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CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL FARMERS UNION
(T.A.N.F.U.)
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Telegrams: FARMERS, MOSHI.

Closely Associated with
National Farmers (Territorial
and International).

At Temporary Premises:
New T.C.T.A. Building,
Moshi

..... Moshi BRANCH
Private Bag, MOSHI.
16th August 1959

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Sir/Sirs/Madam,

As you may see the enclosed circular it is our wish to operate the Tanganyika African National Farmers Union under your guidance and co-operation. You being really interested in the way you are fighting for the cause of National Farmers Union, we would be most thankful if you could send any particulars or literature which you might think would be of much value to us. Your U.N. Reports and regular supply of any other literatures would be much appreciated.

2. It is considered, having regard to the present political circumstancew in which our Territory is involved, that political liberation would be a dangerous illusion unless it is accompanied with economic independence. In view of these circumstances it has been found that we cannot achieve economic independence unless all African farmers were gainfully employed in Agriculture or allied business and

that if we were to prosper we would have purchasing power in Agricultural Industry throughout the world. And this could not be done by Africans alone without concerted action of all organised agriculturalists. Hence it became necessary for our National Farmers Union to be born. Its growth will depend on how we will get active support from all those who have keen interest in the future of this Dark Continent of Africa.

3. Your continued publicity, encouragement and assistance in the cause of our Young National Farmers Union would be very much appreciated.

4. We are anxiously looking forward with much interest to your eventual support and see how our Farmers Union would closely linked with the National Farmers Overseas (London) and international (the I.F.A.P.) through contributions.

We beg to remain, Dear Sir/Sirs/Madam,
Your Humble Servants,
TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL FARMERS UNION per Pro
.... (Illegible)
A.P.M. NJAU

P.S.

I hope you^{1/} will be able to take the necessary action and help in connection with these papers and our previous communications.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: This communication was received in an envelope addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

(WAREMI)

Ref. TANFU/1/Vol. II/40

T.A.N.F.U.

Telegrams: Farmers, Moshi.

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The Registrar General,
DAR ES SALAAM

Closely Associated with National Farmers
Union (Territorial and International)
At Temporary Premises:
Old K.N.C.U. Building,
Private Bag, MOSHI.

MOSHI BRANCH.

10th June, 1959.

Dear Sir,

Re: REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED BODY

I have the honour to inform you with much regret that our deputation could not be effected as it was originally proposed by us since it was only an intention which was held over until we heard that the registration could not be effected before or unless the said deputation was made.

2. We are also sending a copy of this letter to Messrs. J.K. Nyerere and S.N. Eliufoo requesting them as members of the Legislative Council to offer us every possible assistance in the matter as it was shown in our latest communications. Our political action through the Legislature will help the T.A.N.F.U. to maintain its political and religious neutrality which is essential to our economic advancement. In fact we are obliged to Mr. Nyerere nevertheless for his encouragement to the Africans through T.A.N.U. mass meetings to take an active interest in our economic development.

In view of the above circumstances, the T.A.N.F.U. is not intended for trading but an establishment of independent organisation of farmers following from the village level up and so become nationally representative of primary producers in our Territory. Among several principles in my previous letters and constitution, more importance is attached to agricultural co-operation and the determination to avoid party politics which are among the common tenets of International Federation of Agricultural Producers' philosophy. Tanganyikan Agriculture without the Union (as far as Africans are concerned) would be an industry without a voice. The delayed registration is very much regretted in spite of the fact that the Union's Rules VII, XXI and 74 and 76 were deleted as we were requested by you some weeks ago.

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3. The delayed registration since January last year has caused the group to disintegrate and made people feel that government is not interested in the economic advancement of our Territory as far as the Africans are concerned.

Our movement, being interested in the economic life of the Territory as a whole, cannot, however, be a substitute for political action by political bodies, say the Legislative Council, etc. In the matter but is an essential corollary. The only problem remains unsolved is as to how we could get our organisation properly constituted and be placed in legal status to enable the African Farmers like the non Africans to play their vital part in our national economies - the improvement of the economic and social conditions of the over-whelming African farming population in the Territory particularly in the increase and improvement of our food production which is essential to our freedom.

