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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. JONATHAN NADHON CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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LOME, 23 December 1955

Petition to the Secretary-General of the United Nations,
New York

Sir,

I have the honour very respectfully to acknowledge receipt of the documents and resolution V of the Trusteeship Council relating to my petition No. T/PET.7/405 which was examined by the Committee at its 597th meeting and I take this opportunity of thanking you for the interest which the Trusteeship Council has shown in my grievances.

On examining these documents I came across several false allegations and numerous errors in the observations of the Administering Authority and the statements of its Special Representative.

I was prompted by Trusteeship Council resolution V to write a letter on 1 September 1955 to the Commissioner of the Republic requesting that the provisions of the Labour Code should be applied to my case in accordance with that resolution, but the Commissioner of the Republic informed me in a reply, No. 2,709 ITLS of 29 September 1955, that, as my dismissal occurred before the promulgation in Togoland of the Overseas Labour Code, I was not entitled to any compensation.

That, Sir, is one of the false allegations made by the Special Representative Georges Apedoh Amah.

The Administering Authority of Eastern Togoland consistently seeks to mislead the United Nations and to keep from it any information about the despotic way in which Togoland is administered.

Since my dismissal the Administering Authority has signed and is still signing contracts which will have to be financed out of the very budget which showed too great a deficit for me to remain employed. I can assure you that the budget cuts apply only to nationalists.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter asking that the provisions of the Labour Code should be applied and the reply I received from the Commissioner of the Republic[1/] and I request you to intercede with the Administering Authority so that I can obtain my rights.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) (J. Nadhon)

1/ Note by the Secretariat: The first communication mentioned as an enclosure is a copy of a letter dated 1 September 1955 to the Commissioner of the Republic in Togoland in which the petitioner requested that the provisions of the Labour Code should be applied to his case. The second communication is a copy of a letter dated 29 August 1955 from the Administrator-Mayor at Lomé informing the petitioner that, as his dismissal occurred before the promulgation in Togoland of the Overseas Labour Code, he was not entitled to any compensation.

These communications have been placed in the Secretariat files and are available to members of the Trusteeship Council on request.