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The Why and Wherefore of “Back to Africa”

The following is an excerpt from a famous speech by the Hon. Marcus Garvey delivered at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on March 10, 1924. The full text of this speech is to be found in “Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey,” volume II:

Back to Africa

The thoughtful and industrious of our race want to go back to Africa, because we realize it will be our only hope of permanent existence. We cannot all go in a day or year, ten or twenty years. It will take time under the rule of modern economics, to entirely or largely depopulate a country of a people, who have been its residents for centuries, but we feel that, with proper help for fifty years, the problem can be solved. We do not want all the Negroes in Africa. Some are no good here, and naturally will be no good there. The no-good Negro will naturally die in fifty years. The Negro who is wrangling about and fighting for social equality will naturally pass away in fifty years, and yield his place to the progressive Negro who wants a society and country of his own.

Negroes are divided into two groups, the industrious and adventurous, and the lazy and dependent. The industrious and adventurous believe that whatsoever others have done it can do. The Universal Negro Improvement Association belongs to this group, and so you find us working, six million strong, to the goal of an independent nationality. Who will not help? Only the mean and despicable “who never to himself hath said, this is my own, my native land.” Africa is the legitimate, moral and righteous home of all Negroes, and now, that the time is coming for all to assemble under their own vine and fig tree, we feel it our duty to arouse every Negro to a consciousness of himself.

White and black will learn to respect each other when they cease to be active competitors in the same countries for the same things in politics and society. Let them have countries of their own, wherein to aspire and climb without rancor. The races can be friendly and helpful to each other, but the laws of nature separate us to the extent of each and every one developing by itself.

We want an atmosphere all our own. We would like to govern and rule ourselves and not be encumbered and restrained. We feel now just as the white race would feel if they were governed and ruled by the Chinese. If we live in our own districts, let us rule and govern those districts. If we have a majority in our communities, let us run those communities. We form a majority in Africa and we should naturally govern ourselves there. No man can govern another's house as well as himself. Let us have fair play. Let us have justice. This is the appeal we make to white America.

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BRITISH ATTITUDE TOWARD EGYPT SCORED; PREMIER CLEARLY SHOWS HYPOCRISY OF ENGLAND'S CLAIMS

El Nasah Pasha Says England "Promised Us Freedom 62 Times"—Asks If George Washington Would Have Signed Such a Treaty as Chamberlain Offered—League of Nations a Hollow Sham—Talk of Outlawing War Empty Bubbles

By H. VON WIEGAND
In The New York American

CAIRO, April 28.—Mustapha El Nasah Pasha, Prime Minister of Egypt and leader of the Egyptian Zaghulist Nationalist party known as the "Wafidists," explained to me why Egypt resents the treaty and alliance offered by Britain.

"Egypt demands that Britain withdraw her troops of occupation that have now been in our country for more than forty years. Egypt desires to exercise her rights of independence," said the successor to the late Saad Zaghlul Pasha, "Egypt's Grand Old Man," who died last year.

The Premier received me in his villa in Helipolis, the beautiful town that has sprung like out of the desert a few miles from Cairo. It is appropriate enough to call it the "City of the Sun." Not only is it a true under-world, which legend has it, Joseph and Mary visited, but it is also the capital of the British Empire.

When I asked him if he had decided to send his son to Britain, he said, "Yes, I have decided to send my son to Britain to study law at Oxford University."

Gandhi Will Try to Reconcile Hindu and Moslem Factions

LONDON, May 15.—Sir Chittaranjan Das, leader of the Indian National Congress, has decided, according to British sources, to go to India to try to bring about a reconciliation between Hindus and Moslems.

Gandhi's decision is believed to be of vital importance to India's political future. Party conferences which have been held in the past few months in the various provinces have not been successful, owing to the difficulty of bridging the gap between Hindus and Moslems.

Gandhi attended a conference held at Madras last Friday, and planned his purpose of reconciling the two religious groups.

"It does not mean that it is only a means of uniting United States," he said.

"I have never had any such idea," he said.

"I have no desire to do anything but to help you to do your best," he said.

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