4. In case the administering authority is not interested to get our Union registered is she not violating the 1946 U.N. Trusteeship agreement articles No. 14 and 11.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,

Your humble Servant.

TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

Per Pro.

A.P.M. NJAU

Copy to:

J.K. Nyerere Esq., M.A., M.L.C.

Dar es Salaam

S.N. Eliufoo Esq., B.A. M.L.C.

MOSHI

The Secretary General, U.N., New York

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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1.

..... BRANCH
Private Bag, Moshi, TT.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

15 October, 1958

Dear Sir/Sirs/Madam,

Political liberation without economic independence a dangerous illusion?
Can we run our business without African manpower? Is the time ripe for the
Africans to mobilise all resources, human and material to occupy front rank
position in commercial world? Give us your three S's: Skill, Sacrifice and
Security and we will finish the job.

The TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL FARMERS UNION stands for your PROTECTION and
SECURITY.

Do you know, that in due course, the T.A.N.F.U. will be recognised by
Governments, Local Authorities, Co-operative Societies and the General public as
the official voice of the African farmers in the Territory? You may get a better
price for your produce through our collective system of bargaining. Hence you may
not sell or buy your produce at less than the cost of production. In order to get
concerted action from all organised agriculturalists in this connection the Union
will endeavour to propagate and support co-operative principles and methods and
promote friendly and economic relations between FARMERS UNIONS of all types and
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, both NATIONAL (TERRITORIAL) AND INTERNATIONAL.

Please make us feel that you are really interested in the cause for the less
fortunate Africans on the path of our economic advancement. Are you a
Co-operative Society, Company, Corporation, Society, Firm, Agricultural College,
Agricultural Institute or Merchants connected with the farming industry? Will
the merchants participate as technicians, financiers for African enterprises
OR will the Government provide us with expanded technical assistance? Don't
we realise that Africans are living in economic conditions little better than

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poverty and are seeking political liberation? Are you interested in our economic liberation?

SUPPORT Union's VENTURE by raising donations with us or by becoming a member today. REMEMBER that the Union WILL, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, WATCH OVER AND CONSERVE THE INTERESTS OF AGRICULTURE, in all its branches and to promote its interests by such means as may from time to time appear expedient, to secure PARLIAMENTARY or LEGISLATURE and other supports of Agriculture, and to protect and further its interests of all engaged therein;

that the Union WILL AVOID ALL PARTY POLITICS AND SECRETARIAN MATTERS;

that the Union WILL ARRANGE DEPUTATIONS AND GENERALLY TO VENTILATE THE VIEWS OF THOSE ENGAGED IN FARMING INDUSTRIES AND TO MAKE BETTER KNOWN TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ALL CONDITIONS AND DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING AGRICULTURE;

that the Union will promote CO OPERATION, HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING AND GOOD RELATIONSHIP AMONGST ALL WHOM EARN THEIR LIVELIHOOD FROM THE LAND;

that the Union WILL ASSIST OR CO OPERATE WITH ANY ASSOCIATION OR INSTITUTION WHOSE OBJECTS ARE IN WHOLE OR PART SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE UNION;

that the Union WILL ENCOURAGE THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY SIDE AND TO CO OPERATE WITH OTHER STATUTORY AND VOLUNTARY BODIES IN PROVIDING SUCH FACILITIES;

that the UNION, TO EFFECT THE FOREGOING OBJECTS SHALL ENDEAVOUR TO SECURE REPRESENTATION ON ALL BODIES HAVING EXECUTIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE. IT SHALL ALSO WHENEVER NECESSARY, BRING UNITED PRESSURE TO BEAR UPON RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES IN ORDER THAT GRIEVANCES MAY BE REMOVED AND THE WELL CONSIDERED OPINIONS AND CLAIMS OF THOSE ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE RECEIVE DUE CONSIDERATION.

