

NEGROES GATHER FOR RACE MEETING

Delegates From All Over United States and Other Countries Will Attend Second Annual Gathering in New York City

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NEW YORK, New York—The Universal Negro Improvement Association, an organization which, it is claimed, has 4,000,000 members scattered all over the world, will open its second international convention here on August 1 and throughout the month delegates from all the states, from South and Central America, the West Indies, Asia, Europe and Africa, will consider the program of the association, whose ultimate aim is to take over Africa.

"The convention is being held," says Marcus Garvey, president-general, "for the purpose of legislation for the future government of the Negro race. The program for the development and emancipation of Africa will be discussed. This is the only convention that represents the true spirit of Negroes everywhere. It is not called by one man to suit his whims and caprices. It is called by the elected representatives of the entire race.

Unconquerable Power Sought

"At this time every man, woman and child of the race must concentrate on the building of the Universal Negro Improvement Association into an unconquerable power through which we can fight our way to industrial, commercial, educational, social and political freedom on the great continent of Africa."

"Any man of the race who refuses to lend his intelligence at this time for the preservation of his race and for his race's emancipation is none other than a traitor. This is not the time for personal differences; this is not the time to ask where a man was born, what country he came from, what organization he is attached to, and the college he graduated from; but this is the time for every man—let him be Dubois, Moton, Garvey, Kelley-Miller—to pitch in now and save the Negro race from the doom that threatens

"On America we are depending for help because we helped America throughout every crisis America has ever faced and we are still preparing as a race to do all we can for America at any time America is in need. But the world will understand now that we have buried the illiterate and foolish Negro and the world is now dealing with the new educated Negro, and as educated men and women we shall demand things now that our fathers never dreamed before.

"That is the only change in the attitude of the Negro. Governments

everywhere must realize that they are dealing with a new class—a different class of people; that is all. But it has the same loyalty—it has the same devotion to governments, to flags and to institutions. No one may expect a compromise from Marcus Garvey so long as Marcus Garvey lives and so long as Negroes are oppressed.

"I am glad that de Valera is about to get some kind of recognition for the freedom of Ireland, and when he is through Marcus Garvey will go for Africa's share.

"A new leadership among Negroes is the need of the hour. Not a Dubois or a Moton or a Kelley-Miller leadership, for the old leadership of Negroes has been destructive, not constructive. Our race calls for a leadership that sees the coming conflict of nations and races and that will prepare for it.

"We have a great work to do; a work that has been said to be impossible for the Negro to do. But they judged us by the standards of the old Negro and not by the standards of the new Negro.

Ready for Struggle

"We are willing to contend for every right that the Negro should enjoy; willing to avenge, if need be, the wrongs of our race, the wrongs that come up on the horizon. I think of the great mob of Tulsa, Oklahoma; I think of the peonage and serfdom our people are suffering in many parts of the southland of the United States. I think of the segregation, of the Jim Crowism; I think of all the horrible things that the negro has had to suffer; and I feel that these things must pass away. They shall no longer blacken the pages of history, because the negro is rising up in his might, is taking his own fate in his hands, and he means never to stop, never to rest until he has driven every alien out of Africa and taken up the whole continent of Africa for himself."