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PETITION FROM MR. A.H. PAES
CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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The Chairman,
Department of Non-governing Territories and
Information,
United Nations Organization,
New York - U.S.A.

16 February 1959

Respectful Gentleman,

I enclose for your perusal and circulation a copy of the representation submitted to the Governor of Tanganyika that, spitefully and on no ground that can face the searching inquiry of an impartial tribunal, I was prematurely retired by the head of my Department - (Police Force): and to add insult to injury, they gave me a certificate of service which renders it impossible for me to secure another job in/out of Tanganyika. Consequently, I, my wife and four little children are innocently condemned to die of WANT. Would your organization permit an atrocity of this magnitude be perpetrated in this enlightened era, based on the United Nations Charter of Rights, and especially when the British who have been assigned the responsibility of Trustees of this non-governing territory as guides for the backward races in their pursuit of intellectual advancement and independence? Is this what is called British Democratic Justice that is being meted out to me?

I implore you and your committee to exert the fullest pressure to enforce the redress due to me by compelling my re-instatement in the Service of Tanganyika with full honours and compensation: as I have been more sinned against than sinning: and yet I as being discarded, at this stage of my life by the Government

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whom I have served most loyally, efficiently and unimpeachably. If there can be any doubt about this affirmation, I would ask proof in facts and figures to the contrary.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your crying humanity,

(Signed) A.H. PAES

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Copy to: - Mr. Harold Macmillan - Prime Minister of U.K.
Mr. Fenner Brockway - Labour Member of Parliament
Chairman, Committee of Human Rights - U.N.O.
Sir Richard Turnbull, K.C.M.G. - Governor of Tanganyika.

The Director of Establishments in his letter EBB.827 dated 11 February 1959 rejected by petition of the 29th January: alleging that the terms of my certificate of service were considered on factual basis. However, will the Director of Establishments dare to point out a single serious instance of inefficiency based on truth and NOT ON SPITE AND INJUSTICE because I have hitherto not been warned of any. It is merely the Departmental Head's arbitrary word, that is all. There can be nothing more to it.

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The Officer Administering the Territory of
Tanganyika
Government House
DAR ES SALAAM

29 January 1959

Your Excellency,

Most respectful Sir,

I have already put up by appeal against my premature retirement, before the late Governor of Tanganyika, Sir Edward Twining, who in his unique discretion and wisdom deemed it fit and proper to award me a gratuity from public funds after only 5 years and 5 months service in government: when such a privilege is usually permitted to a confirmed pensionable officer not entitled to a pension; but who has served Tanganyika faithfully and efficiently for at least seven years. Government House letter dated 6 January 1958 has reference in this connexion.

I was serving the Police Force prior to my unwarranted retirement; but the Service Certificate issued to me shows the cause of termination thus: "Retired in public interest." I am at a loss to comprehend what this is all about precisely because, my father followed by all his children, have always served the British Crown as British subjects with loyalty, integrity and dutifully; that we even fought their wars to uphold the four freedoms against the law of the jungle and though, there is no fault that can be proved against me, my future has been ruined for good and all.

By only granting me a meagre gratuity of £.176-18s., will not keep myself, wife and four little children in frugal comfort for the rest of my life, by providing them with the bare necessities of life as becomes a Christian: and what is more, the obnoxious remark in my Service Certificate from the head of the Police Force, is my death warrant for innocence - I can easily prove. Then how am I to support my family, with children who are still very young to even realize the harm that has been visited upon them, through their father, for no other crime than that of his unfailing devotion to duty?

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I beg Sir, in the name of suffering humanity, that this clause should be obliterated or else it will definitely spell suicide for the whole lot of us; especially, in these difficult times of depression.

I enclose the lethal document forwarded to me for your perusal and merciful deletion; so that I can secure employment somewhere else, if I am not to be reinstated in the service of Tanganyika.

I have the honour to be,
Gracious Sir,
Your most obedient servant to command,

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