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COMMUNICATION FROM THE TANGANYIKA GOVERNMENT TRADE UNION  
CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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Tanganyika Government Trade Union,  
c/o African Cooks,  
Register (B) No. 3,  
P.O. Box 1197,  
New Street,  
Dar es Salaam.

21/1/60

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1. The above Union started on 15/8/1943 as a result of the fact that the worker wages were very low. The task of the Union was to negotiate with the employers to improve:

(a) The wages of the African workers to improve.

(b) The conditions of the workers by fixing proper time and other things.

2. Lady Gilman, who started the "Women Service League" was told that her organization served nothing on the African side. This she was asked by the Tanganyika Government Trade Union to close her office since most of the Africans were suffering because of it. Instead of the Africans having nice wages and treated well at work, they had things as before.

3. A copy of the letter which was sent to Lady Gilman to ask to stop her organization, was also sent to the District Commissioner, Dar es Salaam, and that was the beginning of our Union.

On 23/8/1945 our requests were accepted by our Government which represents the King, and we got our Registration number as shown on the address above.

In 1948, the United Nations visiting Missions came to Africa for the first time, when they reached Tanganyika, they were asked by some people they met if they had any idea of our Union, they answered that they had it, and that was one of the points which brought them to see in this country. They were also told by the people all what is being done to us by our Government.

4. Some time after their departure, the Government closed our Union without any proper reason lucky we finished our difficulties to the,.

5. On 21/4/51 we asked the King to come to Tanganyika and see himself our difficulties, but unfortunately we had no answer. This thing was also explained to the first visiting Missions.

6. The Missions agreed that they would fight for our country till she gets her independence, and gave us some good advices which we tried to follow.

7. When we met with the other visiting Missions in 1954, we told them that we then did not like high salaries, as we did before but, instead we wanted our land to be free.

8. In 1955 Tanu sent out a man who could speak and write English in order to explain the UNO nicely our difficulties, and we feel what he told you was truth only. You asked him what the Tanganyika Government said was true, that independence was only wanted by give people, and he said that that was not true, but it was and is still wanted by all the Africans.

9. In 1957 the Missions came again, and still said that they will fight for Tanganyika independence, and we believe. This year you have come again. We have nothing more to say than that "We want full Self Government".

Last but not least, we thank our present Governor, Sir Richard Turnbullm who with his energy tries to pacify the country, though he has not yet brought us to our destination.

We also thank our leader Dr. J. Nyerere, who if not because of his work we would have never reached this present stage.

Mohamed Ladi.  
Secretary.

(Signed: M. Radi)

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