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# IN MEMORIAM

FELLOW MEN OF THE NEGRO RACE, *Greeting:*

It is sad for us at this time to mourn the death of one of the race's greatest characters, in the person of Chief Justice J. J. Dossen of Liberia, who died on the 17th of August, 1924, at his home at Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa. Very few of us outside of Liberia know of the value and worth of this great man. He was not only a true, patriotic and loyal Liberian, but he was a lover and patriot of his race, and of no mean order. His only great hope was that one day the scattered sons and daughters of Africa would reassemble in their own Motherland and there, under the protection of a strong government of their own, enjoy real freedom and liberty.

#### *Disposition of a Great Man*

Toward this end he was willing to place at the disposal of the race, through the Universal Negro Improvement Association, all his energy and ability, which was great, to the end that we would all concentrate upon the building up of the good republic of Liberia as a first rate nation in Africa. He was unlike many who view the Universal Improvement Association with suspicion in Liberia. He was too broad, too liberal, too patriotic to think that other Negroes could have any other intention than that of helping to strengthen and solidify their race and make thereof a great power in the world. James Jenkins Dossen was right. He was a true reader of the human mind and heart. He knew well that the Universal Negro Improvement Association's purpose in Liberia was one of friendship, love and helpfulness and for that he was willing, with men like Arthur Barclay, to do his best to advance the cause that would mean so much to his country and race.

#### *Gone to Great Beyond*

Unfortunately, he is no more. He has gone to the great beyond, but true as he was, even on his dying bed, he handed over his mantle of service to his race and helpfulness to the Universal Negro Improvement Association to others in whom he had great confidence, asking them not to desert the good ship of the Universal Negro Improvement Association because of the evil reports of the enemies against the Association, but to stick to it for its principles, which are honest and above board. Judge Dossen was indeed a strong man. He did not allow himself to be influenced by the many agencies against the Universal Negro Improvement Association. His character was so firm, so strong and his depth of understanding was so profound that he was able to grasp the situation immediately and not allow himself to be influenced. Evil men on this side of America who wrote vicious statements against the Universal Negro Improvement Association and sent them to Liberia for circulation to create prejudice had absolutely no influence on Chief Justice Dossen. While their evil propaganda affected others in Liberia, it did not in any way interfere with the firm conviction of this great man whom we mourn at this time. Men like Du Bois had no influence over Chief Justice Dossen, because he was able to read behind their smiles their evil designs and intentions, not only against the Universal Negro Improvement Association, but against Liberia herself.

#### *The Evil That Men Do*

But what does it all lead to—the evil that they have done? Not so much to injure the Universal Negro Improvement Association, but to injure the cause of Liberia

## DEATH OF GREAT LIBERIAN PATRIOT WHO REPRESENTED UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### CHIEF JUSTICE OF LIBERIA WAS A MAN OF GREAT VISION

#### WHOLE WORLD OF NEGROES MOURN FOR JAMES JENKINS DOSSEN

#### ENEMIES HAD NO INFLUENCE ON HIM

#### HE STOOD FOR TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS — UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION WAS DEAR TO HIM

and injure the cause of the race; yet they profess to be friends of those who are in power in Liberia. If those who are in power could only know the treachery and evil that lurk behind these men who profess to be friends! We are glad, nevertheless, that we had and still have men like Chief Justice J. J. Dossen; men who cannot be easily moved and persuaded from what is just, right and honorable; men who prefer death to dishonor. As we intimated before, we feel that Chief Justice Dossen died not because he was suffering from natural ailments, but because of the sudden shock on learning of what those who were in control of the government of his country had done against the Universal Negro Improvement Association in carrying out the program for the country and to which there was a standing agreement to which he himself was a party. Men of honor cannot tolerate treachery and deceit, and James Jenkins Dossen was one of those who stood above it.

#### *Honor a Great Liberian*

We call upon the four hundred million Negroes of the world to mourn for this great and noble man; to pray for the entry of his soul into the Kingdom of God. Surely his good work and deeds shall not pass away, but we shall record them in the book of time and ever remember him for the noble and grand and good things he did during his life time. In the building up of Ethiopia surely we shall erect another great monument to another great soul, that of James Jenkins Dossen. As we mourn for him we are heartened to know that in Liberia there still exist men who stand for the highest and loftiest in service to the race, and who are not too narrow nor jealous, but who are willing to link hands and hearts with others who are desirous of doing good. On such men the Universal Negro Improvement Association depends for the successful carrying out of its program; that of industrially, agriculturally, commercially and educationally developing the country to become one of the great forward nations of the world.

#### *Irresponsible Negroes Make Trouble*

Irresponsible, malicious and jealous Negroes of the United States of America have tried by all means to misrepresent the Universal Negro Improvement Association to the government of Liberia, and a few Liberians themselves have allowed themselves to be used to hurt their own country and the great cause of her development, but sooner or later the truth will be known and when the great Liberian people get to realize that they have no friend outside

of Liberia better and greater and more sincere than the Universal Negro Improvement Association, then they will see and realize the harm and injury done to them by the few of their own and by those in America who are but agents of those who desire to keep the Negro a serf and to exploit him for all that is possible. The world wants more men of the type of James Jenkins Dossen. Men who can rise above the little prejudices of life, the little rivalries and jealousies and live for the common good.

#### *Garvey and Liberia*

In Liberia some of those in control imagine that Marcus Garvey desires to go to Liberia to become President or to interfere with the politics of the country. How silly, how foolish. J. J. Dossen was one who did not believe in such things, because Marcus Garvey has much more work to do among Negroes than to domicile himself in Liberia to interfere with its politics. All that Marcus Garvey desires to see is a great Liberia, a great Negro nation, one of the many to be created in Africa for the good of the Negro race. How could he be President of Liberia, President General of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and still be working for the creation of other Negro nations, strong and powerful, to advance the dignity and honor of the Negro race? If those who are jealous of the success of their fellow men would get to realize that there is much for each and every one to do in his own sphere, then we would not have so many misunderstandings.

