Seven Amazing Days

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is an exciting and fast-moving account of the memorable visit of a young African student from the United States to British Guiana and the tumultuous welcome he received in the land of the six peoples in late December 1950.

It is the story of Eze Ogueri II, of Nigeria. It is the story of his beloved Africa. Above all, it is the story of the message of affection and encouragement he gave to the tens of thousands of the multi-racial population of British Guiana in seven unforgettable days.

In remembrance of those times, every December 27 is now celebrated as “Eze Day.” So deep an impression did this visit make that many Guianese have even named their new-born children “Eze.” There is even a new “Eze Ogueri II School of African Culture” in British Guiana.

From individuals, organizations, churches and professional groups, of all races, who heard his ringing words and telling ideas, have come such expressions of gratitude as these:

1. “Your visit will be talked about here as long as there is a picture of you about; and there is a picture of you in every other house in the colony. You simply moved into the hearts of us Guianese”.

2. “We all remember you. We think of you, we picture you moving around in that graceful unassuming way, regardless of your nobility. To us you have been an inspiration, a God-sent gift, a pattern for us to follow, and we promise that we will try to live up to your expectations”.

3. “You have all unknowingly reconstructed my life. You came to British Guiana at a time when I lived in a valley of depression, and life seemed hardly worth the trouble of living... Your visit stirred me out of that apathy... Ever since I have begun once more to live. In short, I seem to have been born anew... God bless you”.

4. “Your visit... was a challenge and an inspiration — a challenge to maintain unimpaired the unity and solidarity of our racial group; an inspiration to rise to lofty heights of high endeavour for the advancement of our race and the enrichment of the common stock of mankind. We saw in you a powerful mirror of the soul of Africa — the cradle of the human race.”

The Seven Amazing Days has an inspirational value. It strives to restore cultural identity, racial “pride” and dignity to people of African ancestry and of “color” the world over who had lost them by force of history. In this book, the Afro-American will find some of the same spirit which has marked the careers of such famous Americans as Marian Anderson, Mary McLeod Bethune, Ralph Bunche, George Washington Carver, Carter G. Woodson and others in a way to arouse in him a fresh hope. At the same time, the book maintains as its general theme the need for international and interracial goodwill and understanding.

The League of Colored Peoples in South America, which operates in much the same way as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the United States, salutes the group whose interracial teamwork made possible the preparation of this book.

The Publishers
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