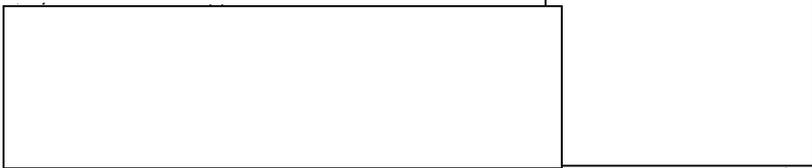
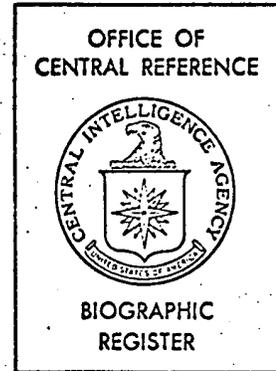


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Pierre NGUNZU

Minister of Justice

Pierre Ngunzu was named Minister of Justice in the Cabinet of Prime Minister Albin Nyamoya on 6 April 1964. He had served the Government of former Prime Minister Andre Muhirwa loyally as Minister of Education from late 1961 to June 1963, but when Pierre Ngendandumwe became Prime Minister, he was excluded from the Cabinet.



Ngunzu is an able politician and is considered influential in certain Parti de l'Unite et du Progres National (UPRONA) circles. In August 1962 he was a member of the UPRONA Political Bureau, and in August 1963 he was a counselor of the UPRONA National Committee.



He attended UN sessions in 1961 and 1962, and enjoyed his visit here. Recommended for a Leader Grant, he was planning to depart for the US in April 1964.

A Hutu, Ngunzu was born on 29 November 1931 at Kiryama in Kitega Province. He was named chief of Rutana Province in 1958. About that same year he entered politics as the secretary of the Parti du Peuple (PP).



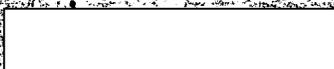
He then became head of the Parti Hutu, Tutsi, Twa, a pro-UPRONA group. Ngunzu became Minister of Education about September 1961. In August 1963 he was elected to the National Committee of the Jeunesse Nationale Rwagasore (JNR), and the following February he was made an adviser to the JNR.

Ngunzu is married to Melanie Kazage and has at least three children.

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