#### *Dossen a Great Patriot*

Let the good people of Liberia realize that Chief Justice Dossen was one of their greatest friends and patriots. We, on this side, love him because he was great of soul. We shall ever honor him because of his liberality of purpose, and we hope that other Liberians will imitate the life and work of the great man who has fallen. In all the correspondence carried on between the Universal Negro Improvement Association and Chief Justice Dossen there was not a line in which he did not breathe the spirit of good will toward his race and express the hope for the salvation of his country and for the ultimate return to the Motherland of all the scattered sons and daughters of Ethiopia. His last letter, written on the 1st of July, is a document worthy of preservation. It was his last communication to the Universal Negro Improvement Association. It shall be cherished, and whenever we need inspiration for the carrying on of the great work we shall re-read the last words of James Jenkins Dossen, patriot, seer, statesman and martyr of Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa.

With very best wishes for your success, I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

MARCUS GARVEY,

*President-General.*

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., September 15, 1924.

P. S.—Negroes everywhere, and especially members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, branches, chapters and divisions, are asked to rally this week to the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Company and the Parent Body of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. All moneys in hand for bonds for the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Company for \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 by way of loans should be sent to the corporation for the period of five or ten years. All those who have moneys on hand for the convention and other funds are requested to send same to headquarters immediately.

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## IS ORATORY BECOMING A LOST ART AMONG US?

**Oratory Said to Be Evolutionary, Changing as All Things Change—Some Illustrations of Great Speakers to the Head and Heart**

### WEBSTER AND LINCOLN

By CHARLES WILLIS THOMPSON  
In the New York Times  
One of the greatest speakers of our time because hardly anybody takes the trouble to think why they are true or not to the days of oratory are over. Nowadays, so runs the Sabbath, eloquence is a discount and an antique.

unusual, and that the general run of speech about the budget was as dry as dust. However, we need not confine ourselves to the budget. Justin McCarthy spent a large part of his life making discriminating studies of English public men in the nineteenth century, and taking his results by and large, the inevitable conclusion is that a really eloquent man was as rare in Lord Melbourn's time as in Lindsay Mc Donald's.

Two of the winners in these contests were Robert M. La Follette and Albert J. Beveridge. La Follette today is an exception in the fact that he really is a dry-as-dust speaker. However, he was forced to become so because of an oratorical contest. The peculiar conditions in which for many years he had to fight to gain recognition in Wisconsin. That State was corrupt and ring ruled, and its corruption and its rings had been denounced over and over again by plain every orator until the people had become callous. La Follette could not have become famous if he had not been a really a dry-as-dust speaker.

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## THE CHOCOLATE DANDIES' GOING STRONG AT COLONIA

**Some of the Bright Stars Who Make the Show With Other Features Attractive and Fetching**

### LA FOLLETTE Third Party Drawing Heavily on Race Vote—Democrats Getting Some—Most Standing for Coolidge

The readers of The Negro World are watching with interest the disposition of the Negro citizens to divide their political strength among the several parties, as the white groups are doing, due to the many issues that the American electorate have split upon and nominated candidates for the presidency to represent them. There are said to be some ten such presidential candidates in nomination. They represent the political discontent which exists among all elements of the voting population at this time. Whether it is a healthy sign each one must decide for himself.

## NEGRO DOLLS

**Beautiful Colored Dolls, with and without hair, 12 inch, 18 inch, 24 inch, 30 inch, 36 inch, 42 inch, 48 inch, 54 inch, 60 inch, 66 inch, 72 inch, 78 inch, 84 inch, 90 inch, 96 inch, 102 inch, 108 inch, 114 inch, 120 inch, 126 inch, 132 inch, 138 inch, 144 inch, 150 inch, 156 inch, 162 inch, 168 inch, 174 inch, 180 inch, 186 inch, 192 inch, 198 inch, 204 inch, 210 inch, 216 inch, 222 inch, 228 inch, 234 inch, 240 inch, 246 inch, 252 inch, 258 inch, 264 inch, 270 inch, 276 inch, 282 inch, 288 inch, 294 inch, 300 inch, 306 inch, 312 inch, 318 inch, 324 inch, 330 inch, 336 inch, 342 inch, 348 inch, 354 inch, 360 inch, 366 inch, 372 inch, 378 inch, 384 inch, 390 inch, 396 inch, 402 inch, 408 inch, 414 inch, 420 inch, 426 inch, 432 inch, 438 inch, 444 inch, 450 inch, 456 inch, 462 inch, 468 inch, 474 inch, 480 inch, 486 inch, 492 inch, 498 inch, 504 inch, 510 inch, 516 inch, 522 inch, 528 inch, 534 inch, 540 inch, 546 inch, 552 inch, 558 inch, 564 inch, 570 inch, 576 inch, 582 inch, 588 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BLACK AUSTRALIANS IN THE MANDATED TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA ENSLAVED AND EXPLOITED AND RAPED BY WHITE EUROPEANS

Government of Australia Under Premier Bruce Exposed and Denounced by Labor and Communist Editors for Tolerating Inhuman Brutalities Upon Helpless Natives

EDITOR ARRESTED AND JAILED FOR EXPOSURE

Two weeks of constant agitation and daily publication of new charges against the Administration of the mandated territory of New Guinea have been necessary to move the Federal Government to take an interest in its long-mismanaged Crown Colony of black men.

In the Federal Parliament yesterday, Mr. Bruce made his most lamentable show as Prime Minister of the Commonwealth. He was foolishly enough to admit to the people that he had ordered a surreptitious on-spot investigation— for it could have been none other than that—of charges of criminal wrongdoing affecting the trust of his allegedly democratic people.

The "Labor Daily" announces in the face of the slanders of the Prime Minister (contained in a special statement last night) upon its own persons, his investigators have not interviewed that until the original documents in its possession are perused, until every man named in the charges has been called to public account, until the several Christian missions which operate in New Guinea are examined, and the file copies of their own complaints and protests are produced, this black shame upon the Australian people will never have been honestly met.

