# Africa's Awakening.

FOR A WORLD NEGRO CONGRESS: By D. IVON JONES.

ist c.vilisation. The wealth of England and America out notice. is built upon his bones. The slave ships of Bristol and New York, with good Quaker prayers to spece. There are also the Congresses held by the associathem, founded the fortunes of many a Christia: lion headed by Marcus Garvey, a Jamaican negro | But negro emancipation is not an American queshome. Every capitalist government is drenched with the blood of the negro. British Imperialism ir. South Africa, the French in the Cameroons, Belg.un in the Congo, and the German Empire in Damara strongly flavoured with religious and rac al charla- | going to stretch out the hand of brotherhood to the every primitive human right, continued up to the South Africa. In the latter country the negroes form be raised without the awakening of Africa. But it present day. Even the liberation of the American a race of labourers, without any shopkeeping or is no less true that the European proletariat cannot staves was only an incident of a civil war betwee: two factions of property holders engaged in a quarrel over the forms of exploitation, and was not the trader element in America reflecting on the purely aim of the war as is commonly supposed. And as labouring negro masses, has a lot to do with what an aftermath of that war there was created a social attitude thwards the negro race which leaves the latan exploitation of awakening race consciousness: one-time chattel slaves still degraded outcasts among the peoples of the earth.

# WORKERS' PREJUDICE PASSING.

This artificially generated race animosity towards. the negro pervading the whole of Anglo-Saxon societ. infects also the large working masses. The Africa. negro is the hewer of world and the drawer of wate: even for the white workers of Europe. The worker. of England are trained from childhood to regard the But awakening race consciousness in Africa tends | workers. But a more imposing gesture is needed to Zulu and Matabele wars as heroic exploits, rather to have a positive side among the large industrial convince the negro masses that a new dawn is breakthan foul pages in English history. Hence the apathy and social prejudice towards the negro race. I alism. What the South African bourgeois calls a one and the same thing, that there is an army of for we hate most those we have injured most. But I native hooligan is one who, having worked, some liberation coming to aid him, the revolutionary prothis period is passing, just as the days of the Second | time in the towns, no longer recognises the authority | letariat. Time is pressing, the negro armies of Im-International are passing. The workers of Europe of his tribal chief. Race consciousness, in the case perialism are already on the Rhine. Only the Comare no longer sharing, the profits of their masters. I of the negro in Africa, is a step towards class con-The Commun st International has appeared, and sciousness, because his race is a race of labourers. calls into the one great proletarian family the ne. The coming World Congress will have to decide the darity can this reconciliation be achieved. groes of Africa as well as the peoples of the East, question, how faif the movement towards race conslong with the revolutionary proletarias of the capi- sciousness can be directed into proletarian forms. talist countries.

# NEGRO CONGRESSES.

World Congress of Negroes.

forc. But they have been composed of members of faith to mixed associations of negroes and white Committee's publicity campaign; the Committee the yery thin layer of negro intelligenzia, who have philanthropists. Their eagerness for immediate hopes that the Party organs in Britain, America, placed vain hopes in professions of loyalty to their social contact on equal terms with white intelli- Belgium, etc., will devete special attention to the oppressors. The London Congress of 1921 greeted genzia cannot stand the long strain of waiting for | negro question and to the preliminary work necesthe recruitment of negroes into the French army as proletarian emancipation. But the organisation of sary for the calling of a World Negro Congress under a mark of citizenship. Among the huge toiling negro Communists, known as the African Blood the banner of the Commintern.

The negro is the greatest living accuser of capital-, masses of negroes such a Congress passes by with-, Brotherhood, has achieved considerable progress.

#### MARCUS GARVEY.

psychology of the tenant farmers and the small more advanced negroes of America. is now notoriously known as "Garveyism," a charwhich, in so far as it takes anti-white forms, is secretly encouraged by the capitalist class both in America and in South Africa. The number of negro farmers, mostly with very small holdings, according to the last American census, was 949,889 which. with their families, represents a big proportion of hing to hear news of the Communist Party and of the negro population in America.

## RACE OR CLASS CONSCIOUS:

masses, namely, the outliving of old tribal section-ling, that "white man" and "oppressor" are not

## DUBOIS AND A.B.B.

through proletarian emancipation. But in action, be a matter for the Enlarged Executive to decide.

Undoubtedly, America will supply the leaders of negro emancipation.

#### AMERICA AND AFRICA.

who has captured the imagination of the negro tion; it is a question of Africa, as our American masses in America, and whose slogans, "Back to comrades themselves have declared. Who is to get Africa" and "Africa for the Africans," are even this great Africa, the capitalist class or the Comspreading into Africa itself.. This organisation is mintern? And when is the European proletariat land—they all constitute the blackest record in tanism. The proletarian character of the negro mass | masses of Africa, and wipe out centuries of capitalist human history of mass slaughters and violation of is not so distinct in America as, for instance, in wrong? The status of the American negro cannot small tenant element. Probably the small property obtain a real link with Africa except through the

#### THE PROLETARIAN LINK.

To the South African negro, every white man is an ! oppressor, a master, a "boss." Even the oppressed among the whites appears to the black the most violent curser of the negro. And therefore it is no wender that news of class emancipation in Europe must appear to him a purely domestic affair of thest whites. A few young industrial workers are beginlits actions on behalf of the blacks, and these are beginning to spread the idea. They see Communists gaoled for declaring the solidarity of black and white munist International can reconcile the negro and the white races, and only through proletarian soli-

## A C.I. NEGRO CONGRESS.

The Fourth Congress appointed a Committee to draw up the pfans for a World Negro Congress. It The foremost leader of the negro intelligenzia in is to be hoped that this Committee will report to This is the first ray of hope for the negroes America, Burghardt du Bois, a graduate of Harvard, the forthcoming Enlarged Executive, and that the throughout all the centuries of their oppression. For stands apart from the Marcus Garvey organisation. I delegates will be equipped with definite ideas on the first time, Negro Communists appeared at the He is an author of several books of high literary the subject. The Congress will undoubtedly be a Fourth Congress of the Communist International, merit, in which appears a glimmering apprehension proletarian Congress, but the extent to which nonand a resolution was passed declaring in favour of a lof the truth that negro, emancipation can only come | proletarian represent tives will be invited will also

There have been World Congresses of Negroes be- the negro-intelligenzia, including Du Bois, pin their | The foregoing notes are written as part of the