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goes to earn a better living and, therefore, more effectively to support agencies for social uplift, is without the slightest doubt the next step. It will involve no opposition from white America because they do not believe we can accomplish it. They expect always to be able to crush, insult, ignore and exploit 12,000,000 individual Negroes without intelligent organized opposition. This organization is going to involve deliberate propaganda for race pride. That is, it is going to start out by convincing American Negroes that there is no reason for their being ashamed of themselves; that their record is one which should make them proud; that their history in Africa and the world is a history of effort, success and trial, comparable with that of any other people.

Such measured statements can, and will be exaggerated. There will be those who will want to say that the black race is the first and greatest of races, that its accomplishments are most extraordinary, that its desert is most obvious and its mistakes negligible. This is the kind of talk we hear from people with the superiority complex among the white and the yellow race.

We cannot entirely escape it, since it is just as true, and just as false as such statements among other races; but we can use intelligence in modifying and restraining it. We can refuse deliberately to lie about our history, while at the same time taking just pride in Nefertari, Askia, Moshesh, Toussaint and Frederick Douglass, and testing and encouraging belief in our own ability by organized economic and social action.

There is no other way; let us not be deceived. American Negroes will be beaten into submission and degradation if they merely wait unorganized to find some place voluntarily given them in the new reconstruction of the economic world. They must themselves force their race into the new economic set-up and bring with them the millions of West Indians and Africans by peaceful organization for normative action or else drift into greater poverty, greater crime, greater helplessness until there is no resort but the last red alternative of revolt, revenge and war.

BRANTFORD NOTES

Mrs. Bennett, sister of the late Mr. J. Molott, of London, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnson.

A goodly number attended the Thanksgiving dinner at the B.M.E. Church. A well prepared program followed.

On Thanksgiving Monday a supper was held in the church.

A surprise birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. R. Johnson by the members of her family.

Mrs. G. Johnson has taken up her residence in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson are settled in their new home.

The B.M.E. Church fireside Society held a successful Halloween social.

Miss Julie Snowlen, Miss Doris Molott, Mr. Dick Washington and Mr. Johnny Molott spent the weekend in Buffalo.



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