

International Relations

Tanganyika Under International Mandate 1919-1946

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The book titled *Tanganyika Under International Mandate 1919-1946* was penned by Peter A. Dumbuya. He was born in Sierra Leone where he received his primary and secondary school education and a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) degree in History, with concentrations in Sub-Saharan Africa, United States, Modern Europe, and World History, at Fourah Bay College of the University of Sierra Leone. He also got a Diploma in Education at the same university. He then came to the United States and studied for and earned his Master of Arts degree in History, with concentrations in Early America, Latin America, and Early Modern Europe/Russia History; and his Philosophy Doctorate degree also in History, concentrating on Early America, United States Diplomacy, Sub-Saharan Africa, Early Modern Europe/Russia, both at the University of Akron in Ohio. He also earned his Juris Doctorate degree at the Jones School of Law of Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama (Dumbuya's Website, 2021).

Dumbuya is currently Professor of History at Fort Valley State University in Georgia. Prior to that, he was Adjunct Professor of History at Auburn University in Montgomery, Alabama; Assistant and then Associate Professor of History at Tuskegee University in Alabama; and a part-time instructor of History at the University of Akron. His other professional services have included working in the Presidential Campaign of Honorable Ernest Bai Koroma, former President of Sierra Leone; and as a Criminal Background Researcher in Macon County, Alabama for Kroll Background America in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a licensed Attorney at Law in the State of Alabama (Phenix City, Alabama) and has been admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Northern and Middle Districts of Alabama, and the State of Alabama Courts (Dumbuya's Website, 2021).

Also, Dumbuya has been quite diligent with his scholarship. In addition to the book appraised in this chapter, he is the author another book and coauthor of two others. Furthermore, he has written five book chapters; nine scholarly articles in professionally-refereed journals and other publications; and numerous essays in newsletters, online newspapers, blogs, letters/opinions, conferences and seminars (Dumbuya's Website, 2021).

Book Review

In his book, Dumbuya provides a nationalistic and political history of Tanganyika. He describes the historical implementation of the mandate system with the British administration of Tanganyika. The book is divided into nine chapters.

In the first three chapters, Dumbuya explores the origin of the mandate system and its ramifications. First, he dissects the mandate system and America's involvement and interest in it.

Second, the colonial administrations of Sir Horace Byatt and Sir Donald Cameron are reviewed. Third, Dumbuya goes on to discuss the British rule during the mandated territory of Tanganyika from 1933 to 1946. Fourth, in Chapter 3, the United States' role during the mandate is further explained (Dumbuya, 1995).

Chapter 4 starts with the regional geography of Tanganyika in East Africa, precolonial history, past colonizers such as Germany, and the role Arabs played in the region. Next, Dumbuya looks at the political history of Tanganyika and the administration of colonial governors (Dumbuya, 1995).

The rest of the chapters provide a concrete analysis of the implementation of the mandate system. Dumbuya shows the flaws of British colonial rule and the effects it had on the local people who were never able to "self-rule" themselves. Additionally, he points out that the British government was not helpful in preparing Tanganyikans toward the road to independence (Dumbuya, 1995).

The book is able to provide a historical analysis of the implementation of the British mandate system in Tanganyika. The only issue is that more primary and secondary sources could have been used to support the propositions tendered in the book.

Book's Greatness

The book has received several rave reviews. One of these reviews is in the *Journal of Developing Areas* which states that the book provides a new perspective on the British colonial presence in Africa and is worth reading by students, teachers, and other educators (see book's endorsements on Amazon.com, 2021).

Next, the book has received significant attention. A search of Google Scholar, for example, showed 28 citations as of September 5, 2021. Also, on the same date, a concentrated Google search yielded about 572 results in 0.51 seconds.

Conclusions and Recommendations

To begin with, Dumbuya's book demonstrates and brings to reality Africa's history in international relations. The book analytically, historically, methodologically, and theoretically covers Africa's international relations. The author having had direct personal relations to Africa was able to provide concrete analyses pertaining to the cultural, economic, social and political realities of the continent's international relations. There are varied points of view on societies in Africa prior to colonization that brought harm to these societies during colonization and post-colonization. Also, specific analyses on the economic, political and social dynamics which caused political violence and wars in Africa were widely shown. It is critically important that the book demonstrated the destruction caused by slavery, the Berlin Conference, colonialism, and post-colonialism to the development of Africa. Personal accounts in the book provided a great viewpoint on the role of Pan-Africanism.

Additionally, various concrete suggestions were provided for the development of Africa. The book also demonstrates that Africa's traditional indigenous political authorities, nationalism, high intellectualism, and vast resources played a crucial role toward decolonization. Africa's relations to the West having been explored and exploited should not limit it from utilizing its vast natural resources for development. Furthermore, African leaders should do a better job to provide security in the areas of economic, educational and political opportunities for their

populations. In essence, the book will serve as great resource to provide a broad international relations history to students, educators and professionals around the world.

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