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Garvey Turns Informer

Tells White Magistrate That Briggs Sent Him Invitation to Co-operate in the Overthrow of White Governments to Free Africa

*Another Judas Act by
Marcus Garvey*

THE following letter was presented to Justice Renaud in the 12th District Magistrate's Court on October 20, 1921, by Marcus Garvey with the statement that "Briggs sent me this letter asking me to co-operate with him in the overthrow of white governments":

**Business of the African Blood Brotherhood:
August 15, 1921.**

~~Emergency~~
The Provisional President of Africa
56 West 135th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Garvey:

As Executive Head of the AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD I have been authorized by the SUPREME COUNCIL of the organization to invite you to a conference on those major questions in the work for African liberation in which both yourself and I, and our respective organizations are intensely interested.

In recognition of the fact that you are particularly busy right at present I am leaving it to you to suggest the date for such a conference. I hope, however, that you can find it convenient to have it this week in view of the fact that the agreements reached in view of the might be of a nature to importantly affect the present international Negro Congress.

I think we both of us give each other credit for being in deadly earnest in the work of African liberation. Our organizations are moving in different spheres, however. Having the same aims and ideals, we are yet approaching our object by somewhat different, though always parallel, roads. By reason of this we are bound to help each other—and that whether we consciously co-operate or not. But think of what we might be able to do for the race through conscious co-operation were we to adopt a program which would jointly represent us, without any serious compromise on either side of important tactical plans or principles.

For your information I may state that the A. B. B. is essentially a secret organization, though at present engaged in open recruiting in the Northern States (U. S.). We are organized for immediate protection purposes and eventual revolutionary liberation in Africa and other countries where Negroes constitute a

majority of the population. The statement sent broadcast over the United States by the Associated Press to the effect that the A. B. B. "fomented and directed the Tulsa riot"; e. g., agitated, supplied leaders, ammunition, etc., while not literally true can still give you an idea of the nature of our organization.

Hoping to hear from you soon on the matter of a conference, I am, Cordially,
(Signed) CYRIL V. BRIGGS,

Executive Head African Blood Brotherhood.
Note.—It is perhaps unnecessary to remark that I ceased giving Garvey credit "for being in deadly earnest" quite some time ago.—Cyril V. Briggs.

"This Judas Iscariot is the Moses that was to have been.

BISHOP MCGUIRE LEAVES U. N. I. A.

Bishop George Alexander McGuire, head of the African Orthodox Church and for some time one of the few intelligent leaders of the U. N. I. A., has severed all relation with that organization following a tilt with Garvey. Details in next issue.

THE EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION

The most striking characteristic of the civilizations of the world, especially of the West, is their evanescent nature. A State, to some extent primitive, comes to the front, evolves rapidly, reaches its zenith and then declines. A few hundred years covers the whole process. Carthage, Greece and Rome "have their day and cease to be." There is no stability, no permanence. On the contrary, however, the most notable quality of the Egyptian civilization is its permanent character. Instead of lasting only a few hundred years, it endures for thousands; and whereas in other centuries the entire evolution of the civilization can be traced from its primitive beginnings, through infancy, maturity, old age and death, in Egypt there appears to be no beginning, the civilization apparently starts mature; and although within it there are minor cycles of decline and renaissance, still the initial starting point has not been found; it ever receded down "the arches of the years" into the night of time.—Bothwell Gosse.