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CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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TANGANYIKA FEDERATION OF LABOUR

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DAR ES SALAAM

Our Ref No. FR/L/2/3.

15th December 1956

The Honourable,
The Chief Secretary,
The Secretariat,
Dar es-Salaam.

c.c. The Colonial Secretary, UK.
The Secretary-General, UN.

Sir,

TRADE UNION ORDINANCE 1956

I am directed to address you on the above subject which we feel raises serious implications in the future relationship between the Government and the workers of this country. In spite of strong opposition and subsequent suggestions by Non-Official Members of Legislative Council that the Bill be referred to a select Committee for further study, a rushing action was taken by Government to pass the Bill all at once. This is unjust in our case. The Federation raised objection to twenty three (23) sections of the Bill. This was indicated in our short Memorandum to the Government submitted to the Member for Social Services in time to allow a fair consideration to our appeal by the Government. No attention was paid.

The fact that this Bill has been introduced for the first time to the Legislative Council and an advantage taken instantly to rush it through,

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indicates political Sentence of Trade Union Movement in Tanganyika and, even if the Unions were to run in the same line prescribed by that Ordinance then, there remain grave doubts in our mind as to whether there was any more room left for democratic practice of trade union activities in Tanganyika. This Ordinance does in fact affect the vast majority of workers, we do not as such understand the reason why the Government elect to continue such repressive attitude towards the Trade Unions.

In view of our dissatisfaction with the 23 sections described in our recent memorandum, we request therefore that His Excellency Assent to the Bill be withheld until we have been given a fair chance to state our opinion on it.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
.....(Illegible)

J.B.A. CHANGA.
PRESIDENT

c.c. The Colonial Secretary,
The Secretary-General, UN.
The I.C.F.T.U., Brussels,
The President, T.A.N.U., Dsm.

Our Emergency Committee has suggested that Mr. Kawawa, who is now in Brussels, should visit and represent our case to the British Colonial Secretary. We would however, appreciate any help and advice to be given by you.

Yours fraternally,

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PRESIDENT

Registered Air Mail.
