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PETITION FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE "UNION NATIONALE RUANDAISE (UNAR)"  
CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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Kigali, 10 August 1960  
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Minister of African Affairs, Brussels

National UNAR party protests strongly against base conduct of the Belgian colonialist administration towards the royal family. After having founded a republican party, organized anti-royalist talks, arbitrarily arrested three princes, and stolen the royal drums, the Belgian Government has just arrested Queen Rosalia Gicanda, widow of His Majesty Mutara, on 8 August. These acts constitute a direct provocation and the Ruandese people must react. We demand revocation of Belgian trusteeship over Ruanda-Urundi and its assumption by the United Nations. We appeal to all friends of peace and African liberation to use their powers to liberate our oppressed country. We urge that Belgium immediately rescind these measures and recall the high administration of Ruanda-Urundi which is responsible for crimes for which our country remains plunged in mourning. We call on all members of the monarchist parties of Ruanda to demonstrate calmly against these base actions. We solemnly warn the Belgian Government that we are ready to overcome all obstacles to achieve our liberation, urgently request all the countries of the Afro-Asian bloc and all anti-colonialists to aid Ruanda-Urundi. This declaration is neither a threat nor intimidation but the last warning.

Central Committee of UNAR