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How Justice is Administered... The complaint laid against the Chief Officer G. K. Freeman and Police Officer W. Wilkins, by Mr. J. A. Bagley, resulted in a peculiar instance of how Justice is administered in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

out payment, and for private persons, and, further, for their own private and illegal activities. (b) female abduction and seduction. These charges were so serious that with an honest administration as the basis inquiry would have been immediately ordered, the presiding officer being a judge of undoubted probity. Instead, a departmental investigation was ordered, and, in the written words of Government Secretary Harold Page, Director of the Territory (and Federal Treasurer, Dr. Earle Page), "It was not proposed to at this stage, disclose the nature of the charges investigated, nor the result thereof."

Mr. Bagley was at Mariboung, on the Sepik River, at the time when the master came to a head. Two natives from Boik came to him and complained that an official had come to their village and ordered the chief to send one of the young native women to his camp that night for an immoral purpose. The natives resented this, Mr. Bagley went to the official and complained of his conduct and was ordered to "get out." Words passed, and the official assaulted Mr. Bagley.

Therewith, Mr. Bagley laid a complaint against the official, and his superior officer, who was also guilty of the same conduct. The following is a copy of the charges as written in a letter to the Department of the Territory (Federal Treasurer) to one of those officials.

Mr. Arthur C. Baxter-Bruce, solicitor, supports the charges over his own signature; his law partner declares the charges to be made, and to be in a position that day to place before the House the result of that inquiry.

The information of the accused men, and proceeds on that tainted evidence so far as to suspend the official, and finally hint him out of the service in a peculiar instance of how Justice is administered in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

Mr. A. J. Bagley charged Messrs. Freeman and Wilkins with (a) inhuman treatment of the natives; (b) robbing the natives; (c) deporting natives from their villages to other and hostile villages; (d) forced labor, without adequate compensation.

Slave Trade in New Guinea From the Workers' Weekly Under the British flag men and women are worked to death.

A concrete instance of British brutality was the treatment of the natives of New Guinea. The recent revelations of Mr. Bagley, through "The Labor Daily," show in detail how British masters have been grossly deceived.

DETECTIVES Divorces, Investigations, Etc. BOYLEY DETECTIVE AGENCY 215 East 133rd Street Station 1924 (Dist. East 1024 night)

LET'S PUT IT OVER INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

- 1. Be a loyal member by sticking always to the principles of the Association and defending its rights against the enemies of freedom. 2. Pay your dues and annual assessment regularly, so that the Association can have ready capital to carry on its work.

- 3. Read and study from cover to cover your Constitution, so that no one can take advantage of you by infringing upon your constitutional rights. 4. See to it that your local Secretary makes a monthly report of all moneys received and disbursed, and let him read the copy of his report to the Parent Body, and produce receipt of acknowledgment for recitations, so that you can be sure that your Division is financial.

- 5. See to it that no Officer or anyone starts anything by way of raising money or doing business or creates any financial obligation on the Division without the proper consent first of the Parent Body and members of the Division at a special general meeting duly and properly called. 6. Look out always for sharpers and self-seekers, who are always anxious to promote new schemes for their own purposes.

- 7. Put down at all times disloyalty to the Parent Body from Officers or members. 8. Pay no money without getting a receipt. 9. Don't loan your money to individuals. 10. Don't take anything for granted. You must be shown. 11. Don't go into anything you don't understand.

- 12. Don't pay your money to anyone except a duly elected or credited Officer of the Association. 13. Don't entertain anyone as a representative of the Parent Body except the person can show you credentials properly signed and up to date by President-General. 14. Don't allow anyone to come in your Division and disorganize you or interfere in your local affairs, except the person has authority and proper credentials from the Parent Body.

- 15. Don't buy any stock from anybody claiming to be identified with the Parent Body or any Local. We are not selling any stock. 16. Don't sell your property or anything you have without first seeing and knowing that you are going to profit by it. Look out and don't allow self-seeking Officers or members to sell the Organization's property to buy others, so that they can make a commission for themselves.

- 17. There is no individual or Division so strong as the Parent Body, so watch out for self-seekers who speak against the Parent Body so as to be able to put over their little local schemes to the detriment of the members. 18. See that every Negro signs the Petition to the President and Congress asking for a nation in Africa for the race. 19. You must be completely financial to get consideration. 20. Try to make one new member every week. 21. Always respect authority and obey the law. 22. Be a good citizen. 23. Vote as the Association will direct for the good of our cause and the nation.

- 24. Don't sell your vote. 25. Support the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Company, our new-shipping concern. 26. Attend your meetings regularly. 27. Don't go to Africa without first getting the advice of the Parent Body. Don't come to New York until advised. 28. Keep your present jobs and work hard and safe all you can. 29. Be polite to your employers and bear as much as you can for a better day. 30. Behave decently, always and everywhere.

Cured Her Rheumatism The suffering caused by rheumatism, Mrs. J. B. Street, who lives at 315 East 133rd Street, N. Y. C., is so thankful at having cured herself that she writes to the Editor of this paper to advise that she has cured herself by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

SECCION EN ESPAOL

La Asociación Universal para el Adelanto de la Raza Negra 54-56 Oeste, Calle 135, Ciudad de Nueva York, N. Y. PROF. M. A. FIGUEROA, Editor

El elemento progresista y de posición de la raza debe Cooperar al éxito de nuestra nueva corporación naviera—Vapores para trasladar cargo y pasaja entre Africa y America—Grandes posibilidades comerciales—Instalación de una base industrial y comercial sólida

Tenemos que revestirnos de toda la seriedad que requieren nuestras circunstancias en el presente, por demandarlo así la importancia del programa que anhelamos poner en práctica. El mundo en que habitamos es tan excéntrico, que la vida de las razas y de las naciones es casi insignificante; hombres y razas perecen y naciones sufren sus alteraciones en un proceso que se ha hecho eterno.