Let us, or help us, to solve our economic problems. Be economically self-supporting Social Services will manage to take care of themselves once we have achieved economic independence and political liberation will be a blessing to all.

You are cordially invited to send us your constructive suggestions and criticism.

Yours faithfully,

T.A.N.F.U.

Per Pro

A.P.M. NJAU

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TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL FARMERS UNION
(T.A.N.F.U.)

Your Ref. No.....

Closely Associated with National
Farmers (Territorial and International)

Our Ref. No. TANFU/C/1/2

Telephone:

At Temporary Premises:

TELEGRAMS: FARMERS, MOSHI.

O.d.K.N.C.U., Building,
MOSHI.

Moshi Branch.

Private Bag, Moshi, T.T.

12th November, 1958.

CIRCULAR NO.2:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Sir/Sirs/Madam,

Having regard to the fact that you are giving or have given thought to our circular No. 2 and that you might have concluded that we cannot speed up the social, economic and political development of our country without adult education; has the Tanganyika Government made any indication as to whether it is going to avail itself of the facilities offered by the Makerere Extramural Department in this connection?

If the answer is Yes or No, are you aware of the fact that the Territory cannot satisfy the crying need for increased educational facilities without increased revenue through taxation and that if the Territory is to advance economically towards self-government the inhabitants must be encouraged in self-determination in further our economic advancement, can we say there is an alleged denial or inadequate realisation of the right of self-determination in the Territory? We understand that the Departments of Natural Resources are contributing large sums every year towards the cost of running the Territory through increased productivity, how does the Government reconcile these facts with its present attitude towards the economic independence of this Territory with a particular reference to our National Farmers' Union.

Heavy Government or Local Government expenditure means high taxation which is a burden on farming as on other industries. We think that it is the central aim of the Government's economic policy to halt inflation and balance our overseas account at a high rather than a low level. Reductions in Government expenditure

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to be made wherever possible and all sections of community to exercise restraint. What encouragements or incentives given to the Africans towards our economic independence? How long it took the Union to be registered? How can public interest be stimulated? Is the Government aware of the growing sense of obligation to carry economic advancement to less privileged. Are the other races a special moral obligation to pass on to us in this connection? Has the Government made up an economic plan for this and if so what does it intend doing about it? If yes or not, has the government seriously considered the possibility of establishing a special investigation committee to consider ways and means of achieving our economic independence?

Against the foregoing background the National Farmers Union would like to see that agriculture has a part to play in strengthening our economic position through co-operative enterprises particularly that of the export industries. In the case of coffee we should need a processing machinery, Solatle Coffee Factory, whereby it could be made ready for use before it was exported. And government production policy could be produced economically and efficiently in accordance with market requirements, steadily increasing technical efficiency and diminishing costs. In the light of these circumstances, the National Farmers Union have the honour to convey the following information with a particular reference to sugar industry in this Territory for your action.

1. The Union is investigating the feasibility of growing and processing sugar in the Territory.
2. We are of opinion that sugar canes could be grown in Arusha Chini and Kahe (Moshi District) to give sufficiently high sugar content. It is hoped that the Tanganyika Planting Company will be willing to co-operate with us.
3. It is considered, having regard to financial burden given to the African sugar consumers that a special co-operative Society or Company be appointed as an Agent for collecting and distributing sugar from the Tanganyika Planting Company Ltd. as far as Africans are concerned without prejudice and interest to the existing arrangements. We anxiously waiting for negotiations to proceed in due course. In order to achieve our objective the Union shall endeavour, if necessary, to secure representation on all bodies having executive or administrative powers affecting sugar industry in the Territory in this connection. The decline or delay in starting the Kilombero Sugar Scheme coupled with a substantial rise in the

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already very high level of imported sugar has created an unbalanced and unhealthy state of affairs not only within the industry itself but nationally as well. Hence the African purchasing power has been lowered considerably.

