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TWO COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CAMEROONS COMMONERS CONGRESS CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

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Our Ref. TRI/14.
Central President,
Cameroons Commoners Congress,
P.O. Box 36, Mamfe,
Br. Cameroons, 7/11/60.

Hon. J.N. Foncha,
Premier S. Cameroons,
Buea.

Delegation to Britain

Sir,

The Cameroons Commoners Congress understand you are leading a secret delegation to Britain where Her Majesty's Government will be requested to prepare for this territory a new constitution that will grant Southern Cameroons independence.

2. Squandamania

We accuse you of wasting tax payers money in making a hopeless trip to Britain, when you know fully well British people and British Cameroonians no longer confide in your leadership. It's not your wish to sow in the British Commonwealth. How do you expect to reap from it? You will receive no loans from Britain. Therefore, save the freight to and from Britain.

3. At attempt to stab parliamentary procedure in the back.

If you want to make a hopeful trip to Britain, call off the plebiscite constitutionally, that is, start denouncing it from the House of Assembly, Buea,

and going up to the United Nations in New York. Failing to do this, means Britain can't help you without the approval of Cameroun Republic Parliament. Don't forget that you are a depending territory. By the plebiscite, you have tied yourself to the aprone strings of Cameroun Republic. Britain can't bye pass this Republic to help you.

4. Delegation not fully represented.

You know that there are three clear cut policies in this territory owned by three distinct registered parties - the KNDP, CCC and CPNC.

(1) Your party, the Kamerun National Democratic Party (KNDP), with its registered symbol, the umbrella, stands for joining this territory with the Cameroun Republic.

(2) Our party, the Cameroons Commoners Congress (CCC), with its registered symbol, the native drum, stands for demanding full independence for English Speaking Cameroons. That is that the party does not want this territory to join Nigeria neither does it want the Territory to join Cameroun Republic.

(3) The Cameroons People National Convention (CPNC), headed by the leader of Opposition, with the registered symbols of the cock, banana and house, stands for joining this territory with Nigeria.

5. Resign Honourably.

From the above, it is clear that the KNDP and CPNC stand condemned for voting away our nation or betraying our national interest. You are no longer reliable to lead this territory. Anybody who takes your ward into confidence does so at his own risk. Resign honourably and test your popularity at the polls.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of CCC,

(Signed) S.E. NYENTI

(S.E. Nyenti) Central President, CCC.

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7/11/60.

His Honour the Commissioner
of the Cameroons, Buea.
The Colonial Secretary, London.
The Secretary General, U.N., New York.

Copy for your information, please.

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Our Ref. TRI/15.
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Cameroons Commoners Congress,
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Br. Cameroons, 7/11/60

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Office,
London,

View points from Cameroons Commoners Congress

At an emergency meeting of the above political party, held by the Executive Committee in Kumba, the following points were raised and I am directed to inform you accordingly.

First, the National Executive Committee of the CCC passed a "Vote of no confidence" in the leadership of Mr. J.N. Foncha, on the following reasons.

1. That Mr. Foncha won the last General elections with a slim majority Govt. on the ticket of secession from Nigeria and continued trusteeship for a short period.

Mr. Foncha at the United Nations could not set or fix a date for such a period and as such, the United Nations could not accept perpetual trust status for the Southern Cameroons when in fact, the U.N. had pronounced Independence ready for us.

Now that Foncha has decided to join Ahidjo, it is therefore political insanity and confusion to allow an incomplete not fully represented delegation of this nature, to steal itself away from the country and led by Foncha for any Technical and financial aid from Britain and the training of a Southern Cameroons militia.

The Cameroons Commoners Congress therefore strongly recommends the following:

1. That the delegation be sent back
2. That the Government of the territory be allowed to take the matter up in the House of Assembly and to make the nation understand its intentions.
3. To forward its resolution from the debates in the legislature to you the Colonial Secretary and copying the United Nations.
4. To ask Foncha to resign honourably.

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5. To ask the Commissioner of the Cameroons to dissolve the House of Assembly and order fresh elections in place of the plebiscite.
6. To use the present plebiscite Register for future elections in the N and S. Cameroons.
7. To instruct the United Nations observers now in the territory to conduct the elections.
8. A new constitution for both the North and South Cameroons, in which the office of Governor-General and two Commissioners be created. One for the North and one for the South.
9. After such a resolution in the House of Assembly, the Government should send a fully represented delegation including North and South Cameroons to Colonial Secretary to help in drawing up the constitution and proceed to New York, informing the United Nations of our unanimity on our future.
10. Finally demand full Independence for English Speaking Cameroons by virtue of the U.N. Charter and trusteeship agreement, which must be respected.

I am sure you are aware from diplomatic circles that all negotiations between Foncha and Ahidjo on the form of Unification have failed. The opposition in the S. Cameroons House of Assembly has also indicated that if Foncha drops Unification with the Cameroun Republic, they will also drop the idea of joining Nigeria and demanding independence for the North and South Cameroons.

The CCC wants an English speaking parliament, its own flag, its own mint for money its national anthem and to take its proper place in the U.N. and contribute to international peace and security.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

for and on behalf of the CCC

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