En medio de tanta consternación, debemos estar preparados y por ello nuestra organización lucha, no solamente para que nuestra raza subsista los días enumerados por el Gran Creador, sino que también para que resurjan de las ruinas del pasado nuestra gloria y honor primitivos, y nos constituamos una vez más en un poder nacional. Con tal motivo justificado, apelamos una y otra vez a los cuatrocientos millones de nuestro pueblo en el universo, para que se asimile el sentimiento único—amor, orgullo y unión de la raza—del cual obtendremos como resultado nuestra emancipación absoluta.

La cuarta convención internacional de los pueblos negros del universo llevada a cabo en esta ciudad durante todo el mes pasado, ha de ocupar su puesto de honor en la historia de la raza. En el curso de sus deliberaciones, los delegados y representantes adoptaron la resolución más sólida que raza alguna haya podido concebir, y esta fue la fundación de nuestro desarrollo industrial. Con nuestra nueva corporación naviera, como factor de gran transcendencia en tal sentido, podemos fácilmente poner en práctica dicha resolución, garantizando así el futuro económico, el progreso y la felicidad en la vida de nuestro pueblo.

Nuestra organización recurre a todos y cada uno de sus miembros y adeptos, para que aporten con su óbolo a una de las mas importantes de todas nuestras empresas; nuestra corporación naviera solicita prestamos para capitalizarse, con el propósito de adquirir los medios de transportación y emprender su carrera en el inmenso mar de la industria y del comercio. Su principal objeto es establecer a la mayor brevedad posible y poner en operación una línea de vapores, la cual proporcione a la raza una oportunidad en ese campo de progreso. Dichas embarcaciones han de transportar los productos materiales de nuestro pueblo en Africa a las Antillas, Sur, Centro y Norte America, y llevar allí, a su regreso, las manufacturas de éste y otros países en este lado del Atlántico, proporcionando de ese modo ocupación a nuestro elemento en diferentes partes del globo.

La única solución de nuestro problema económico, a nuestro mejor modo de entender, es la instalación de nuestra propia marina mercante, para que ella extienda su utilidad a la raza por toda la superficie del planeta. Tenemos mucho terreno que cultivar en nuestro campo industrial y comercial; los tímidos millones de nuestro elemento en Africa tienen que ser vestidos, alimentados y provistos en fin de todo cuanto requieran sus necesidades en el curso de su existencia. Con nuestro elemento progresista ocupado en este hemisferio occidental en la manufactura de estos artículos de primera necesidad, y nuestra nueva corporación naviera transportándonos a sus destinos respectivos, podemos asegurar para centenares de hombres y mujeres de la raza, quienes dentro de un corto período de tiempo se verán arrojados al desierto de la ventura, por aquellos que actualmente les emplea.

Debemos y tenemos que prepararnos para el porvenir, no esperando a afrontar las dificultades del futuro, sin antes saber lo que hayamos de realizar. El campo fructífero de nuestra raza está aún en embrión, pero una y otra y muchas mas gotas de roco—nuestra cooperación financiera—han de refrescar y abonar el terreno—nuestro programa industrial y comercial—quedando bajo la responsabilidad del agricultor—nuestra organización—la destrucción ó la recolección de la cosecha. Mientras mayor número de embarcaciones pueda nuestra corporación naviera poner en su línea, mayor será el tráfico establecido y mayores serán los beneficios obtenidos. Todo esto demostrará a los enemigos de nuestro movimiento el grave error en que han incurrido, al interponerse en el camino de toda empresa que tienda a mejorar la situación económica de nuestro pueblo. Un nuevo espíritu de determinación ha surgido del seno de nuestra cuarta convención internacional, llevada a cabo recientemente, el cual ha tomado posesión del alma de nuestro elemento conciente. El nos ha de conducir, antes por el sendero hacia la realización del propósito de una raza avejada por centenares de años, cuyo principal motivo ha sido el haber entregado su libertad a aquellos que con su astucia, han sabido sacar el mejor partido de tal confidencia. Este nuevo espíritu de determinación, cual estrella luminosa, esclarece la senda de nuestra felicidad y a la de nuestras generaciones futuras.

SPANISH SECTION

"LUZ DE ORIENTE" Circunvalando el globo

Los Magallanes del aire tuvieron una pronta atención para los escritores de títulos de artículos con imaginación romántica; y precisamente hace cuatrocientos años, el 9 de septiembre de 1522, cuando la Victoria arrojó sus cansadas anclas a la sombra de las torres sevilanas, y Sebastián Cabot y otros treinta supervivientes de la expedición de Magallanes se enteraron de que eran los hombres que habían conducido el buque alrededor del mundo.

Esta es la vez siguiente en estos cuatro siglos que algo semejante a aquélla se repite, pero con un sentido diferente, y es difícil ver por qué no había de ser así. Hay una gran diferencia entre los dos viajes a la patria: por un lado, el de Magallanes fue un viaje de la costa del Pacífico a la historia que habían regresado desde el oriente en el mismo momento, por el otro, el de hoy, que se lanzaron hacia el oeste. Antes de que sea posible re-crear una cosa de esta índole de nuevo alguien tendrá que inventar una serie de relaciones, tuvimos el grato placer de visitar al "The Negro World," gran periódico que se publica en Nueva York y que procura el progreso moral y material de la raza de color en el mundo entero.

Las oficinas se encuentran en la calle número 52 Oeste. Llegamos allí y una elegante dama, amablemente nos condujo al departamento de prensa. Allí, en un momento, conoció a los señores Alonzo Figueroa, corrector caballero de trato exquisito que escribe en dicho diario las editoriales en castellano, y profesor de idiomas. El señor Figueroa nos mostró todos los departamentos y oficinas del periódico y de la Asociación denominada "Universal Negro Improvement and Education Center of America," que tiene su oficina en la calle número 52 Oeste. Llegamos allí y una elegante dama, amablemente nos condujo al departamento de prensa.

