(Translation)

EVIDENCE GIVEN BY DR. BELAU AT 9 a.m. ON MARCH 23rd, 1936, AT THE "CLINIQUE GENERALE", GENEVA, IN THE PRESENCE OF MLLE. ODIER AND M. BOISIER, MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE.

Dr. Belau produced his various papers, including:-

- 1. His Red Cross identity card dated November 11th, 1935, drafted in French and Amharic and signed by the War Minister, Ras Mulugueta.
- 2. His contract with the Ethiopian Government for a period of two years from July 15th, 1935, to July 15th, 1937.
- 3. The Act of the Ethiopian Government under which the latter transfers all doctors of foreign nationality to the Ethiopian Red Cross, foreign doctors not being allowed to be Government doctors, but only Red Cross doctors.

Dr. Belau has not been paid by the Ethiopian Red Cross since and including November, December, January, February and March. He left Addis Abaha on November 26th, Dr. Lambie wished to pay him his salary before his departure, but Dr. Belau preferred this sum to remain on deposit with the Red Cross, as he was going into the interior where he needed no money. A sickness insurance policy is mentioned in Dr. Belau's contract in a special clause, No.9 and 5.

Dr. B. was born at Warsaw on November 29th, 1900. He studied medicine at Riga University, and holds a diploma from that faculty. He also studied with Professor Nocht at the Hamburg Institute of Tropical Medicine, of which he also holds the diploma.

Dr. B. left Europe in 1926 for the East: Iran, India and China. He has been in Ethiopia since September 21st, 1934, where he first of all worked in the Mission directed by Dr. Lambie before being Secretary-General of the Ethiopian Red Cross. Dr. B. then opened a private nursing home at Addis Ababa, where he worked until he joined up. He entered the Medical Service of the Ethiopian Army on July 15th, 1935. At the beginning of November, the Negus himself talked to him and urged him to adopt Ethiopian nationality, which Dr. B. refused to do. He was later attached to the Red Cross, having been transferred from the Government to the Red Cross owing to his foreign nationality.

All Dr. Belau's papers, engagement, identity card, act of transfer to the Red Cross, are in perfect order. He was appointed Chief of No.5 Ambulance at the outbreak of war. He remained at Addis Ababa long enough to organise his amoulance and receive the necessary medical material. He left Addis Ababa on November 26th with three lorries of medical supplies.

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