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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. EMIL MALINZI CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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Tanganyika
2.2.1960

The Secretary
U.N.O. New York.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your letter of 6.11.1959 no T/COM.2/L.53. I shall be grateful to receive a favourable reply from the Council.

Below is a copy of my reply to the letter CSD/60 of the Tanganyika Government.

The Chief Secretary
Private Bag, Dar-es-Salaam.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter no CSD 60 of 21.1.1960, I beg to make the following requests.

Regarding para 2, the fact that I do not possess the Cambridge School Certificate does not rule me out to re-enter the Nairobi Orthopedic Centre because I shall resume and not start the course. I spent there one academic year and this makes me to be far ahead of the new entrant with School Certificate.

I do not think the Tanganyika has any ill-feeling against me, but I do not see how it has shown real sympathy towards me. I would be very grateful if you together with the Director of Education requested the physiotherapist in charge of the Centre to except me of the current entrance requirements.

I still claim that I am able to pursue my course as a masseur successfully. To prove my ability, I refer you to the letter of 13.9.1959 from the Salvation Army,

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Institute for the Blind, P.O. Box 80, Thika Kenya to the District Commissioner, Bukoba in which it is stated: "He (Emili Malinzi) made much faster time in his subjects than did any of the other pupils ...". I must add that the referred to pupils were not blind.

I thank you for the efforts you made as suggested by para 3, but I do not appreciate the training in hand craft because such a course not only blunts my intelligence but misfits my academic standard. However, as the last resort, I might accept it in order not to disappoint the Government.

Again para 4 contradicts para 6 of my petition no T/PET.2/227 of 21.1.1959 from UNO. Moreover it is sheer waste of public money to educate a blind person and then leave him to grop in deeper darkness to find employment. This is odd and unfair. I request the Government to give me a financial help from that money that would be spent to train me in handcraft. It is useless for me to undergo a train after which I shall be in the same position of being unable to support my family and educate my children.

It is a pity to see the Tanganyika Government is really but cleverly refusing me help. I regard it as a precedent of unfair treatment to a poor African citizen.

Looking forward for a favourable reply,

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Emili Malinzi

(sgd.) E. MALINZI