Después de haber pasado un tiempo en la oficina, el señor Figueroa nos invitó a ir a una reunión que se iba a celebrar en la noche siguiente. Nos fuimos y encontramos una gran concurrencia. El señor Figueroa nos invitó a ir a una reunión que se iba a celebrar en la noche siguiente. Nos fuimos y encontramos una gran concurrencia.

Su alteza el impresor

El impresor de hoy puede ufanarse de un aboleto tan noble como el que ejerce el más linajado de los oficios ó profesiones. De Guillermo Caxton a Horacio Greeley, pasando por los tipos de la imprenta que hoy día se ven en las ciudades de los Estados Unidos, el arte de imprimir ha producido adelantos del pensamiento y la política en todas partes del mundo que no se imaginaban los Estados Unidos de América Benjamin Franklin fue un gran impresor antes de demostrar sus aptitudes como estadista, y aun hoy día el mundo entero mira con admiración y respeto a la imprenta que hoy día se ve en las ciudades de los Estados Unidos.

En el mismo Departamento tuvimos ocasión de admirar profundamente a un viejo luchador por toda causa justa. Se nombre T. Thos. Fortune y es un veterano en el periodismo, ocupando actualmente el cargo de Jefe de Redacción del renombrado diario "The Negro World." Le admiramos profundamente por su vida y su historia, y por su carácter excepcional. Nos inspiró una profunda simpatía por su amor a Cuba. En el año 1897, libró una gran batalla por la independencia de nuestra Patria, en las columnas de "The Sun de Nueva York, entre los periódicos y revistas por el fundamental, porque no fue escueta la propaganda que él, en ese momento, nos hizo llegar.

Tu, bandera sacrosanta que teñiste tus franjas azules con la sangre de tus cubanos negros, mestizos y blancos que cayeran en la manigua libertaria. Tu, bandera que simbolizas el pensar año e impulso de tanta mujer blanca, mestiza y negra de esa Cuba. Tu, bandera invicta, que teñistes tus franjas azules con el celeste de tu cielo magnificante, que a manera de ceniza sólo guardar siempre con su sol y sus irraditaciones estelares los actos heroicos de tu revolución salvadora. Con la sangre de tus héroes todos, con el pensar difunto y único de tus contertulos y con el anhelo de tu teñiste, tu bandera de Martí, bandera de Maceo, bandera de la República de Cuba. Luis Torres Colon.

Cuba y Puerto Rico—Cuestión Única

El cubano es un hombre. El portorriqueño es otro hombre. Cubanos y portorriqueños somos productos de un mismo fenómeno étnico; obedecemos a un mismo encadenamiento ético; somos por y contra de una tesis por discutir en la cátedra de la psicología isleña, tema único en su especie, legítimamente cubano y portorriqueño, de suyo complejo; problema árido, abstracto en su contexto, do los términos están difícilmente ocultos y a vez encontrados éstos, la incógnita deseada está aún por descubrirse, quedando planteada la proporción de la siguiente manera:

En cuanto al prestigio, hay precedentes. Italia ganó más que perdió prestigio cuando, hace años, abandonó su costosa política de pelear en Albania. Su ejército había absorbido su sangre y su tesoro. El prestigio moral que ha de ganar abandonando su política imperialista sobre nativos rebeldes en gran guerra. Si España pudiera tener la seguridad de que ninguna potencia habría de coschechar donde ella ha sembrado, habría más esperanzas de una cesación de hostilidades.

La complejidad evolutiva que trae consigo todo vórtice político tiene tendencias divergentes a raíz de pasado el período convulsivo que lo inicia. Los elementos que tomaron parte en el proceso recavaron nuevas características una vez resuelta la crisis agitada, y por la ley inmutable de estabilidad, por proceso acumulativo, por ley asociativa, los elementos afines se unen y forman un nuevo todo, con detalles frescos, con otro orden de acción más acomodaticio a las circunstancias imperantes, y he aquí el porqué de cubanos y portorriqueños dependiendo de un mismo proceso genésico, giramos algo distanciados en lo que a patria y orden político respecta, por imponer así ciertas cuestiones de orden interno, exigencias inherentes al estado de cosas puertorriqueñas de los dos pueblos, y que solamente son pertinentes admitir y resolver el cubano.

Nosotros cubanos, que durante años enteros hemos observado y análisis exclusivo del jibaro rifeño tan abnegado y tan paciente, después que se prepare y provea de una educación cívica, necesaria para recavar el legítimo derecho de gente y de humanidad, que ponga en condiciones de demandar, como pueblo civilizado, todas aquellas exigencias a que sea acreedor, y tomar así asiento entre los pueblos serios, bien organizados y mejor constituidos.

Tanto el cubano como el portorriqueño se deben a un mismo origen. Nexos de tradición, lengua costumbres y creencias les unen desde que la historia de América comenzó su primera página civilizatoria. Estos dos pueblos criollos son herencia de un mismo material, y nacidos de un mismo tronco, con la misma savia y la misma floración.

Requisitos Necesarios Para Ser Miembro De La "Asociación Universal Para El Adelanto De La Raza Negra"

Con la cantidad de sesenta centavos (\$0.60) todo elemento de nuestra raza puede ser miembro de la "Asociación Universal para el Adelanto de la Raza Negra." Esta suma incluye cuota de entrada, veinte y cinco centavos (\$0.25) y pago del primer mes, treinta y cinco centavos (\$0.35) como miembro. Todo miembro debe ser provisto de una Constitución, o Libro de Leyes de la Organización (valor 25 centavos) y una insignia (valor 13 centavos).

Si subiera en la villa, pudiese en la ciudad donde Ud. viva una División Autorizada de esta Asociación, haga su aplicación en día, en caso contrario, mande su aplicación al Cuero Directivo de la Asociación, remitiendo la cantidad de un dólar (\$1.00). Al recibo de esta cantidad le será enviado por correo un Certificado de la Asociación, un Certificado como miembro de la Asociación. La aplicación debe ser dirigida al Sr. Secretario, Oficina General del Cuero Directivo, Universal Negro Improvement Association, 56 West 135th Street, New York City, N. Y.

