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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. M.A. ETAMO CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

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Mr. M.A. Etamo C.P.N.C. Rep.
i/c Bamenda West
c/o Ngwo Village-B'da.
19th January, 1961

The Ass. Plebiscite Administrator,
Bamenda Division.

Sir,

Minister of Commerce and Industry using
his Official position to influence the
Southern Cameroons Plebiscite.

1. I am compelt by repeated corrupt practices and excessive intimidations from both one of the members of the Southern Cameroons Legislature/Mr. S.T. Muna KNDP member for Bamenda West and followers of KNDP to send this petition to you asking for your immediate protection and other measures necessary to remedy this improper conduct and means used to force the voters against their free will.
2. That on the 26th Dec. 1960 Mr. S.T. Muna Minister of Commerce and Industry toured the Constituency. He arrived my Village Ngwo on 25th Dec., 1960 and stayed the night with the chief. The following day Dec. 26th 1960 the natives were ordered to appear before him and to stage native dances. This they did. During the dances natives were dashed with money, he gave them palm wine and beer in large quantity, devided salt to the women, and finally delivered his campaign lecture for the plebiscite. He did the same throughout Ngwaw and Ngie areas in places known to me, some examples being Oshie, Ngwo, Etwii, Ajei, Tieze, Andek in Ngie etc. I consider this means of inducing the voters improper.

3. On the 15th Jan., 1961 one of the KNDP supporters from the Bamenda West named Solomon Nde and company Mbewa all of Ngembenge ordered the natives by (drum which is the native law and custom) to appear with their registration cards. The order by drum which I understood personally was that the plebiscite Officer had come and demanded the registration cards. This was a plan from the KNDP field Secretary whom I met there in the quarter head's compound examining the cards and warning the voters that they must vote for the white box or else they would be serverely punished after the plebiscite. This field Secretary is one P.A. Korondo of Nkun in Ngwo village.
4. On the 17th Jan., 1961 one of the KNDP supporters attended the market and delivered a public lecture from 3.30 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. and warned the people that they must not say or decide to vote. He would inform them only on the eve prior to the plebiscite which way they must vote. He further threatened my position seriously. He supports KNDP view point.
5. The said group of KNDP had twice sent messengers to threaten my field man Marcus Akpambuo that they would use all measures inclusive of court action against him because he supports integration against his will. Most people support integration with Nigeria, but they are being seriously threatened by KNDP Ministers, Legislators, and pressure groups of hooligans organised all over the Bamenda Div., by the KNDP who claim to be the Govt., Party and therefore all Powerful.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your humble petitioner.
(Signed) Illegible
CPNC Rep., i/c Bamenda West.

C.C.

- (1) Secretary General
U.N.O. General Assembly, New York, U.S.A.
- (2) The Colonial Secretary, Colonial Office Downing Street, Lon
- (3) The Attorney General, S.C. Buea.
- (4) His Honour the Commissioner of Cameroons, Buea.
- (5) The Commissioner of Police, Buea.
- (6) The Inspector General of Police, Lagos.
- (7) The Prime Minister, Federal Nigeria, Lagos.
- (8) His Excellency the Governor General of Nigeria, Lagos.
- (9) The Plebiscite Officer, Mbengwi.
- (10) The Leader of Opposition, S.C. Buea.
- (11) The Senior Superintendent of Police, Bamenda.
- (12) The Premier of S.C. Buea.
- (13) The zonal President, CPNC, Bamenda.

I request your very kind and early co-operation in a situation which bears very adverse effects on the Plebiscite in Bamenda Division and lead the voters to vote for what is not their choice but the wishes of Ministers who are looked upon as masters all powerful.
