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PARTY AT MANKON CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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K.N.D.P. National Secretariat,
Mankon,
Post Office, Bamenda,
31st December, 1958.

The High Commissioner,
For the Southern Cameroons,
High Commissioner's Office,
Lagos.

Your Excellency,

A protest against printing Ballot Papers in the Southern
Cameroons.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to protest on behalf of my Party to Your Excellency the order to print Ballot papers by the Southern Cameroons Government. Your Excellency is aware of the unscrupulous and oppressive attitude of the K.N.C. as a Governing Party.

The printing of Ballot Papers under the direction of this Government is viewed with the gravest concern as it offers opportunity to smuggle them and thus defraud the forthcoming General Elections. More so, all the printers concerned are Nigerians and the Cameroonians have been driven out of such undertaking. Under the present circumstances, I am afraid that the Elections will not be as fair as were expected to be.

Election petitions often involve drawn litigation, in which case the Government would have been formed. I therefore, on behalf of my Party, request Your Excellency's assurance that in any Polling Station, where the result of the votes counted exceeds the number that polled such result should be nullified.

2. I am aware that Nigerian Police are being imported into the Cameroons to assist in the supervision of the Elections. The issues involved greatly affect Nigeria and the Cameroons but since the Elections are purely a Cameroons Affairs, the Cameroon Police should supervise the Elections while the reinforced Nigeria Police maintain peace in the Government Stations.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. FONCHA

(President General)

CC: The U.N.O., New York, U.S.A.
The Colonial Secretary, London.
Chief Electoral Officer, Buea.
For your information, please.
