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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONER FOR THE
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NORTHERN PARTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

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SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE.

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting in area of Beba-Befang and Esimbi Clan Area of the Wum West Plebiscite District in the Wum Division of the Southern Cameroons.

The Petition of Mr. J.M. Boja of Esimbi in the Wum West Plebiscite District.

1. Your petitioner claims that the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 were committed by the persons named in connection with the holding of the Plebiscite in the above named registration area.

P A R T I C U L A R S.

Name: Numberone Ngong De of Ngoh, Aghem.

Address: Ngoh, Aghem Clan Area, Wum Division.

PARTICULARS: That Mr. Numberone Ngong De on the 30th January, 1961, at Muddelle, told the Chief and People that he was sent by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons to tell Chief Ayo and the people of Mudelle that if they did not vote for the white box, he Chief Ayo will be sacked from being a Court member.

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Court's certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate).

(Sgd) J.M. Boja.

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Petitioner.

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ANNEX XXVII. Petition from Mr. Paul Forkwa

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FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting in registration area J of Bali Native Authority and Moghamo Clan Area of the Bamenda South (18) Plebiscite District of the Bamenda Division in the Southern Cameroons.

The Petition of Mr. Paul Forkwa of Amboh Moghamo Clan Area of the Bamenda South Plebiscite District.

1. Your petitioner claims that the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 were committed by the persons named in connection with the holding of the plebiscite in the above named registration area:

P A R T I C U L A R S

Name: Mr. John Kubi of Guzang and five others of the KNDP.

PARTICULARS: Mr. John Kubi and five others of the KNDP provided cartons of beer carried on a five torn lorry to the Chiefs of Angei Kurabei, Ambo, Uwai, Efuh, Besom, Kungwe and Kuruku in Moghamo area of Bamenda South Plebiscite District. At the meeting oaths were administered on the people to vote for unification. One Mr. Turpen refused to participate and is now living in fear of his life.

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Court's certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (voting Petitions) Regulations 1961 (if appropriate).

(Sgd) Paul Forkwa

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Petitioner

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ANNEX XXVIII. Petition from Ndifonjeni

S C H E D U L E

FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting in registration area F of Ndop clan area of the Bamenda East (14) Plebiscite District in the Bamenda Division of the Southern Cameroons.

The Petition of Ndifonjeni of Munka, c/o Ndop Native Authority Court.

1. Your petitioner claims that the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulations, 1961, were committed by the person named in connection with the holding of the plebiscite in the above named registration area:-

P A R T I C U L A R S

Name: Mr. Jon H. Nganji, Parliamentary Secretary

Address: c/o Ministry of Local Government, Buea. S.C.

PARTICULARS: Mr. John H. Nganji, Parliamentary Secretary on the 21/1/61 told the Hausas at Ndop Settlement that since they the Hausas did not support unification as desired by the ruling KNDP all Hausas will be deported and tortured when Premier Foncha becomes the overlord soon. On the same day the same Mr. John Nganji told the Chief of Munka that since the chief and people of Munka did not support unification which is the Government policy, Government will take steps to dismiss all chiefs sons and Munka people from serving at Wum as Clerks and Agricultural Assistants.

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Court's certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate).

(Sgd) Ndifonjeni.

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ANNEX XXIX. Petition from Mr. S.T.F. Ayonghe

S C H E D U L E

FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting in registration area E Bafut Clan Area of the Bamenda Central West (15) Plebiscite District in the Bamenda Division of the Southern Cameroons.

The Petition of S.T.F. Ayonghe of Bafut resident at Bambui 4 Corners in Bamenda Central West Plebiscite District.

1. Your petitioner claims that the offences specified below, being offences referred to in Sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961, were committed by the persons named in connection with the holding of the plebiscite in the above named registration area:

P A R T I C U L A R S

Mr. J.N. Foncha, M.H.A., Premier of the Southern Cameroons, Buea

Mr. Jacob Ngwaneba and 15 others of Bafut Town, Bamenda Division.

PARTICULARS: Mr. Foncha on the 15th January, 1961 before the Plebiscite corruptly offered money and drinks to Mr. Jacob Ngwaneba and 15 others of Bafut contrary to regulation 47 of Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Polling) Regulations 1960.

