

# Locke Hails Non-Partisan League As Sound Move

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**NEW YORK**—The distinguished author and educator, Dr. Alain Locke of Howard university, in an exclusive statement to the Defender this week lauded the newly formed National Non-Partisan League for the election of President Roosevelt.

Locke said: "The National Non-Partisan League is a sound strategic move for the intelligent and patriotic Negro voter. By means of it he can support Roosevelt with self-respect and serve the Negro

statement sums up to the same thing either way you take it."

## Urges Registration

The well-known scholar was one of the first to herald the idea of a Non-Partisan League. His concern that Negroes should register and that President Roosevelt should continue in office is proof of the depth of the issues in this campaign. Like Dr. Locke, many outstanding Negroes who have never before given vocal expression to their choice of candidates are coming out for Roosevelt.

Heretofore Dr. Locke's activities have been in the main confined to scholarly pursuits although he has given an ear to progressive thought throughout the world. In the early part of this year his photograph and an account of his work appeared in Current Biography. That publication described him as "an outstanding interpreter of the cultural contributions and achievements of the Negro."

Dr. Locke is a Harvard graduate, was a Rhodes scholar to Oxford university in England and did further graduate study at the University of Berlin. He has been a professor at Howard since 1912. Last year he was Inter-American Exchange professor to Haiti.

He is an honorary fellow of the Sociedad de Estudios Afro-Cubanos, and a member of the International Institute of African Languages and Culture and a corresponding member of the Academie des Sciences Coloniales in Paris. For some years he has been secretary-editor of the Associates in Negro Folk Education.



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people's best interest through a bargaining alliance with the liberal progressive wing of democracy disassociating himself at the same time from the scalawag, anti-Negro elements in the Democratic party.

"The Negroes' best political bet in this campaign is with the better half of the Roosevelt program."

When the reporter said, "Dr. Locke that sounds like a vote for Mr. Roosevelt," he replied, "That