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The Petty Men Who Are Fighting the U. N. I. A. Are But Sealing Their Own Doom

Fellow-Men of the Negro Race, Greeting:

It seems to me that all the experiences of the past have not served to cause men to cease from battering their heads against a stone wall—the enemy continues to hammer at the Universal Negro Improvement Association. But I want to say that those who fight the Universal Negro Improvement Association miscalculate the strength of this movement, misinterpret the spirit of the New Negro. The spirit of the Universal Negro Improvement Association cannot be broken notwithstanding the legions of hell, and at this time the legions of hell are lined up against the Universal Negro Improvement Association, but with the banner of righteousness we shall march on, defeating the foe at every step.

Some of you in New York do not really know the strength and enthusiasm of this movement. But those who go out to the outposts of the association come in contact with that devotional enthusiasm and loyalty that are incomparable. No such enthusiasm, no such loyalty and devotion to a cause has ever been seen before. In places where men once held themselves in fear and trembling, such as in the southern sections of this country and in places such as in the homeland, Africa, we find even the youth of the race standing up with a vigor, with a courage and with a determination never yet known to man. Day by day we gather evidence of the new spirit of loyalty and devotion to race, the new spirit of manhood that has possessed the race from all corners of the world.

Africa Is Half Won

Africa stands one great organized continent, one great organized section for the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Our work in Africa is half done. If half has been completed in seven years, give us ten years more and we will sweep Africa—we will sweep the world with an accomplishment that will go down the ages as the greatest accomplishment of man. Take it from me, that you who make up the Universal Negro Improvement Association are occupying more of the time and attention of the great nations and governments of the world than all that has happened within the last seven years. It is not so much the sabre rattling of Mussolini; it is not so much what Italy, or Turkey, or Russia will do in the future; the question that is puzzling the minds of the statesmen of Europe is what the Universal Negro Improvement Association backed by the 400,000,000 Negroes of the world is going to do. That is what is occupying the attention of Europe at this time, and that is responsible for the opposition that is being fostered against this movement internally and externally. They have resorted to all kinds of subterfuges to undermine the strength and influence of the Universal Negro Improvement Association; but the more they strike the greater grows this great cause; the greater this great cause scatters itself around the world.

Making History

The Universal Negro Improvement Association is making a history that will live forever, and those who oppose the Universal Negro Improvement Association are only writing their names down in the book of doom. Some think that the Universal Negro Improvement Association starts and ends with Marcus Garvey; but Marcus Garvey is only an accident in the career of this great race of ours. Long after Marcus Garvey will have passed from this scene of action, the cause of the Universal Negro Improvement Association will be marching on with men of even more vigor than Marcus Garvey.

So those who oppose the Universal Negro Improvement Association do not seem to realize that they are not opposing a human force; they are opposing a spiritual force that cannot be stopped. As they tried to oppose the religion of Christ by nailing Christ to the cross, but failed, in that after the Christ his religion came down the ages stronger and stronger until in the twentieth century it is the greatest physical and moral force of the world, so in the death of one leader of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, the work of the Universal Negro Improvement Association will be carried forward with stronger force and power.

Who Are the Opposers?

Who are they who fight the Universal Negro Improvement Association? Men and women of little means; men and women of little visions who fight the Universal Negro Improvement Association because they cannot calculate the destiny of this movement. They fight the Universal Negro Improvement Association because they cannot appreciate the value of human fellowship. If they had the wisdom of the centuries; if they had the wisdom of the ages they would have known beforehand that the Universal Negro Improvement Association has a place in the affairs of men that cannot easily be shaken. The Universal Negro Improvement Association is traveling toward a destiny even as races and nations in other ages have traveled toward a destiny.

And so the thing for us to realize is that our only drawback at this time is our lack of courage. When the 400,000,000 Negroes of the world can summon enough courage, can summon enough backbone, and when they become united in one purpose, at that very hour the whole world falls before the Universal Negro Improvement Association and the colors of the Red, the Black and the Green.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,



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