

## Outline October 9, 2013

### Pan-African Movement

-Back to Africa-Blyden and Garvey

-Conferences-1<sup>st</sup> Pan-African Conference Sylvester Williams and DuBois

**Pan Africanism: a transitional movement to secure equal rights, self-government, independence, and unity for people in Africa and in the African Diaspora.**

- Back to Africa activities gained momentum in the 19<sup>th</sup> c.
  - Liberia
  - Sierra Leone
- Conferences
- By 1850's New Interest:
  1. Return to Africa seen as best way for those in Diaspora to escape slavery and racism
  2. Foster Christianity and Western civilization in Africa.
  3. Nationalism
    - Leaders thought that only by establishing black nation without other influences is only way to achieve equality.
- Outspoken proponent-Edward Blyden-Caribbean 19<sup>th</sup> c.
  - Tried to get into Rutgers
  - Went to Liberia to get an education
  - Wanted to encourage Africans to repatriate
  - He was a journalist, educator, and politician
  - Influenced Garvey
- Marcus Garvey-early 20<sup>th</sup> c.
  - From Jamaica
  - Writer and Activist
  - UNIA formed in Jamaica 1914
  - It was formed to promote resettlement and look at the condition of African people
  - Promoted equality of women, which was not a popular thing to do
- Amy Ashwood (Garvey's wife) helped establish the UNIA
  - She moved to the US
  - She conducted branches in NY for UNIA
  - 5<sup>TH</sup> Pan-African Movement –Manchester England- 1945-opens session-she was a vital member
  - 1922 she divorced Garvey, but continued in activism.
- Garvey's ideas seemed radical to many people
  - Critics in US and Africa
- Nand. Atikeway – thought Garvey's idea to exclude others from Africa was too radical
- Colonizers were so intertwined
- Garvey said they need to be able to establish their own government and autonomy
- Black Starline was a shipping company
  - Made to establish commerce in all America and Africa

- Delaware 1919 made here
- Garvey bought ships that needed to be refurbished-took time-this put pressure on him
- Black Nationalism-scared US a bit
- Starline ended in 1922 (same year as divorce)
- He was accused of mail fraud-technicality
- He was deported back to Jamaica in 1922, but continued to work
- Died in 1940
- **UNIA** has at least 6 million members –US, Cuba, Panama, Costa Rica, India, Australia, Liberia, etc. Also members in South Africa, Ghana, and Nigeria
- International Conferences-organized to protest colonization and inequality
- London 1900 designed to bring Africans and descendants to address injustice experienced in Europe, Caribbean, US etc.
- **1<sup>ST</sup> Pan African Conference, London 1900**
  - Main purposes:
    1. **Anti-imperialist stance**
    2. **Greater Pan-African unity and cooperation**
    3. **Industrializing and advancing the countries of Africa economically**
    4. **Preserving African cultural traditions**
    5. **Protecting the independence of Haiti, Liberia, Ethiopia, against imperialist attacks from Europe and the US**
  - Organizers: Sylvester William and Du Bois
- **Henry Sylvester Williams**
  - Born in **Trinidad**
  - Writer and lawyer
  - Educated in London
  - African Association: challenge racism, imperialism in Africa**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time in history Africans meet to organize so they can be equal
- **W.E.B Du Bois**
  - Born in **Massachusetts** born
  - Harvard educated-1<sup>st</sup> African to receive PhD
  - Activist and author
  - 1909 NAACP founder**
  - Addressed letter to Nations of the World**
    - People in the Caribbean have a right to self government and other rights
    - Africans sent to heads of states where Africans lived and suffered under oppression.
    - British government responded-said appeasing things like that they were concerned, and doing what they could, but there was slow progress
- **Political and civil rights demanded for people living in the US**
- **21<sup>ST</sup> c. Pan-Africanism**
  - Still active today
  - African Independence Movement-broader movement as well
  - UK-Oxford
  - US
  - Tanzania

- etc. the movement continued to flourish
- Youtube: Movie Clip “Influence of Marcus Garvey Part 1”