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Court's certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate).

(Sgd) S.T.F. Ayonghe.

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ANNEX XXX. Petition from Mr. Audu Lamnte

S C H E D U L E

FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting in area: Nsaw Clan Area D of the Bamenda North (13)
Plebiscite District in the Bamenda Division of the Southern Cameroons.

The Petition of Audu Lamnte of Waingoilum Kikai Mfu in the Bamenda
North Plebiscite District.

1. Your petitioner claims that the offences specified below, being
offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3
of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961
were committed by the persons named in connection with the holding of the
persons named in connection with the holding of the Plebiscite in the above
named registration area.

P A R T I C U L A R S

Mr. John N. Foncha, M.H.A., Premier of the Southern Cameroons, Buea
Shu Fai Tsenla and his Mfu Society of Tsenla Kikai Mfu.

PARTICULARS: Mr. J.N. Foncha on January, 1961 before the
Plebiscite while on his plebiscite campaign corruptly
offered money up to £5 sterling for drinks to
Shu Fai Tsenla and his Mfu Society contrary to
regulation 47 of Southern Cameroons Plebiscite
(Polling Regulations 1960).

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon
the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together
with the Court's certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons
Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate)

(Sgd) Audu Lamnte

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ANNEX XXXI. Petition from Mallam Ibrahim

S C H E D U L E

FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting in area B of Nsaw Clan Area of the Bamenda North (13)
Plebiscite District in the Bamenda Division of the Southern Cameroons.

The Petition of Mallam Ibrahim of Tashibi in the Bamenda North
Plebiscite District.

1. Your petitioner claims that the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 were committed by the persons named in connection with the holding of the Plebiscite in the above named registration area.

P A R T I C U L A R S

Name: Mr. Patrick Mborong of Jakiri

Address: Jakiri Nsaw area.

PARTICULARS: Mr. Mborong on the 11th February, 1961, as Presiding Officer for Tashibi Polling Station committed breach of his official duty by illegally polling out of the Green box a number of ballot papers which he cancelled.

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Court's certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate) .

(Sgd) R.T. IBRAHIM

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W/M MALLAM L.T. SALE

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ANNEX XXXII. Petition from Mr. Martin Ngamdzele

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FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting in area G of Nsaw Clan Area of the Bamenda North (13) Plebiscite District in the Bamenda Division of the Southern Cameroons.

The Petition of Mr. Martin Ngamdzele of Shiy-Jakiri in the Bamenda North Plebiscite District.

1. Your petitioner claims that the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 were committed by the persons named in connection with the holding of the Plebiscite in the above named registration area.

P A R T I C U L A R S

Mr. John N. Foncha, M.H.A., Premier of the Southern Cameroons,
Premier's Office, Buea.

PARTICULARS: Mr. Foncha on 6th January, 1961 gave £3 to Madam Scholastica Meilam of Jakiri and her women society to buy salt in order not to vote for the Green box during the Plebiscite. During the voting almost all women who voted declared that they were voting for their salt given by Mr. J.Foncha.

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Court's certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate).

(Sgd) Martin Ngamdzele.

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ANNEX XXXIII. Petition from Mr. M.A. Etamo

S C H E D U L E

FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite Voting in registration area K of Menemo, Ngie, Ngwaw
Clan Areas of the Bamenda West (17) Plebiscite District in the Bamenda
Division of the Southern Cameroons.

The petition of Mr. M.A. Etamo of Basel Mission School, Andek
Ngie of the Bamenda West Plebiscite District.

1. Your petitioner claims that the offences specified below, being
offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3
of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961
were committed by the persons named in connection with the holding of the
plebiscite in the above named registration area:

P A R T I C U L A R S

Name: Mr. S.T. Muna, M.H.A., Minister of Commerce and Industries.

Address: Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Buea, Southern Cameroons.

PARTICULARS: Mr. S.T. Muna on the 5/2/61 at Oshie in Ngwo told the
masses that anyone who dare vote against unification
would be arrested after the plebiscite, imprisoned and
deported. Mr. Muna told the masses that Government had
provided police to accompany Ministers to show that no
party except KNDP and their supporters have power to
lecture. Other parties are not allowed to campaign and
so the masses must not follow them. White box he said
is the Government official box and those who fail to cast
their votes into the white box would be arrested and
deported.
Again at Ngwo, Mr. Muna provided food and drinks to the
voters and shared out money. Similar thing was done at Ngie.

