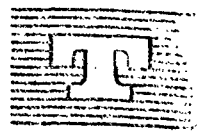


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PEPETITION FROM MR. JEAN NGUEA NYOUNGOU  
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 12 July 1951 from Mr. Jean Nguea Nyoungou concerning the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration.

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DOUALA

12 July 1951

To the Secretary-General of the  
United Nations  
Department of Trusteeship and Information  
from Non-Self-Governing Territories  
Lake Success

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information  
confirmation copy of a communication addressed by me to your Assembly  
through the High Commissioner of the French Republic in the Cameroons.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(signed) N. JEAN

Jean NGUEA NYOUNGOU

Bonadoumbe

Douala - Cameroons

Received at  
United Nations Headquarters  
on 26 July 1951

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Douala,  
11 July 1951

To the Secretary-General of the  
United Nations  
Department of Trusteeship and Information  
from Non-Self-Governing Territories  
Lake Success

c/o the High Commissioner  
of the French Republic in the Cameroons  
Yaounde

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication No. TRI/130/5/03/JR of 3 May 1950, enclosing the resolution adopted by the Trusteeship Council on my petition of 24 November 1949 with regard to my lands at Bonadoumbe (Douala), 7 hectares 3,850 sq. metres in area, which are classified as part of the private property of the Territory<sup>1/</sup>.

For a long time I anticipated that the bright hopes you had expressed in the resolution in question would be fulfilled and that the Administering Authority of the Cameroons would decide to bring the matter before the competent court, should the REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY be unable to settle it equitably. Nothing of the sort occurred.

I must further inform you that not one of the many letters I have sent to various Government services has even been acknowledged by the Authorities, from whom nevertheless, I am entitled to expect help, protection and justice. Faced with this conspiracy of silence, I felt myself justified in referring the matter again to your Assembly, and requesting reconsideration of the dispute.

/Furthermore,

<sup>1/</sup> Note by Secretariat: Resolution 150 (VI) on petition T/PET.5/47.

Furthermore, I categorically deny the arguments advanced in Mr. Watier's eloquent statement for the defence and would impress upon you that all the customary steps (holding of customary palavers, additional judgments of the first and second instance, enclosure and request for recognition of ownership) had been taken several months before the debate in the Representative Assembly of the Cameroons. I would ask you in that connexion to compare the date of enclosure with that of the classification of the said land as private property.

There is therefore in principle no legal justification whatsoever for the arbitrary decision of the Representative Assembly, which is fully aware of the factors forming the basis of my natural rights, the inalienable nature of which I continue to maintain.

Moreover, the skilfully created confusion arising from the pretended opposition by the district of Bonadoumbe to the recognition of my rights over the said land should not be allowed to continue; the owners of the portion of land to which the Representative Assembly's decision of 29/4/48 related in part have themselves assumed responsibility for the claims in connexion with that property and have initiated proceedings with the French authorities in the Cameroons.

They support me in requesting the adoption of a prompt and equitable solution to this affair, the settlement of which seems to have been somewhat delayed.

You will certainly not fail to notice how accommodating I have been, seeing that in my search for a possible settlement I did not hesitate to propose a price of 400 francs per square metre for this property which would sell for 1,000 francs or more (price accepted by the Representative Assembly in its debate No. 270/50 of 18 October 1950, the payment of which was authorized by Decree No. 3968 of 26/10/50 of the High Commissioner of the Republic, Journal Officiel du Cameroun of 7 November 1950).

I therefore place myself entirely in your hands and hope that your Assembly will intercede in my favour with the French authorities for the settlement of this affair.

I have the honour to be etc.

Jean NGUEA NYOUNGOU  
Bonadoumbe  
Douala - Cameroons