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PETITION FROM THE AFRICAN ASSOCIATION, NGUDU
CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 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 August 1951 from the African Association, Ngudu concerning the Trust Territory of Tanganyika.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

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Translation from Kiswahili

PETITION OF THE AFRICAN ASSOCIATION TO THE U.N.
VISITING MISSION

1. Africans ask to be allowed by the Government to take up loans under the Local Loan Development Fund. It is recalled that our Government published information to the effect that certain funds had been provided for Africans who wish to develop trade, agriculture, etc. and that they can borrow money by agreement with the Government to be repaid within a certain period.

It is a matter of great surprise that we have not yet seen a single indigenous person who has received a loan since the public announcement was made.

If Africans are allowed to have their funds they can go ahead with trade and agriculture and so be enabled to pay for higher education for their children which is the progress (development) needed in all countries.

2. The wages paid to Government servants, employees of Companies and big business in Tanganyika are insufficient to meet present needs. We therefore ask that wages be increased in proper relation to a man's work and moreover to take into account the present rise in the cost of living.

3. We ask for a College to be built for us in Tanganyika. The College of Makerere in Uganda is for students for the whole of East Africa, for which reason it does not admit sufficient students from each of the territories owing to lack of accommodation.

4. (a) The people of the Kurimba district ask for a telephone line to be constructed from Bukwimba Station and also for a lorry to go to the station every day there is a train. At present we have much difficulty because the station is a long way from the district headquarters, and also there are rivers on the way which hold up "safari" during the rainy season when the rivers are in flood. Therefore bridges should be built over these rivers.

(b) The people also ask that our hospital at Ngudu be enlarged so that it can accommodate many sick people, and Doctors should also be increased.

5. On passenger trains these days there are not enough coaches for the number of people travelling with the result that those travelling are obliged to pile and squeeze into a coach with hardly room to breathe. We ask that the number of coaches be increased.

6. We ask that the number of African members of the Legislative Council be increased to a total of eight. Our present four members on this Council are insufficient to represent fully the large number of Africans in Tanganyika.

7. We ask that all the proceedings of the United Nations be translated into Swahili and sent to Tanganyika so that many people may be able to read and understand them.

MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN
ASSOCIATION. NGUDU.

16th August, 1951.