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above
petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Court's
certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (voting
Petitions) Regulations 1961 (if appropriate).

(Sgd) M.A. Etamo.
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ANNEX XXXIV. Petition from Mr. Napoleon Ebot

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The Secretariat,
C.P.N.C. Mamfe Branch,
P.O. Box 7,
Mamfe - Southern Cameroons.
16th February, 1961.

The Assistant Plebiscite Administrator,
Mamfe.

Sir,

Undue Influence: Mamfe West Plebiscite
Constituency

The results of the Plebiscite in the Mamfe West Constituency have been published and I am here submitting my petition on the voting which was unduly influenced by the extensive swearing of jujus and I shall relate instances to support my case.

2. Until comparatively recent, juju swearing in the Native Courts in this Division was the only means of ascertaining the truth from people in both criminal and in civil cases. The searing of juju is also a means of preventing an action contemplated by an individual or groups of individuals. The swearing of juju is not only very frightening but has a lasting effect when sworn on individuals. This effect transcends to the protege and the posterity. It is in fact this lasting effect which works on the conscience of the individuals or groups of individuals thus influencing them to work in a certain direction and sometimes even against their own believe and intentions. Cases are not wanting within the Mamfe/Bamenda Magisterial Area where criminals who have sworn jujus on other people have been prosecuted and convicted. With this back ground, one cannot therefore doubt the effect of juju swearing and its significance on important issues including the past plebiscite.

3. The Ekpa Juju: This is an ancient juju practice, usually danced by old and middle women. The women dance naked in the night and practice certain secret acts. The substance of the product so used is sprinkled to the effect that anybody who does not abide by the opinion so expressed should be affected in the prescribed way. The other purpose of this dance in the olden days was to ward off the impending attack of an epidemic.

4. It became a common practice for the K.N.D.P. who favour the second Alternative during the plebiscite to swear juju in the villages of mamfe West and to persuade the women to dance and swear the Ekpa juju in the villages alike. On Sunday 5th February, 1961 the C.P.N.C. reported to the Superintendent of Police that the Besongabang women were preparing to dance the Ekpa juju. The Superintendent summoned a meeting of all political parties from doing anythin likely to prejudice and influence the minds of the people before the plebiscite. But this advice was not heeded to by the K.N.D.P. and accordingly the following act was performed to inflence the voters:-

" At Kembong one Atake Moluku (Atake Small) administered two native oaths in the day light around Takpang quarters that no person in that quarters should vote into the Green Box".

Yours faithfully,
(Sgnd) NAPOLEON EBOT

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FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting registration areaKembong.....

of theMamfe West..... plebiscite

District in theMamfe.Division..... Southern Cameroons.

The Petitioner of ...Mr..Napoleon.Ebot.....

c/o P.O. Box 7, Mamfe
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1. Your petitioner claims that - the person specified below

PARTICULARS

Name ...Mr..Atake.Muluku.....

Address c/o Native Court, Kembong.....

committed (c) the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petition) Regulations, 1961 were committed by the person named in connection with the holding of the plebiscite in the above named registration area.

PARTICULARS

"That at Kembong Atake Muluku administered two native oaths in the day light around Takpang quarters that no person in that quarters should vote into the Green Box"

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Courts certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961, (if appropriate)

(Signed) NAPOLEON EBOT
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Petitioner.

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ANNEX XXXV. Petition from Mr. Philip Tabi Agbor

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The Secretariat,
C.P.N.C. Mamfe Branch,
P.O. Box 7,
Mamfe - Southern Cameroons

16th February, 1961.

The Assistant Plebiscite Administrator,
Mamfe.

Undue Influence: Mamfe West Plebiscite
Constituency

The results of the Plebiscite in the Mamfe West Constituency have been published and I am here submitting my petition on the voting which was unduly influenced by the extensive swearing of juju and I shall relate instances to support my case.

