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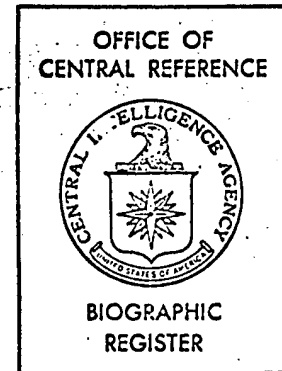
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BURUNDI

Emile BUCUMI

Second Vice President of the National Assembly

Emile Bucumi, an influential member of the National Assembly, was elected its second vice president on 16 May 1963. He strongly supports assembly President Thaddee Siryuyumusi and in the past has supported the Government of former Prime Minister Pierre Ngendandumwe. Bucumi strongly advocates the Hutu cause. In December 1963 he was named a member of the Provisional National Committee of the Parti de l'Unite et du Progres National (UPRONA) faction headed by Hutu leader Paul Mirerekano. A few months later he was one of the signatories to a series of letters addressed to Mwami Mwambutsa IV which accused the Mwami of, inter alia, not following the recommendations of the Cabinet, and of playing a role which was not only undemocratic but also unconstitutional.



He is scheduled to visit the US on an Agency for International Development study program in May and June 1964, and may continue on to visit Taipei.

A Hutu, Bucumi was born on 3 February 1936 in Kitega, Burundi. After studying at the Ecole d'Infirmiers in Kitega, he worked as a male nurse from 1950 to about 1961. He was elected to the National Assembly on the UPRONA ticket in the September 1961 elections.

Bucumi was scheduled to attend the UN in 1962 and was an observer at the Union Africaine et Malagache heads of state conference held in Ougadougou in 1963. Possessing an engaging personality, he has a courteous, but firm, manner and apparently does not act on the spur of the moment. He has been described as immensely strong physically. Bucumi is a practicing Roman Catholic. He is married.

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