

## BRIGGS SAYS GARVEY LIES

New York, Sept. 12.—Cyril V. Briggs, editor of The Crusader Magazine and executive head of the African Blood Brotherhood, a protective Negro organization having for its motto the legend "immediate protection and ultimate liberation of Negroes everywhere," issued the following statement yesterday in answer to Marcus Garvey's claim at Liberty Hall, New York, on the night of September 4, that Mr. Briggs and his associates were "operating under the auspices of the Communist Party":

"When Marcus Garvey attempts to meet with lies and cheap abuse the logical arguments and reasonable questions put to him by the African Blood Brotherhood out of a sincere desire on the part of that organization to clarify certain issues which are not the personal property of Marcus Garvey but are, despite his impudent presumption, the common problems and property of all persons of Negro blood and Negro pride, he is merely running true to form. It is with mind-slitting that he has attempted to meet all arguments from others in the past. When he made the statement that 'Briggs and his associates who are operating under the auspices of the Communist Party want us to be iconoclasts' Marcus Garvey was lying—and knew he was lying!—in more ways than one. Myself and associates are neither operating under the auspices of the Communists Party nor do we want Mr. Garvey or anybody else to be iconoclast 'to destroy everything we come into contact with; smash up governments and destroy capital.' We merely advocate the proposition that 'since it is under the capitalist-imperialist system that Negroes suffer, we must boldly seek the destruction of that system, and to that end seek co-operation with such other forces—Socialism, Bolshevism, etc.—that are engaged in war to the death with Capitalism.' Mr. Garvey, in his genius for confusing issues, has confused 'capital': accumulated wealth; with "Capitalism": the control of the machinery of production by the few.

"As to destroying governments we are not seeking the destruction of governments as such. We do not advocate, for example, the destruction of the Liberian Government. We do, however, advocate the encouragement of all forces inimical to the imperial governments of the countries which have partitioned and subjugated the African continent. We look upon the weakening or destruction of those governments as one of the surest means whereby the liberation of Africa can be achieved. We emphatically object to the premise that Negroes owe any loyalty to such governments. Mr. Garvey, on the other hand, evidently thinks that Negroes can be loyal to the governments of the European plunderers and yet liberate Africa from the control of those same governments."