Aconsejamos a aquellos que en sus cuotas al Cuero Directivo lo hagan anual, semi-anual o cada tres meses, para evitar la constante transmisión de la Tarjeta a esta oficina todos los meses. APORTE SU OBOLLO PARA EL GRAN MOVIMIENTO DE TODAS LAS EPOCAS POR LA REDENCIÓN DE AFRICA Y EL ADELANTO DE LA RAZA EN TODAS PARTES.

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FRENCH SECTION

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Quelques Traités Dans de Gouvernement de Libéria vient de vendre le Pays à la Société Firestone

Chers Compagnons de la Race Noire, Salut.

Notre Quatrième Congrès International des Noirs du monde entier a retouré ses séances. Les délégués et les députés sont sur le chemin de retour et vont gagner leurs demeures respectives où ils propageront les travaux de l'Association Universelle pour l'Avancement de la Race Noire.

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La Commission Dominicaine en Haiti

(L'Opinion Nationale.)

Au cours du XIXe siècle, la Nation Dominicaine et la Nation Dominicaine ont constitué sur le territoire de l'Haïti deux Etats indépendants.

Elles étaient liées aux grandes nations par des traités spéciaux sur des sujets divers et des conventions, signées dans des conférences internationales.

En 1915 et 1916 le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis de l'Amérique du Nord, profitaient de la guerre Européenne, fit envahir le territoire de la République d'Haïti et de la République Dominicaine, sous les prétextes les plus futiles, et détruisit leurs institutions politiques et leur indépendance.

Pour des motifs non encore avoués, le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis a décidé de se retirer de la République Dominicaine et de continuer l'occupation d'Haïti, en y maintenant un gouvernement militaire.

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Réponse du Professeur Locke à René Maran

(Les Continents.)

Cher ami et frère de race: Je vous remercie pour la sincère franchise de l'occupation raciale que se manifestent dans votre récente lettre ouverte.

Notre combat se livre sur plusieurs fronts, mon cher M. Maran. Nos objectifs sont différents, mais nous nous poursuivons le même but.

Après l'ouverture du Congrès de New York Le Prince Kojou Tavalou Houonou en Amérique

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Happy Issue of the Long Fight for Control of Federal Hospital at Tuskegee—Dr. Washington's Belief in Men of His Race Bossing Their Job

By DEAN KELLY MILLER In the Boston Chronicle

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Marcus Garvey seems to have been having the time of his life in New York. His position in some instances is open to criticism and in many others it is open to commendation.

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# APPEAL TO SENATE OF LIBERIA BY AMERICAN AND WEST INDIAN NEGROES IN CONVENTION AGAINST ACT OF EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT

PETITION TO THE SENATE OF LIBERIA, MONROVIA, LIBERIA, FROM FOUR MILLION NEGRO MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSAL NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND MILLIONS OF NEGROES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF NEGRO PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

May it please the Honorable Senate:

We, the deputies and delegates of the Fourth Annual International Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World, assembled in Liberty Hall, New York City, United States of America, from the 1st to the 31st of August, 1924, under the auspices of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, beg to submit this our appeal to your honorable body asking for such considerations as you may give in helping to remedy a wrong that has been inflicted upon the Universal Negro Improvement Association and, incidentally, upon millions of Negroes of America and the West Indies who originally planned to make Liberia their permanent home and of which country they had hoped to become citizens in keeping with the constitution framed and made law by your illustrious fathers and amended by your honorable selves.

As you may know, the Universal Negro Improvement Association represents the Negro masses in America and the West Indies. For six years this Association has carried on a continuous system of education among its people to the end that they be organized into one great movement looking forward to their return to Africa, from whence their forefathers were taken centuries ago and to there rehabilitate themselves and to once more possess themselves of the land of which they were original owners. With this end in view, it was decided that the most convenient way of their being able to help their native land, Africa, was through assisting the Republic of Liberia to establish herself as a successful nation through her higher industrial, agricultural and commercial development, thereby proving completely the Negro's undisputed ability for self-government.

## NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT

Being mindful of the fact that Liberia was established over one hundred years ago to offer such an opportunity for the race to demonstrate itself in the higher sphere of government and that you and your fathers have so nobly demonstrated this ability, and, knowing that we at this end possess material, financial and other resources that we could place at your disposal in helping to further develop the country, we sought the good graces of your government in 1920 through the offices of His Excellency President Charles King and the Honorable L. Edwin Barclay, Secretary of State, requesting that the Universal Negro Improvement Association be admitted into the country and be given such rights, concessions and facility to work, as would enable us to assist in the development of Liberia as per document No. 1 attached hereto and answer, document No. 2, signed by the Secretary of State, the Honorable L. Edwin Barclay. After an understanding had been effected in 1920, as above referred to, the Association was again assured in 1921 by the Honorable L. Edwin Barclay, Secretary of State, acting as President in the absence of President King on his way to the United States of America, that every facility would be granted to the Association to carry out its program, and again in February, 1924, the Association sent to Liberia a third commission headed by Sir Robert Lincoln Poston, which commission was received, after proper representation on the part of our attorney in Liberia, the Honorable Arthur Barclay, by the President, His Excellency Charles B. King. At the meeting attended by the Honorable Arthur Barclay, the Honorable late Chief Justice J. J. Dossen and the delegation consisting of Sir Robert Lincoln Poston, Lady Henrietta Vinton Davis and the Honorable J. Milton Van Lowe, the President, His Excellency Charles B. King, outlined a program of operation for the Universal Negro Improvement Association in Liberia, in keeping with the original agreement of 1920 and the endorsement of 1921 and subsequently appointed a committee consisting of prominent citizens of Liberia and members of the government, namely, Vice-President Wesley, the late Chief Justice J. J. Dossen, Hon. Arthur Barclay, ex-President Howard, Honorable J. Carranda, Honorable W. Dennis and Honorable Dixon Brown, as a committee to assist the Universal Negro Improvement Association in carrying out the plan of colonization. We received from the committee certain suggestions embodied in document No. 3 hereto attached, which suggestions we attempted to carry out to the very letter, to the extent that we dispatched from America in June of the present year and July, two shipments of materials to the Cavalla region at Cape Palmas in care of Chief Justice Dossen, materials which are now on the spot and an expert group of engineers—civil and mechanical—to start immediate operation in preparing homes for the first group of colonists, which would leave America in October, according to the suggestion of the committee, for whose convenience we had already secured a steamship by purchase, of 5,300 tons, as well as signed contracts involving two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for further materials to be shipped away to the Cavalla Colony.

