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Item 5 of the Agenda

QUESTION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES AS
RAISED IN CERTAIN PETITIONS CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION.

Resolution adopted by the Trusteeship Council at the
eightieth meeting on 3 April 1950.

Acting under Article 87 (b) of the Charter and in accordance with its rules
of procedure,

Having accepted and examined, at its sixth session, in consultation with the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the
Administering Authority concerned, which designated Brigadier
Gibbons as special representative, parts of the following petitions
which raise the question of medical and health facilities:

1. Petition from Cameroons National Federation
(T/PET.4/16-5/7)
2. Petition from Cameroons Federal Union
(T/PET.4/61-5/66)
3. Petition from Douala Branch, Bakweri Land Committee
(T/PET.4/59)
4. Petition from ²People of ³Ejagham, (T/PET.4/8)
5. Petition from Banyang Improvement Union (T/PET.4/42)

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6. Petition from F. T. Tambe (T/PET.4/41)
 7. Petition from Assumbo Native Authority (T/PET.4/44)
 8. Petition from Bamenda Improvement Association
(T/PET.4/52-5/65)
 9. Petition from Kom Improvement Association
(T/PET.4/35)
 10. Petition from Godlove Ndongbe and Chief Gaforgbe
(T/PET.4/50-5/64)
 11. Petition from Southwestern Federation, Batibo
(T/PET.4/57)

Having taken note of the observations of the United Nations Visiting Mission to West Africa on the question of medical and health facilities (T/461, pp.106-108),

Having taken note of the observations of the Administering Authority concerned (T/486), paras. 17-21) as well as of the oral statement of the special representative on this subject,

Having noted the statement of the Administering Authority that:

- 1) the expansion of health facilities in the Territory is the constant concern of the Administering Authority;
- 2) the Administering Authority recognizes the need for the further expansion of medical facilities in the Bamenda Province and in the Mamfe District;
- 3) with regard to leprosy new proposals for the control of leprosy are under consideration and that these proposals will be made available to the Trusteeship Council;
- 4) charges for medical services are only nominal and that, if necessary, such charges are waived,

The Trusteeship Council

- (1) Decides to inform the petitioners that the question of medical and health facilities has been and will be examined in connection

with its examination of the annual reports of the Administering Authority on the administration of the Territory;

- (2) Draws the attention of the petitioners to the resolution on health services adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its Fourth Session, the text of which reads as follows:

"The Council, noting with concern that only a few medical officers are stationed in the Cameroons and that hospital, dispensary and other medical and health facilities are inadequate for a reasonable programme of medical and health care for the population of the Trust Territory, recommends the Administering Authority to take measures to increase the number of doctors and other trained personnel and to take all further steps necessary to provide for the medical and health needs of the indigenous population";

- (3) Draws the attention of the petitioners to the resolution on medical and health services adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its sixth session, the text of which reads as follows:

"The Council, noting with concern the inadequacy of medical and health facilities in the Territory, reiterates its recommendation adopted at its Fourth Session and recommends that the Administering Authority take immediate steps to improve and expand the medical services in order to provide fully for the medical and health needs of the population.";

- (4) Invites the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority and the petitioners of this resolution in accordance with rule 93 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council.