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To my parents,
CAROLE AUDREY and GEORGE STEPHENS,
and in memoriam to MICHAEL SPRINKER,
for their intelligence and care

There will be a turning point in the history of the West Indies . . . [T]he people who inhabit that portion of the Western hemisphere will be the *instruments of uniting a scattered race* who, before the close of many centuries, will found an Empire on which the sun shall shine as ceaselessly as it shines on the Europe of the North today.

—MARCUS GARVEY

It is at the heart of national consciousness that international consciousness lives and grows. And this two-fold emerging is ultimately only the source of all culture.

—FRANTZ FANON

