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PETITION FROM MR. ANGELOS MAZIS CONCERNING
RUANDA-URUNDI

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 16 October 1952 from Mr. Angelos Mazis concerning the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

This communication forms a third supplement to the petition set forth in document T/FET.3/60.

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Mr. Victor Hoo
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from Non-Self-Governing Territories
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Dear Sirs,

Whenever we take the decision to send you a letter we feel the trouble we provoke to you owing to the many charges you have, but on the other hand, we feel it our duty to bring to your attention the damage caused to our brother.

We very thank you for your readiness and same of Mr. Ralph J. Bunche to submit our communication to the attention of the honorable Members of the Trusteeship Council.

Be sure that every time we receive your esteemed letters we find a great encouragement in our hope that we finally will find justice with respect to the rehabilitation of our Brother Constantin Mazis.

Herewith we beg you to kindly bring to the attention of Mr. the General Secretary the enclosed documents, in order to be distributed to the Members of the Council.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, we beg to remain.

Yours very truly

ANGELOS MAZIS
ATHENS
(sgd.) A. Mazis

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UNITED NATIONS
Department of Trusteeship and Information
from Non-Self-Governing Territories

TRI 130/5/04

18th October 1952

To the
Honorable Members of the
Trusteeship Council
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen,

A Greek named Constantin Mazis has inhabited to USUMBURA R. URUNDI from 1910 - 1912, that is 2 years and from 1937 - 1952, that is 15 years; total 17 years.

As proprietor of an Hotel he advised a Black of Portuguese Nationality, and Catholic Religion to abandon the Hotel, since according to the Police stipulations Blacks were not permitted to remain in Hotels with Europeans. As the Black would not comply to the suggestion of our Brother Mr. Mazis he expected him a darkly night of the 7th December 1944 and attacked him with an instrument as per enclosed scheme,^{1/} causing him in all II wounds, on the head and the body.

The Black is named JOSE MARIA D'IRGO.

Some passengers brought the victim to the hospital, where he remained some days, and came out as a human rag, unable to work and attacked by the incurable disease of Epilepsie, owing to the blows on the head. During the stay of Mazis in the Hospital the Black was informed that the health situation of Mazis was somewhat better. He therefore rushed to the Hospital in order to kill the victim. But fortunately the personal of the Hospital caught him and prevented him to complete his crime.

Two days after the entrance of Mazis in the Hospital, owing to rumours that our brother was dead, the neighbours entered to the Bakery of Mazis, and took away under the eyes of the Police bags of flour, and the furniture of the Bakery.

Constantin Mazis took refuge to the justice and called the Black in two

^{1/} Note by the Secretariat: Six copies of a drawing of the above-mentioned instrument as well as copies of various medical certificates have been retained in the archives of the Secretariat and are available to members of the Trusteeship Council upon request.

trials first in the court of first instance and thereafter in the court of appeal, respectively on 12/1/45 and 22/5/45.

From this point a new drama begins in charge of Constantin Mazis, because the Black was favoured by a woman Baronnese, who interfered in this matter and thanks to the abundant money she disposed of, she could save the black from the condemnation of gallows. Thus the black was punished with a penalty of only Frs. B. 3.000 for his attack to Mazis.

Since 1944 the victim endeavours to obtain rendering of justice and restoration of his fortune, amounting according to the sums deposited in the Banks and the other fortune in shops to Frs. B. 700.000, which all was lost to expense for cure, Medical councils, drugs etc. as our Brother was enable to work. Constantin Mazis tried in vain to find justice from the Authorities there. Although they find that our brother has right, they finally express that this matter has been settled by the courts, avoiding thus to expose the unjust decision of the courts.

We therefore accuse the Authorities of USUMBURA for the following reasons:

1. Because they have forgiven an attempt for assassination, which caused II wounds to the victim, as this appears by the Certificates of Medecins in your hands, and they have granted to the victim only Frs. 3. 3000 as a penalty against the Black.
2. The Authorities there acted in a bad way since they did not call the witness in the 2 courts, in all 9 witnesses, among which the Director of Police, on the contrary they called the witnesses of defense in order to declare untrue arguments.
3. The Court of appeals was composed contrary to the law by a SINGLE Judger for an attempt of assassination, instead of the regular number of Judgers.
4. they had not presented in the two trials the instrument of the black for the assassination, while the single judger called this instrument a small rod.
5. The victim was abandoned alone, with no relief from the part of the authorities, while the Bakery of Mazis was plundered under the eyes of the Police, the plunderer having taken away bags of flour, furniture and tools.

In addition to the above on 1st Octobre 1952 the Director of the Police in USUMBURA, went to the Indian ASYLUM, where our Brother has found refuge, and saw him in a bad condition of health, suffering from an attack of Epilepsie. Every body and especially a man of the Authorities, would show a human behaviour

towards a victim, giving it every help, and if necessary by sending the victim to an Hospital. Instead of this the Policeman went away and the next day he sent to Mazis the attached yellow invitation inviting him to go to the Police. Trembling from weakness, our Brother went to the Police where to his great surprise he was informed the the Greek Consulate was willing to send him back to Greece.

CONSEQUENCE: The repeated protests and actions from our part, the many reports and letters to the Belgian Authorities, Ministries of Justice and Colonies to the LIGUE des Droits de l'homme et de la Nouvelle Democratie a Kisenlyi, Congo Belge, to the United Nations and to your goodselves, begun to trouble the Belgian Authorities and thus it was decided to eliminate an Inhabitant of the Belgian Congo during 17 years, a quiet man and lawful, who lost there his health, fortune cwing to a Black Man - trader, merchant of Narcotics, thus being free of a man who heralds the injustice and the bad way of governing AND WHO SINCE 1944 CALLS "GIVE ME JUSTICE".

Honorable Gentlemen, in the name of the human gender's moral and the Justice, we beg you to call us in order to examine our question by a Medicinal Commission. Call us to show you the wounds caused to the victim by an instrument and not by a small rod. Call us in order to see our accusations against the Authorities are just and real. You may ask the file of Mazis and of the Black JOSE MARIA D'rego from the Police. Thus the injustice caused to our Brother will be proved. They have rendred a man uncapable to work, and they want now to expulse Mazis as they don't want to hear his protests to the civilised world.

We assure you that in the case the injustice caused to our Brother will be proved and his lost will be restored, by giving him indemnification from the expenses he has suffered from 1944 in crdet to be cured without success, we are ready to abandon USUMBURA letting the ground free there for the continuation of assassinated and other acts, referred to in the newspapers of that Region, as mentioned in different articles we sent you by our previous letters.

Looking forward to hear from you favourably, we beg to remain

Yours very truly,

The Wife
(signed) L. Mazis

The Brothers
(signed) Mazis
Z. Mazis

The children
(signed) L. Mazis
E. Mazis
