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COMMUNICATION FROM THE TANGANYIKA GOVERNMENT
TRADE UNION CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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THE TANGANYIKA GOVERNMENT TRADE UNION

c/o The African Cooks,
P.O. Box 1197,
Dar es Salaam, 6-9-54
Tanganyika Territory.

The Secretary General,
NEW YORK.

Dear Sir,

We have to bring the following petitions for your favour of consideration:

1. The Trade Union Society has been suspended without reason.
2. Our bank money has been retained in transit throughout all districts.
3. Our tombs (graves) are being digged out and the land is sold to Asians.
4. Our plantations are being taken and sold to Asians.
5. Our houses are being broken forcibly by Government.
6. We are dismissed from work without enough reasons, even if a person has served for at least 20 years.
7. We are fined up to Shs.400/- for quarelling.
8. Our properties are being cut such as coconut-trees, mango trees, etc, etc.
9. Reward which was given by the late His Majesty King George VI after the war we did not get.
10. The reply of our letter No. VI was stopped (seized) and could not get it.
11. If someone is sick and admitted in hospital for a certain period and when discharged, his employer dismisses him from duty.
12. If someone is clever and tries to object some nonsensical rules he is being bribed in having a higher responsibility so that he may be calmed or stopped.

13. If someone quarrels with his wife because house-concerned matters a fine of SHs.60/- is imposed.
14. If a child is punished by his parents because of misbehaviour, the parents are being fined Shs.60/-.
15. The houseboys work day and night for Shs.70/- only.
16. The present clerical salaries is from Shs.150/-, 200/- to Shs.300/-.
17. About 20 Chiefs from up-country were called here but we did not know what was discussed.
18. Rent of Shs.40/- is being paid for Mosques and Churches.
19. The sum of Shs.10/- is being imposed by Government being praying duty.
20. The wells of Mosques and Churches want to be abolished by Govt.
21. Government has stopped work for Africans and being given to Europeans and Asians instead.
22. Government is taking fertile land and sells to Europeans and Asians.
23. We are being tied up with ropes round the loins like slaves because of Poll Tax.
24. The native of Rufiji Valley are being put into trouble because of their nice land.
25. The prices of small match box is cents -/15 and small packet of tea-leaves is cents -/25, we cannot write much about fish and other goods.
26. Price list of food for Africans are with the Government.
27. Government stops us to send food to our relatives who are staying 45 miles or so from here and vice versa.
28. United Nations Visiting Mission when they are coming to this territory they do not interview with town and village people but they stay in Government House and meet the Officials only.
29. We want to know all which the Governor of this Territory was told to do - up to now nothing has yet been done.
30. President Assembly and Kaiser Fredrick will they come to Tanganyika to teach Agriculture.
31. We enquire whether the protest sent by African Cooks in 1951 has succeeded.

32. We enquire about page 4, paragraph 85.
33. The citizen of this Territory enquire when will freedom be given if it is still yet we want reply and fare for 8 people.

Yours faithfully,

THE TANGANYIKA GOVERNMENT TRADE UNION

HON. SECRETARY. (Signed) OMARI HOSANI

CC Berlin.
H.M. Elizabeth.
Chief Secretary, Car es Salaam.

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The GENERAL SECRETARY
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TRADING UNION
C/O THE AFRICAN COOKS
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SIR.

Your will cBlige us for the foregoing statement we had to bring forth before you.

The above mentioned society has always encountered to face the problems of its individuals concernees with a bitter disappointing experience regarding every ones struggle to prosperity.

A number of complaints have been the subject to the society in the way our present governor reacts towards it subjects.

The organization is greatly greaved to be that very little attention is paid to see in the way by its members neither given the proper thing they request nor proper instruction of any sort.

The society is to run its body with pure progress into channel, but everything is simply left in the hands of poor fellows and who are eagerly seeking for leadship but no hope to get it.

One thing more the society still hasto say is the method of the present government still exersicing wildly the thing known as colour bar in the way which should the inhabitants shocks and this may be known theorctically as steadily dying in some ways by some foreigners.

In this country known to be inter-racial where all class of people is supposed to share equal rights a human being is obliged to have. The fact is that government tends to grant prior attention to none-african races either in community or individually cases, when arise an African race is always kept behind, this pain so much in the hearts of many africans and creats.

The governor has issued the matter as none government employees to inter any civilians, also he opposed the above society.

I have the honour to remain

Requester

Writer

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