing else is acceptable in our ranks. May all other pessimists take warning.

We have accomplished more in four years than any known organization from the beginning of time, and we expect to more than double same in the next four years. No time for worry.

Thanking you for your valuable space, Mr. Editor, and hoping you may soon find a way to omit some of the "do-more-harm-than-good" letters from the columns of such an organ, I beg to be

Yours most respectfully,

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