

Geneva, April 13th, 1936.

H.E. The Ethiopian Minister,
GENEVA.

Dear Sir,

I have seen the communication of Mr. SUVICH, to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, and I find that the communication is completely false.

I. My name is Maksymilian Stanislas BELAU, not BELOFF, and I have a passport given to me by the Polish Consulate in Bombay. The number of my passport is 17/34, and the passport has been delivered to me by the Consul of Poland in accordance with a letter from the Warsaw Municipality (Evidence Office of the Warsaw people No. 7032/XII/M dated 11/7.1932.

II. The declaration alleging that I am a deserter from the Polish army is false. I served as a volunteer in the Polish-Bolsheviks war in the Regiment No. 8 of Infantry 3rd Company machine guns. I am decorated for courage. And secondly I was not a sergeant. I was Corporal volunteer.

III. I am a graduate and diplomed doctor of medicine for which I can present my documents and certificates.

IV. I am not a deserter from the Ethiopian medical Organisation, I have never deserted from it (See my deposition of the 23/III/1936 to the Red Cross International Committee.

V. The two declarations which I have signed in Massauah, were never written by my own hand. One of the declarations (three pages) was written by the Italian officer, and the second declaration was the copy of the Ethiopian protestation to the League of Nations and was typewritten and below the second declaration I wrote some words, because at the time, my hand was in the bandages after receiving many hits by the Italian soldiers. The declaration I have only signed and it was to save my life.

VI. I beg the League of Nations to ask the Italian Government to produce the originals to be examined by experts.

VII. I maintain all the terms of my deposition before the Red Cross International Committee and I am ready to renew my deposition before such authority as the League of Nations may decide upon.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) DR. M.S. BELAU.