## A BOLT FROM THE BLUE

After all this was done in keeping with the suggestions of the committee and previous understanding with the government as per documents attached and referred to, we were most rudely informed through the public press in America, without any previous notification from the government of Liberia, that passports of members of our organization would not be vised by Liberian consuls in America and elsewhere and that no one under the auspices of the Universal Negro Improvement Association be allowed to land in Liberia; that we were not wanted in the country, and reports of that evil nature.

All this was broadcast through the white and colored papers by the Consul General of Liberia, the Honorable Ernest Lyons, of Baltimore, without any offense on the part of the Universal Negro Improvement Association or without any previous intimation that there was anything wrong or unpleasant affecting the understanding that existed between the government and the Universal Negro Improvement Association and the Universal Negro Improvement Association and the local committee appointed by President King in February, 1924.

Adding further insult to our already good intentions, we were informed by cable from Liberia that our expert engineers, who included some of the best men of America and the West Indies, whom we had sent out under contract at great sacrifice, were rudely deported and not allowed to land. We also sent out Sir James O'Meally, High Commissioner General of our Association, a highly cultured and educated gentleman, and he also was not allowed to land, but had to seek refuge in Lagos, British West Africa, until he was able to communicate with us for his immediate return to the United States. Some of the men we sent out had large families at this end whom they separated themselves from, others had resigned government positions in the West Indies and America to take up the appointments with us in Liberia. Two of these men were not American citizens, but British subjects, and under the quota for British subjects coming to the United States of America, on their return were not allowed to land, but had to be sent back to Holland, from where they trans-shipped to the United States, and again we had to remove them from Holland back to their original

## POINTS OUT VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION—WILL PRESENT CASE TO TRIBUNALS OF JUSTICE

**Executives Acted on Advice of Enemies Who Hate Liberia and U. N. I. A. as Independent Black Entities—DuBois, Who Doesn't Like Black and Who Works Under Bad Influence, Referred to in Document**

## SENATORS ASKED TO SAVE COUNTRY AND DIGNITY OF GOVERNMENT

**Propaganda Carried on in America by Ernest Lyons Against U. N. I. A. Cause of Negro World Publishing Certain Statements—U. N. I. A. Loves Liberia and Its People and Wants to Help Unselfishly—Reactionary and Greedy Negroes Stand in the Way**

## GOD BLESS AND SAVE LIBERIA!

homes in the West Indies and leave their families in the United States, whom we also have to ship out to them.

## NO REASON ASSIGNED BY GOVERNMENT

All this humiliation has been heaped upon us by the act of your good government for absolutely no just cause, because up to the present we have not been officially notified or informed that we have done anything displeasing to the government or in violation of the understanding that existed.

The above complaint is not the only one that we have to lay as touching the action of the government, but on the 26th of August of the present year, the Associated Press (white) of the United States, circulated through the white papers all over this country and abroad the following:

## "LIBERIA DENOUNCES GARVEY PLAN; URGES U. S. TO CHECK BLACK HEGIRA

"POLICY OF NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION DECLARED INCENDIARY IN NOTE TO WASHINGTON—OPPOSES IT IN PRINCIPLES AND IN FACT

"WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (Associated Press).—The Government of Liberia, in a formal communication delivered by Ernest Lyons, Consul General, has advised the Washington Government that it is "irrevocably opposed both in principle and in fact to the incendiary policy of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, headed by Marcus Garvey."

"The note, signed by Edwin Barclay, Secretary of State of Liberia, says:

"The Government of Liberia, irrevocably opposed both in principle and fact to the incendiary policy of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, headed by Marcus Garvey, and repudiating the improper implications of its widely advertised scheme for the immigration of American Negroes into the Republic under the auspices of this Association, which scheme, apart from not having the sanction of the Liberian Government, does not appear to be bona fide, and has in addition a tendency adversely to affect the amicable relations of the Republic with the friendly States possessing territories adjacent to Liberia, desire to place on record their protest against this propaganda so far as it relates to Liberia, and to express their confidence that the Government of the United States will neither facilitate nor permit the emigration under the auspices of the Universal Negro Improvement Association of Negroes from the United States with intent to proceed to Liberia."

A similar communication was published in the "Daily London Telegraph" and other London papers, which again reveal that the Secretary of State of your good government and your President have undertaken to carry on a propaganda in foreign countries against the interest of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, without first giving the Universal Negro Improvement Association, with whom they have had an understanding, a chance or opportunity to defend itself against any imaginary departure from the original and only representation that we have made to your good government in our intention to help the country.

## ASKED TO RIGHT THE WRONG

It is for us to state that between 1920 and 1924 all our representatives to the government through President King and the Secretary of State have been wholly to the point of assisting to develop the country industrially, agriculturally and commercially and at no time have we ever suggested anything contrary to these intentions. The communications bearing date of 1924, the last communications sent to the President of Liberia, hereto attached and marked 4 and 5 respectively, further explain our position and intention, and, therefore, leaves us at a loss to know that while we at this end entertained the most friendly and helpful intention and spirit toward Liberia, the President and Secretary of State should so endeavor to wound our feeling and try to hold us up to public ridicule.

