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TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 24 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 for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 3 September 1952 from the All-Ewe Conference concerning the Trust Territory of Togoland under French Administration.

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ALL - EWE CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 225,
A C C R A.
3rd September, 1952.

Sir,

P R O T E S T

Governor Pechoux's recent denial of incidents and brutal treatments of the population through the Consulate General of France in Accra is a barefaced lie.

It is regretted that the Consular Office of France in Accra has allowed itself time and again, to be used as an agency of denial of incontrovertible facts, even when living eye-witnesses and the victims exist to confirm the untoward and inhuman acts of the French Administration.

Victims of recent atrocities in Lomé and Vogan, Tsevie, Akposso and other towns in Togoland under French trusteeship who have not succumbed are still there for examination and confirmation. The arrested and untried persons are still in jail. Photographs of at least 12 such victims taken by the Visiting Mission itself are on the files of the Mission. More photographs can be produced to testify the truth of the reports of the atrocities. The "Daily Graphic" reporter who suffered at the hands of the French Togoland Authorities is also alive.

The tainted, brutal and documented record of Monsieur Pechoux as the erstwhile Governor of the Ivory Coast is very well known. And there is now no doubt whatever of Monsieur Pechoux's plan of provocation of the populace, and in the last resort, of "planting" some dangerous things against the nationalists as a pretext for general massacre.

These inhuman acts are in themselves disreputable and degrading enough already. But their automatic denial from your office lowers your personal prestige and brings into contempt the Consular Service of France and discredits it.

We vehemently protest against these attempts of a responsible Consular officer of self-avowed democratic and cultural country as France.

(Signed) I.K. ATTIOGBE

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