The Union would like to know how many tons of sugar were imported into this Territory this year or last year and at what cost? How many acres are under cultivation in the Territory? How many tons of sugar were supplied by the Tanganyika Planting Company this year or last year and at what cost? Do you think some additional 50,000 acres of sugar canes could help us to avoid the imported sugar to meet this growing usage? How many Africans have been given direct employment to the Tanganyika Planting Company and how many more could be employed through the increased tillage acreage? How much will it cost us to operate the Kilombero Sugar Scheme? Do you think it would be a success through inter racial Agricultural Co-operation?

To what extent the government has encouraged Co-operative farming Societies in the Territory? Why is the Tanganyika Government not interested in getting the International co-operation administration to provide a grant toward development of African agriculture in Tanganyika as it is in Kenya? When the suitable land for sugar industry has been surveyed by the Departments of Natural Resources, we hope if a number of growers would consent to grow trial plots for sugar-canes next year and if these are sampled and tested by Ministry of Agriculture the Tanganyika Planting Company would be able to give us assistance in the matter particularly the processing of it.

In the light of the growing and harvesting of these trial plots, will the Government consider to give us a grant in case we submit an application for a factory?

We have the honour to be

Dear Sir/Sirs/Madam,

Your humble servants,

TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL FARMERS UNION.
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A.P.M. NJAU.

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..... BRANCH
Private Bag, Moshi, T.T.
.....th February, 1959.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Sirs/Madam,

In any institution, society, company, etc., Money matters and
Customers as well

Your prosperity in your business this year depends on the prosperity of our farming industry. We are producing wealth directly or indirectly from the wealth - producing asset of the land of this country. Support us one way or the another by giving us your three S's: Skill, sacrifice and Security and more particularly at present your donations or suggestions or comments on when we hope to call at your place or payment could be made to the Secretary, Tanganyika African National Farmers Union, Old K.N.C.U. Building, Private Bag, Moshi. Cheques, Money orders and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to "TANFU" Moshi. The said donations, etc., would be much appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the above-mentioned body which has been established for your protection and security and is an independent organisation of farmers in our country following the village level up and so become nationally representative of primary producers in our Territory and finally to the International level. And in this endeavour we hope to promote friendly and economic relations between Farmers Unions of all types and CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, both NATIONAL (Territorial) AND INTERNATIONAL AND try to encourage the provision of facilities for social, cultural, and recreative activities in the country - side and co-operate with other statutory and voluntary bodies in providing such facilities.

Don't you realise that Africans are living in economic conditions little better than poverty and are seeking political liberation? Is this a dangerous thing unless the said political liberation is accompanied with economic

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independence? Are you interested in our economic liberation? Please, in case you are a farmer/ a co-operative Society/Company/Corporation/Society/Firm/ Agricultural Institute/ or a merchant, etc/ who is or are interested in the future of this Territory/ is/are invited to attend our inaugural meeting of the above-mentioned body which will be held at Blaza on 1st March 1959 at 1.30 p.m. Please do not fail to attend this important meeting as "AGRICULTURAL PROSPERITY COUPLED WITH EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S FOOD RESOURCES IS THE KEY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE ONLY SURE FOUNDATION OF A LASTING PEACE" In case you cannot come nominate a person to represent you or further still in case you cannot send your representative you can apply for a card for a membership because the Union is standing for your strength, security, and service.

Finally we hope you are now strongly convinced than ever before that the future prosperity of this country is substantially dependent on organisations like ours and in that connection we look forward not only continuing support of the existing membership but to a still a greater influx of new members in the foreseeable future:- Please remember to join the Union if Vital -- Do it now as the Union has been founded to fight the farmers battle and advance the cause of Agriculture. -- The Union will be the official voice of the farmers in negotiation with the Government. -- Get a better price of your produce by consulting us - Tanganyika Agriculture without a Union would be an industry without a voice.

Thank you.

Your faithfully,
TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL FARMERS UNION
Per Pro

A.P.M. NJAU

