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PETITION FROM EX-CHIEF PARNABE NTUNGUKA CONCERNING RUANDA URUNDI
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Observations of the Belgian Government as Administering Authority

Ex-chief NTUNGUKA was sentenced by the Court at Bubanza to five days' imprisonment with hard labour because he had failed to take his cattle to be inoculated against anthrax, although officially summoned to do so.

It should be noted that:

- (a) the penalty was light, considering that the Decree provides for penalties of up to 2 months penal servitude and 2,000 francs' fine;
- (b) NTUNGUKA managed to have the sentence reviewed by the Tribunal de Parquet, although his request for its reconsideration was submitted late;
- (c) the Tribunal de Parquet confirmed the first sentence.

As regards the petitioner's allegation that he remained without food or drink for five days, the results of an investigation made by the local authority are given below:

NTUNGUKA, who was imprisoned on 13 May 1953, absolutely refused the food brought to him, which was the same as that of all the other prisoners. Mr. Alphonse BUSIGO, his son-in-law, asked the prison warden for permission to bring him food each day. The prison warden, out of sheer kindness, agreed to that request, and thus during the five days of his imprisonment NTUNGUKA received food from his family.

As regards drink, NTUNGUKA, like all the prisoners, had access to running water from the tap.

He was released on 18 May 1953, at morning roll-call.
