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PETITION FROM THE TIKO COMMITTEE OF THE "UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN"
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Union des Populations du Cameroun
Cameroonian Branch of the
Rassemblement Démocratique Africain
Committee of TIKO (under British administration)

Subject: Motion of Protest

To: The Secretary-General of the United Nations,
New York

Sir,

We have the honour to apprise you of the following facts: Further to the reforms instituted by Roland Pré, the Governor of the Colonies, to deal with the incidents which occurred in the Cameroons from 25 to 27 May last, the French Administration has been stepping up its repressive measures more than ever over the last few days, during which the Cameroonian people have been preparing to receive the Visiting Mission. It is thus re-establishing an atmosphere of terror and grinding misery for the population; there are more and more mass arrests, with more and more people thrown into prison. In the Kribi Region, Chiefs Minkoa, Molikoulou, Mobar, Abé Mbikoué and their Notables were arrested with a view to forcing them to sign a false statement that nobody had been killed during the war of 25 to 27 May, in which all our compatriots were killed or imprisoned. As our compatriots could not lie about the fate of their country,

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they were not able to sign the colonialists' false reports and they were imprisoned for life, like our other brethern, who are serving heavy sentences in the Territory.

We are calling on you with cries of alarm to intervene in this reign of terror which the French colonialists are directing against the Cameroonian people. The Visiting Mission will find none of us left if the colonialists do not tone down their repressive measures against the Cameroonian people, who are determined and wish to dedicate themselves anew before the Visiting Mission.

The French Administration in the Cameroons is preparing fresh reinforcements from Chad and French Equatorial Africa to keep law and order when the Visiting Mission arrives in the Cameroons, in the same way as it maintained law and order from 25 to 27 May last.

Considering that the maintenance of law and order is only an excuse for thoroughly stifling the aspirations of the Cameroonian people;

Considering that the French colonialist Administration has a habit of shamelessly firing on the defenceless Cameroonian people;

Considering that the Cameroons under international United Nations Trusteeship should organize itself freely without hindrance from any Nation;

Considering that France, which is one of the United Nations Members which signed the Charter, uses its planes to hover over the heads of the Cameroonian people and uses firearms against unarmed women;

The TIKO Local Committee of the U.P.C. requests: that the French Trusteeship in the Cameroons should be cancelled immediately;

2. That a United Nations High Commissioner should be appointed to the Territory at once to organize elections for a Cameroonian constituent assembly

I have the honour to be etc...

Long live the United Nations,
Long live world peace,
Long live the immediate Unification and

Independence of the Cameroons

(Signed) illegible

Under-Secretary