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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE UPC OF MVOG-MBI CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN, (U.P.C.)

CAMEROONS BRANCH OF THE RASSEMBLEMENT DEMOCRATIQUE AFRICAIN

MVOG-MBI COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 19, YAOUNDE

THE PRIME MINISTER  
Paris

Sir,

After many appeals to the Administering Authority of the Territory concerning the expulsion of MALAPA, Paul, an honest patriot, the MVOG-MBI Committee at its meeting of 24 September 1954 adopted a resolution protesting against the arbitrary treatment of this innocent Cameroonian.

Considering that the hired miscreants of the Foumban plot are unpunished;

Considering that these hired miscreants, with the continued encouragement of authorities, are going round the Foumban region, boasting publicly at all the regular markets that they have been given permission by the Soucadeaux Government to drink wine out of the skulls of comrades MOUCHILLY, UM NYOBE and KINGUE Abel;

Considering that Paul Malapa is the legitimate son of BULU Malapa Paul, a Cameroonian, and his wife Freda LEKOW, a German;

Considering that Bulu Malapa Paul, who is a Cameroonian national, officially recognizes Malapa Paul as his son;

Considering that all foreign nationals in the Cameroons who have children by Cameroonian women have the right to recognize such children, who automatically acquire their father's nationality;

Considering that no Cameroonian of French nationality has ever been expelled from the Cameroons;

Having regard to the certificate made out by the German chargé d'affaires at Paris on 8 April 1952 in accordance with the German Nationality Act of 22 July 1913;

Having regard to article 127 of the Treaty of Versailles;

Having regard to article 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Having regard to the statement made by the patriot Malapa Paul before the competent authorities on 5 May 1954 to the effect that he is a national and resident of the Cameroons;

Considering that on 25 May 1954 Mr. Allaire, Chief of the Eséka Subdivision, confiscated publications of the national movement in that Subdivision;

Considering that Mr. Lacerre, Chief of the Mbam Region (Bafia), confiscated maps and pamphlets of the national movement;

Considering that Mr. COQUIL, the Assistant Administrator-Mayor of the town of Yaoundé, in order to intimidate the population of the town, refused to recognize the rights of comrade Belibi Otto, the chairman of our Committee, to land which is his under customary law;

Considering that comrade BELIBI Otto was refused a permit to build on that land and that Mr. Coquil first signed the permit and then cancelled it merely because this patriot is for the unification and independence of the Cameroons;

(1) The Mvog Mbi Committee strongly protests against the arbitrary expulsion of our gallant patriot Malapa Paul by the French colonial administration in the Cameroons because he considers his land to be illegally occupied by the Catholic clergy at Kribi and that he, too, is for the unification and independence of his country.

(2) Vehemently protests against the policy of colonialism which permits the assassination of the leaders and active members of the U.P.C. and the seizure by French colonialist officials of U.P.C. publications and effects in order to prevent the spread of that national movement and against the policy of intimidation whereby rightful owners are refused recognition of their rights to land which is theirs under customary law.

We hope that the facts which we are bringing to your attention will cause you to put an end to the French colonialist oppression of the U.P.C. and its active members.

We have the honour, etc...

Yaoundé, 24 September 1954

For the Mvog-Mbi Committee

(signed) Belibi Otto Théodule

Chairman

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