2. Until comparatively recent, juju swearing in the Native Courts in this Division was the only means of ascertaining the truth from people in both criminal and in civil cases. The swearing of juju is also a means of preventing an action contemplated by an individual or groups of individuals. The sweating of juju is not only very frightening but has a lasting effect when sworn on individuals. This effect transcends to the protege and the posterity. It is infact this lasting effect which works on the conscience of the individuals or groups of individuals thus influencing them to work in a certain direction and sometimes even against their own believe and intentions. Cases are not wanting within the Mamfe/Bamenda Magisterial area where criminals who have sworn jujus on other people have been prosecuted and convicted. With this back ground one cannot therefore doubt the effect of juju swearing and its significance on important issues including the past plebiscite.

3. The Ekpa Juju: This is an ancient juju practice, usually danced by old and middle women. The women dance naked in the night and practice certain secret acts. The substance of the product so used is sprinkled accross the major road and a pronouncement is made to the effect that any body who does not abide by the opinion so expressed should be affected in the prescribed way. The other purpose of this dance in the olden days was to ward off the impending attack of an epidemic.

4. It became a common practice for the K.N.D.P. who favour the Second Alternative during the Plebiscite to swear juju in the villages of Mamfe West and to persuade the women to dance and swear the Ekpa juju in the villages alike. On Sunday 5th February 1961 the C.P.N.C. reported to the Superintendent of Police that the Besongabang women were preparing to dance the Ekpa juju. The Superintendent summoned a meeting of all political parties from doing anything likely to prejudice and influence the minds of the people before the Plebiscite. But this advice was not heeded to by the K.N.D.P. and accordingly the following act was performed to influence the voters.

"That on 10th February, 1961, Madam at Kembong
organised and and danced the Ekpa juju that no body
should vote into the Green Box."

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd) PHILIP TABI AGBOR

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FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION.

Plebiscite voting registration areaKembong.....
of theMamfe West..... Plebiscite
District in theMamfe Division.....Southern Cameroons
The Petition ofMr. Philip Tabi Agbor.....
.....c/o P.O. Box 7, Mamfe.....

1. Your petitioner claims that - the person specified below

PARTICULARS

Name ..Madam Enow Mba.....
Address ..Kembong Village c/o Native Court, Kembong.....

committed (c) the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petition) Regulations, 1961 were committed by the person named in connection with the holding of the plebiscite in the above named registration area.

PARTICULARS

"That on 10th February, 1961, Madam organised and danced the Ekpa juju that nobody should vote into the Green Box".

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Courts certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate).

(Signed) PHILLIP TABI AGBOR
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Petitioner /...

ANNEX XXXVI. Petition from Mr. F.T. Agbor

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P.O. Box 7,
Mamfe - Southern Cameroons.
16th February, 1961.

The Assistant Plebiscite Administrator,
Mamfe.

Sir,

Undue Influence: Mamfe West Plebiscite
Constituency.

The results of the Plebiscite in the Mamfe West Constituency have been published and I am here submitting my petition on the voting which was unduly influenced by the extensive swearing of jujus and I shall relate instances to support my case.

2. Until comparatively recent, juju swearing in the Native Courts in this Division was the only means of ascertaining the truth from people in both criminal and in civil cases. The swearing of juju is also a means of preventing an action contemplated by an individual or groups of individuals. The swearing of juju is not only very frightening but has a lasting effect when sworn on individuals. This effect transcends to the protege and the posterity. It is in fact this lasting effect which works on the conscience of the individuals or groups of individuals thus influencing them to work in a certain direction and sometimes even against their own believe and intentions. Cases are not wanting within the Mamfe/Bamenda Magisterial Area where criminals who have sworn jujus on other people have been prosecuted and convicted. With this back ground, one cannot therefore doubt the effect of juju swearing and its significance on important issues including the past plebiscite.

3. The Ekpa Juju: This is an ancient juju practice, usually danced by old and middle women. The women dance naked in the night and practice certain secret acts. The substance of the product so used is sprinkled accross the major road and a pronouncement is made to the effect that any body who does not abide by the opinion so expressed should be affected in the prescribed way. The other purpose of this dance in the olden days was to ward off the impending attack of an epidemic.

