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THE IDEALS OF TWO RACES

In a message addressed to his followers and friends, the Hon. Marcus Garvey points out that in so far as the Anglo-Saxon Clubs of America, of which Mr. John Powell is the head, are working for the preservation and purity of race, they have his hearty co-operation and moral support. Feeling that the Anglo-Saxon Clubs and the U. N. I. A. meet on common ground as far as this ideal is concerned, he advises that the two organizations work together to their mutual benefit.

The great leader further feels that Mr. Powell and his group represent the clean-cut and honest section of the white race—those who have honesty and lack hypocrisy in their dealings with the Negro. Emphasizing that the U. N. I. A. does not ask more than it is prepared to concede, he repeats that the Negro need offer no apology for wanting a free and independent nation of his own, with the opportunity to make his distinctive contribution to civilization. And, he avers, those who are against the purification of the races and autonomy, with the unbridled freedom of self-development and self-expression, are enemies of both races, rebels against morality, nature and God.

The message follows:

Fellow Members and Friends of the Universal Negro Improvement Association:

As you are aware, our Association stands for the highest and best in human effort. We desire for ourselves a fixed and permanent place in the affairs of the world—fixed and permanent from the viewpoint of autonomous recognition. Our longing cry has been for a "Free and Redeemed Africa"—a home where our scattered race might assemble itself in the exclusive promotion and development of those things that are dear and precious to the human heart and representative of the loftiest in progressive ideals.

In our desire to achieve greatness as a race we are liberal enough to extend to others a similar right. We are not selfish in desiring all to the exclusion of others. We believe in the doctrine of "Live and let live." To others, not of our race, we extend the heartiest of best wishes, and in so doing we feel that there are others who also wish us well.

In the great American confusion of races it is hard to discern our friends, but as a people we have not been entirely friendless. When I speak of friendship I mean that which is sturdy, honorable and sincere. Such a friendship I desire to apprise you of in the introduction of Mr. John Powell, of the Anglo-Saxon Clubs of America.

Preserving the Race

Mr. Powell represents a body of men and women for whom I maintain the greatest respect because of their honesty and lack of hypocrisy. They represent the clean-cut and honest section of the white race that uncompromisingly stands for the purity of their race, even as we unhesitatingly and determinedly agitate and fight for the purity of the Negro race. All races should be pure in morals and in outlook, and for that we, as Negroes, admire the leaders and members of the Anglo-Saxon Clubs. They are honest and honorable in their desire to purify and preserve the white race even as we are determined to purify and standardize our race.

Mr. Powell and his organization sympathize with us even as we sympathize with them. I feel and believe that we, the two organizations, should work together for the purpose of bringing about the ideal sought—the purification of the races, their autonomous separation and the unbridled freedom of self-development and self-expression. Those who are against this are enemies of both races and rebels against morality, nature and God; for, to the contrary, no good or ethical purpose can be served, but a continuation of world confusion, immorality and sin.

I unhesitatingly endorse the race purity idea of Mr. Powell and his organization, and I have pledged my moral support to their program in that direction, expecting of the honorable and honest of his race the same regard and support for ours. We do not ask more than we will give. We want a free and independent nation of our own, with the right to make our distinctive contribution to civilization, and for this we offer no apology.

I am asking you, my friends and co-workers, to hear Mr. Powell, whom I have invited to speak to you. Extend to him and the Anglo-Saxon Clubs the courtesy and fellowship that is logical to the program of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

With affectionate regards and best wishes, I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

MARCUS GARVEY,
President-General,
Universal Negro Improvement Association.

