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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. JEAN THEODORE NGANSY AND OTHERS
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Douala, 2 May 1956

MOTION

The Cameroonian patriots of the Seven-Djoungo II quarter, New-Bell, Douala, Cameroons,

Meeting today, 2 May 1956, protest before French and world public opinion against the work of the French parliamentary mission now in the Territory;

Considering that on the arrival of this French parliamentary mission dissensions among Africans began again, notably in the Sangmélina subdivision, which was occupied at the time by the Colonial Administrator "Hubert", the author of the said dissensions on 12 March 1955,

Considering that this action is nothing but an attempt to sabotage legitimate Cameroonian national aspirations,

Considering that the said French parliamentary mission has been sent by its Parliament to investigate the national desires of the Cameroonian people,

Considering that this mission has been unapproachable since its arrival in the Territory,

Considering that this mission only conducts its investigation behind the scenes and cannot get into touch with the nationalists, and that its arrival in the Territory has therefore had no beneficial effect,

Considering that the last Visiting Mission of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations did its work haphazardly,

Considering that the French parliamentary mission is empowered by its Parliament to investigate the events of May 1955 in the Cameroons and to hear Cameroonian public opinion on the subject of national unity and independence,

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Considering that the French parliamentary mission has issued no communiqué to Cameroonian nationalists offering to hear them so as to facilitate its work,

Considering that, not having made contact with all Cameroonian nationalists, the said mission will perhaps be like the Visiting Mission of the U.N. Trusteeship Council of October 1955,

Protest vigorously against this French parliamentary mission,

Also protest against the loi-cadre, which provides no statutory basis for the Cameroonian national problem and which, on the contrary, assimilates and integrates the Cameroonian people into the "FRENCH UNION",

Requests:

(a) The unconditional liberation of the political prisoners and convicts held in all the prisons of the Territory as a result of the incidents of May 1955,

(b) The annulment of the warrants issued for the arrest of the partisans of national unification and independence,

(c) Revocation of the decree of 15 July 1955, dissolving the Mouvements progressistes kamerunais,

Point out to the French High Commissioner in the Cameroons (Mr. Pierre MESSMER) that repression has never solved the problem of a people resolved to free itself from tyranny which here we call "colonialism"

Draw the attention of French and world public opinion to the fact that the Cameroons have been continuously oppressed since April-May 1955, and that there has been no calm in the Cameroons up to the moment of our writing this motion,

Confirm that the Cameroons have only one objective: the national unification and independence of the country.

Also confirm that the Cameroonian people more than ever sympathize with the Moroccan, Tunisian and Sudanese people in their struggle for national independence and that it too will continue the struggle to the end,

Note finally that France still has the advantage and that it is not too late for it to establish genuine friendship between France and the Cameroons,

State that the whole Cameroonian people will always (of course) remain anti-colonialist

Subscribe unreservedly to the Bandung Conference of 22 April 1955, representing 1,400,000,000 people of different countries, which condemned colonialism "including French colonialism" (To be analyzed)

Remain convinced that France should proclaim the independence of the countries under its domination, including the countries under trusteeship,

Once again ask France, on the basis of the Constitution adopted by the Third Parliament of the Fourth Republic, to respect its own Constitution.

(Signed) NGANSY Jean Théodore, Chemist's employee

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(and twenty-eight others)

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