4. It became a common practice for the K.N.D.P. who favour the second Alternative during the Plebiscite to swear juju in the villages of Mamfe West and to persuade the women to dance and swear the Ekpa juju in the villages alike. On Sunday 5th February 1961, the C.P.N.C. reported to the Superintendent of Police that the Besongabang women were preparing to dance the Ekpa juju. The Superintendent summoned a meeting of all political parties and warned the parties from doing anything likely to prejudice and influence the minds of the people before the Plebiscite. But this advice was not heeded to by the K.N.D.P. and accordingly the following act was performed to influence the voters:-

" At the village of Mfuni, the women danced the Ekpa on 9th February. The leader of the group was On the same day at 6 p.m. the village head of Mfuni Nso Awu, used the Ekpe Society Drum to announce that all people should vote into the White Box, which is the second Alternative."

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd) F.T. AGBOR

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FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE
IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting registration area Mfuni
of the ...1..... Mamfe West plebiscite
District in the Mamfe Division..... Southern Cameroons
The petitioner of Mr. F.T. Agbor.....
..... Mfuni Village c/o P.O. Box 7, Mamfe

1. Your petitioner claims that - the person specified below

PARTICULARS

Name Mr. Nso Awu.....

Address .Village Head Mfuni Village ..c/o N.A. Court Kembong..

committed (c) the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petition) Regulations, 1961 were committed by the person named in connection with the holding of the plebiscite in the above named registration Area.

PARTICULARS

" That on 9th February, 1961 at Mfuni, Nso Awu used the Ekpe Society Drum to announce that all people should vote into the White Box"

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Courts certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitioner) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate)

(Signed) ..F..T..AGBOR.....
Petitioner.

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ANNEX XXXVII. Petition from Mr. J.M. Agbor
The Secretariat,
C.P.N.C. Mamfe Branch,
P.O. Box 7,
Mamfe - Southern Cameroons.

The Assistant Plebiscite Administrator,
Mamfe.

Sir,

Undue Influence: Mamfe West Plebiscite
Constituency.

The results of the Plebiscite in the Mamfe West Constituency have been published and I am here submitting my petition on the voting which was unduly influenced by the extensive swearing of jujus and I shall relate an instance in the Besongabang Registration Area to support my case.

2. Until comparatively recent, juju swearing in the Native Courts in this Division was the only means of ascertaining the truth from people in both criminal and in civil cases. The searing of juju is also a means of preventing an action contemplated by an individual or groups of individuals. The swearing of juju is not only very frightening but has a lasting effect when sworn on individuals. This effect transcends to the protege and the posterity. It is infact this lasting effect which works on the conscience of the individuals or groups of individuals thus influencing them to work in a certain direction and sometimes even against their own believe and intentions. Cases are not wanting within the Mamfe/Bamenda Magisterial Area where criminals who have sworn jujus on other people have been prosecuted and convicted. With this back ground, one cannot therefore doubt the effect of juju swearing and its significance on important issues including the past plebiscite.

3. The Ekpa Juju: This is an ancient juju practice, usually danced by old and middle women. The women dance naked in the night and practice certain secret acts. The substance of the product so used is sprinkled accross the major road and a pronouncement is made to the effect that anybody who does not abide by the opinion so expressed should be affected in the prescribed way. The other purpose of this dance in the olden days was to ward off the impending attack of an epidemic.

4. It became a common practice for the K.N.D.P. who favour the second Alternative during the plebiscite to swear juju in the villages of Mamfe West and to persuade the women to dance and swear the Ekpa juju in the villages alike. On Sunday 5th February, 1961, the C.P.N.C. reported to the Superintendent of Police that the Besongabang women were preparing to dance the Ekpa Juju. The Superintendent summoned a meeting of all political parties and warned the parties from doing anything likely to prejudice and influence the minds of the people before the Plebiscite. But this advice was not heeded to by the K.N.D.P. and accordingly the following acts were performed to influence the voters:-

" The Besongabang Village women danced the Ekpa juju on the night of 7th February, 1961. The matter was reported to the Police and the leader of the group Ayuk Enow-Nkpot was taken to the Police. The voting at Besongabang could not under these circumstances could not be said to be all that free and fair."

Yours faithfully,

(Sgnd) J.M. AGBOR

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FORM 1

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting in registration area Besongabang
of the Mamfe West plebiscite
District in the Mamfe Division Southern Cameroons.

The Petition of ...Mr. J. M. Agbor.....
...c/o P.O. Box 7, Mamfe.....

