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BUKOKA, TANGANYIKA CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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From:- L'UNION NATIONALE RUANDAISE (U.N.A.R.) REFUGIES.  
P.O. BOX 218 BUKOKA, WEST LAKE REGION,  
6th June, 1962

The General Secretary,  
U.N.O. General Assembly,  
NEW YORK (U.S.A.)

Dear Sir,

We undersigned on behalf of our other 70,000 refugees in Tanganyika are very glad with this opportunity to submit before you our complaints against the Bad Belgian Administration in Ruanda. After such a series of troubles and miseries it seems to us that even the Almighty God has entirely forgotten us. It is on account of the bad Administration that we have been forced to run out of our country looking for asylum in Uganda and Tanganyika. No peace is to be found in all the colonies administered by the Belgians. In Congo troubles are still going on. In Ruanda and Urundi nobody lives in peace, bloodshed and arson with all kinds of disorders are prevailing.

We tried to bring our complaints before the U.N.O. Missions to our country with no result at all. After each and every U.N.O. Mission we were falling into more serious troubles with the Belgian Administration.

What we want to know is whether Ruanda and Urundi was given to Belgian Government by U.N.O. for protection?- and if so why can U.N.O. not end the Belgian Administration in Ruanda and Urundi after finding out that they are unable to administer peace and order in these two territories?

The U.N.O. Trusteeship Council had passed resolution and told the Administering Authority to try and compromise the political parties and then give independence to the country in July, 1962. Up to now no peace and order is possible in Ruanda, people are being murdered, houses burnt, cattle killed with the result that every body is always anxious of his life and property. Although you intend to give independence to Ruanda on the 1st day of July, 1962, none of the refugees intends to go back to Ruanda for the independence celebration so long as the Belgian Government continues to exist in Ruanda.

As you know well, Sir, we have been under the same German Regime with our Tanganyika brothers before the war of 1914-1916. After that war we were divided by unknown reasons and Tanganyika handed over to the British protection, Ruanda and Urundi to the Belgian protection. We should, therefore, request your kindness to hand over the Ruanda administration for six or seven months before the independence to the Tanganyika Government under the U.N.O. supervision, and the Tanganyika Government will after the period of six or seven months give you a complete report on the real cause of the Ruanda troubles and miseries. Believe us, please.

Unless you agree to do this, the grant of the Independence to Ruanda will result in more bloodshed, arson and endless trouble. We are very glad to be free from the colonial yoke, but it is no use to go from the Belgian colony and then to fall into a new colonialism of anarchy and disorder.

Some people from our Union deserted and joined the Ruanda Republic Government telling U.N.O. that they were sent there to represent our views. We did not send them there and must be seen as liars.

We have nothing more to add, and beg to remain,  
Your obedient Servants.

(Signed)	Oswald NKURANGA	PRESIDENT
" "	Asiel MUTUMWAORUSHINGE	SECRETARY
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Copy to:- The Tanganyika Government,  
P.O. Box 9000,  
Dar-es-Salaam.

P.S. If U.N.O. intends to give complete independence to Ruanda and wants the refugees back to Ruanda, we will be glad to go back to Ruanda but with our Umwami Kigeri V. If the Umwami is not allowed to go back to Ruanda from the exile nobody of the refugees agrees to go back to Ruanda.

(Signed) Oswald NKURANGA PRESIDENT

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