It is in this wise that we petition your honorable body to take steps to right the grievous wrong because we believe in the honor and integrity of the Liberian people. We feel that you are blood of our blood and flesh of our flesh and that you would not willingly on your own initiative attempt to do us such injury and work upon us such harm that even a white government, unfriendly though they may appear to be, would not do.

We beg to draw to your attention that while our own black Republic of Liberia deported, humiliated and disgraced our own men sent there to help the country, that the British Government allowed our men to land on their territory in Africa and treated them most cordially until they were able to book passage back to the United States. We also beg to inform you that our rep-

resentatives in France are most courteously welcomed and treated by the French, while, on the other hand, we have been treated so discourteously and humiliated by our own.

## DISCRIMINATING WITHIN THE RACE

We further petition you to intercede between the Secretary of State and the President to withdraw the unholy restriction and discrimination that they have made against the members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and millions of Negroes in America and the West Indies from returning to Liberia to help in the development of that country. We, on this side, are aggrieved because there is national discrimination in our society, where our race is discriminated against by members of the white race. It is that discrimination that caused our fathers and your fathers to settle in Liberia, and it was freedom from such that caused you to adopt the motto "The love of liberty brought us here," yet the same liberty is to be denied other members of our race by your good government, quite contrary to the spirit of the constitution of good Liberia.

We ask, therefore, for your immediate action in this matter. Is it necessary that we call the attention of your most honorable body to section 8, Article 1, of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia?

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, property or privilege but by judgment of his peers or the law of the land."

We beg to submit that there has been no judgment under such section of any violation of principle, privilege or rights of the Universal Negro Improvement Association in its relation with the government.

Again, we beg to draw your attention to Sections 12 and 13 of Article 5 of the Constitution.

"Sec. 12. No person shall be entitled to hold real estate in this Republic unless he be a citizen of the same. Nevertheless, this article shall not be construed to apply to colonization, missionary, educational or other benevolent institutions, so long as the property or estate is applied to its original purpose."

"Sec. 13. The great object of forming these colonies being to provide a home for the dispersed and oppressed children of Africa, and to regenerate and enlighten this benighted continent, none but persons of color shall be admitted to citizenship in this Republic."

Amended by Section 6 to read that Article 5, Section 12, be made to read:

"That none but Negroes or persons of Negro descent shall be eligible to citizenship in this Republic."

Must we understand that the constitution is set aside especially to operate against the Universal Negro Improvement Association and the millions of Negroes who are members thereof?

## WILL CONSTITUTION BE NULLIFIED?

We feel that your honorable body will not so discriminate and thus nullify the constitution of the only free black nation in the world. We are making you, as above stated, for consideration and redress and trust that you will act immediately so as to enable us to carry out our good intentions toward the Republic and the race. We are still prepared and ready to give all aid to Liberia, and to its people in helping to make her a first rate nation. We have absolutely no political designs. We are a peaceable, law-abiding group of people in America, where we operate, and for the last six years we have been recognized by the government, received by the State and Federal authorities, and by the President on several occasions, and it is alarming to us to learn that while white governments treat us with respect and decency, that our own should act in the manner complained of.

This petition must not be regarded as an insult to His Excellency, the President, and the Secretary of State, nor an attempt to hold them up to impeachment, or anything of the kind, but we desire to state the facts and ask for your help and good services in restoring the friendship and fellowship that we desire to exist between all parties concerned. We, after the publications by the Liberian Consul General in America, and by the broad publicity engaged in by the Secretary of State, have had to make one or two statements through our paper, The Negro World, for the purpose of clarifying our position and preventing public condemnation when we were not at fault. These, I trust, you will not interpret to mean any attack against the President or Secretary of State, but only statements made to justify our position at this end and save us from the condemnation of the public who were made to believe that we were not in earnest in what we were attempting to do in helping Liberia and to settle with colonists from this part of the world, the country that we love.

## THE FIRESTONE RUBBER COMPANY CONCESSIONS

We also beg to draw the attention of your honorable body to the great danger that lurks in the future through the granting to the Firestone Rubber and Tire Company of certain concessions, which we do hope have not been yet ratified by you. Whilst it is not in our province to interfere with your legislation, we beg to point to you the motives generally underlying white capitalists when they seek entry into the countries of weaker peoples. It is our firm belief that the Firestone concessions in Liberia will lead them ultimately to seek the usurpation of the government, even as has been done with the black Republic of Haiti after similar white companies entered there under the pretense of developing the country. It is general, as you may know, that certain members of the white race do not humor a government by darker and weaker peoples, and it is our belief that as time goes on, the Firestone Rubber and Tire Company's interest will seek to further tighten its hold upon the Republic with the ultimate aim of superceding its government and placing it into the hands of the white race. We are asking you, therefore, if it is possible, not to ratify the concessions and to guard most jealously the freedom and integrity of your dear country.

## U. N. I. A. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE HEARD

We, your petitioners, further ask that your honorable body make provision to guarantee to the Universal Negro Improvement Association that a commissioner or advocate sent to plead before your honorable body or before any proper tribunal or before the officials of the government, the cause of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, shall be admitted to the country to make such representation and that no judgment be passed upon the Universal Negro Improvement Association or its membership at large until such plea has been made before your honorable body or before a responsible tribunal appointed by the government.

We also beg to request of you that you pay no attention to the representations of the men, W. E. DuBois, his agents or representatives, who may directly or indirectly by anonymous and other harmful letters or communications, endeavor to prejudice you against the Universal Negro Improvement Association to the end that no honest assistance be given Liberia by Negroes who are in earnest to build up by and for themselves but that Liberia and the race be exposed to the designs of those who desire to exploit and humiliate them, for which Negro agents in America and elsewhere are being used.

For these and other considerations, we, your petitioners, do humbly pray. Signed, for the five thousand delegates and deputies attending the Fourth Annual International Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World, representing eleven million members of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and others of the Negro race:

MARCUS GARVEY,  
Speaker in Convention.

G. EMONEI CARTER,  
Secretary of Convention.