I. Your petitioner claims that - the person specified below

PARTICULARS

Name: ...Madam Ayuk Enow - NKpot.....

Address: ...c/o Chief Tambe Ayuk Village Head Besongabang.....

committed (c) the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (I) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petition) Regulations, 1961, were committed by the person named in connection with the holding of the plebiscite in the above named registration area.

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" That on the night 7th February, 1961, Madam Ayuk Enow Nkpot organised and danced the Ekpa Juju in the village of Besongabang"

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Courts certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961, (if appropriate)

(Signed) ...J.M. AGBOR.....
Petitioner.

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ANNEX XXXVIII. Petition from Mr. J.E. Ayuk

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The Secretariat,
C.P.N.C. Mamfe Branch,
P.O. Box 7,
Mamfe - Southern Cameroons.

16 February, 1961.

The Assistant Plebiscite Administrator,
Mamfe.

Sir,

Undue Influence: Mamfe West Plebiscite Constituency.

The results of the Plebiscite in the Mamfe West Constituency have been published and I am here submitting my petition on the voting which was unduly influenced by the extensive swearing of jujus and I shall relate instances to support my case.

2. Until comparatively recent, juju swearing in the Native Courts in this Division was the only means of ascertaining the truth from people in both criminal and in civil cases. The swearing of juju is also a means of preventing an action contemplated by an individual or groups of individuals. The swearing of juju is not only very frightening but has a lasting effect when sworn on individuals. This effect transcends to the present and the posterity. It is in fact this lasting effect which works on the conscience of the individuals or groups of individuals thus influencing them to work in a certain direction and sometimes even against their own belief and intentions. Cases are not wanting within the Mamfe/Bamenda Magisterial Area where criminals who have sworn jujus on other people have been prosecuted and convicted. With this background, one cannot therefore doubt the effect of juju swearing and its significance on important issues including the past plebiscite.

3. The Ekpa Juju: This is an ancient juju practice, usually danced by old and middle women. The women dance naked in the night and practice certain secret acts. The substance of the product so used is sprinkled across the major road and a pronouncement is made to the effect that anybody who does not abide by the opinion so expressed should be affected in the prescribed way. The other purpose of this dance in the olden days was to ward off the impending attack of an epidemic.

4. It became a common practice for the K.N.D.P. who favour the second Alternative during the plebiscite to swear juju in the villages of Mamfe West and to persuade the women to dance and swear the Ekpa juju in the villages alike. On Sunday 5th February, 1961, the C.P.N.C. reported to the Superintendent of Police that the Besongabang women were preparing to dance the Ekpa juju. The Superintendent summoned a meeting of all political parties and warned the parties from doing anything likely to prejudice and influence the minds of the people before the Plebiscite. But this advice was not heeded to by the K.N.D.P. and accordingly the following acts were performed to influence the voters.

"At Bachuo Ntai, in the Bachuo Ntai Registration Area a mass swearing of jujus was to be introduced and that was reported to the Police who stopped it but the women had to dance Ekpa at night on Friday 10th February, 1961 and Besem Eyang was the leader."

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J.E. AYUK

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(Reg.3(2))

SCHEDULE

FORM 1.

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

IN THE SPECIAL COURT

FORM OF PETITION

Plebiscite voting registration area Bachuntai
of the Mamfe West plebiscite
District in the Mamfe Division Southern Cameroons
The Petitioner of Mr. J. E. Ayuk
..... Bachuntai Village c/o Co-op Society Bachuntai

1. Your petitioner claims that - the person specified below

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Name Madam Besem Eyong
Address Bachuntai Village c/o Chief S.N. Mbu Bachuntai

committed (c) the offences specified below, being offences referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petition) Regulations, 1961 were committed by the person named in connection with the holding of the plebiscite in the above named registration Area.

PARTICULARS

"That on the night of 10th February, 1961 at Bachuo Ntai Madam Besem Eyong organised and danced the Ekpa Juju in the Village of Bachuo Ntai"

2. And your petitioner prays that the decision of the Court upon the above petition be forwarded to the Plebiscite Administrator, together with the Courts certificate under Regulation 7 of the Southern Cameroons Plebiscite (Voting Petitions) Regulations, 1961 (if appropriate).

(Signed) J. E. Ayuk
Petitioner
