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TANGANYIKA

PETITION FROM MR. EMIL RUPPEL DATED 4 JANUARY 1949

In accordance with Rule 85 of the Rules of Procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmits herewith to the members of the Trusteeship Council a communication dated 4 January 1949 from Mr. Emil Ruppel concerning the Trust Territory of Tanganyika.

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Emil Ruppel  
Morogoro via  
Daressalaam  
Tanganyika Territory

Morogoro January 4th 1949.

To The

International Refugee Organisation  
The United Nations Trusteeship Council  
Lake Success, New York

Gentlemen,

I am a German National and first came to this Territory in 1903. After the first world war I was allowed to return to this country in 1927 where I opened a clearing and forwarding agency in Daressalaam. I was always a loyal, honest and esteemed citizen and well reputed by all races. My whole life is free from any blame and nobody can accuse me any dishonest or illicit acts.

2. I passed the 70th and Mrs. Ruppel the 67th of age.
3. I received expulsion order from the Tanganyika Government without stating the reasons.

4. My appeal was rejected and my whole property:

- a) a Tea Plantation at Mufindi
- b) a mortgage for £325/ "
- c) my outstanding assets about £1000/-- a.s.o. disappropriated by the Custodian of Enemy Property.

I had no Liabilities at all.

5. My only surviving son is living in the Argentine Republic and is willing and in the position to maintain his parents.

6. The Argentine Republic have granted a Libre Desembarco (dated 3/9/48 No. 47728).

7. The permit emigrating to the Argentine was sanctioned by the Tanganyika Government.

8. I was informed that the fare and expenses for me and Mrs. Ruppel could not be paid by the Authorities and that it is not possible to the Custodian of Enemy Property to release funds held by him to meet all costs.

9. These are the facts and my position is:

I am without any means to finance the Journey for me and Mrs. Ruppel and I fear the Tanganyika Territory Government will repatriate us to Germany where we have no relatives and nobody. We will arrive there without any means and in Germany is awaiting us; no occupation to earn our needs, only hunger and finally starvation.

10. The Unnra or the legal successor the "IRO" are said to pay and care for the Transshipment of Refugees from East Africa and, that according to a resolution of the United Nations Council, no German National who has obtained the Permission of an other Country to immigrate, should be forced to return to Germany.

11. So my humbly request in my distress is:

Please take the matter in your hands and help us old people to join our son, from whom we are separated since 10 years, so that we can stay and live with him.

I thank you, Gentlemen, in advance and await anxiously your affirmative and kind reply at your earliest convenience by airmail. I add 6 international Reply Coupons.

I have the honour to remain,

Dear Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) EMIL RUPFEL

Received at United Nations: 19 January 1949.

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