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COMMUNICATION FROM THE AKOUMAPE YOUTH MOVEMENT CONCERNING  
TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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The Secretary,  
United Nations,  
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The Secretary,  
Akoumape Youth Movement,  
c/o J.K. Banks, Esq.,  
Market Street,  
Nsawam,  
Ghana, W. A.  
15th August, 1957

Sir,  
The undersigned Officers and Members of Akoumape Youth Movement (of French Togoland) in Ghana, thank you for your letter Ref. T/PET.7/519 dated 27th August, 1956 of our petition dated 27th February, 1956 against maladministration of the (French Government) the Administering Authority in Togoland in connection with minerals production, and inhuman treatment to Togoland subjects.

We did not say that:-

- (a) There was an agreement between the Elders, or the owners of the respective plots and the Government before the minerals production, was in its operation.
- (b) That the Chief of the Territory had compelled Mr. S.E. Olympio to withdraw a motion tabled.

We say that:-

- (c) Without an agreed constitution between the Elders of Togolaise, or the owners of the respective plots and the Government, those mentioned minerals in our past petition were being dug.

(d) That, as regards to such misconducts, and inhuman treatment to Togoland subjects, Mr. S.E. Olympio tabled a motion in the then Territorial Assemblée and was compelled by the Administrative Mayor to withdraw the motion.

The Secretary, we humbly beg to ask the following questions before, answering one after the other, honourable members of the respective Nation's questions raised during the Committee Meeting.

- (1) May we know through the Secretary that, had Mr. Doise (Special Representative) been in person to Togoland on investigations before he called on the Committee to give evidence?
- (ii) May we know as to whether the Commission appointed by the Government to investigate into the allegations, were able to provide the correct figures?

We prefer the truth to falsehood, and we condemn inhuman treatment to Togoland subjects, hence we are all created with an equal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Mr. Smolderen (Belgium) on voting

It is clearly understood that, in every true democratic country the greater part of voters are always the rate payers. The emigrants who left the country to (G.C.) Ghana about eight to ten years ago and who are in Ghana but paying rates in Togoland through their parents and relatives; whenever it comes to General Elections, the Government has the list of these emigrants whose relatives and parents are held to pay rates, do so to vote on their behalf. We further refer the House to read, the West Africa Graphic Co. Ltd., dated 5th January, 1957 headed "STORM OVER THE STATUS OF TOGOLAND", to ascertain the fact laid on voting, by the three opponent political party members who opposed the so-called Government during the last Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr. Yang (China) on cattle Taxation

Over 40th years settlement in Togoland, neither there is a hospital built in Anecho-Akoumpe, of course for a human health treatment, nor there is a Veterinary Surgeon which sees to the healthy of animals in the Region. Even on no occasion has a Surgeon visit the country for such purpose; and the distance between Akoumpe and Anecho is 32 miles, and from Akoumpe to Lome journey 76 miles.

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Mr. Yang (China) on Mr. Olympio's Motion

It is the policy of the Government to turn down facts raised in the then Territorial Assembly by Togoland borns. Mr. Olympio's motion was laid on the then table for debating in connection of non agreement on the minerals production and inhuman treatment. Mr. Doise (Special Representative) pointed out that, we petitioners who live in Accra happened to speak on behalf of Mr. Olympio. Owing to abnoxious ruling by the Government, that had compelled us to escape to Accra. In Accra, despite we are strangers, we have enough room to agitate for self rule; we have freedom in holding Public Meetings, in which Mr. Olympio at times part-take, without the slightest fear and peacefully. Even in Accra we have the following Sister political branches which works hand in hand with the Major political parties in Togoland as follows:- "All Ewes' Conference, Unite' Togolaie party and Juvento the Young formed party.

Mr. Bendryshev. (U.S.S.R.) on population

The population of Akoumape and its sub. villages would be about three thousand two hundred people. We believed that the supporters of the Government might have been hardly exceeded seventy people which the (Special Representative) suggested to be the population of the Region.

Mr. Bendryshev. (U.S.S.R.) on exile in (G.C.) Ghana

The emigration to (G.C.) Ghana, which form part and parcel of our past petition, took effect when the Government imposed on Togoland subjects, the collection of bags of corn, palm kernels, and palm oils. This imposition had caused the people stagnant, offspring, dejected and scapegrace, which compelled the inhabitants to emigrate. The considerable emigrants as (Special Representative) referred 'to and fro' on their own free will would hardly exceed twenty people. But since the imposition as stated above became bitterly exceed human behaviour, the number of emigrants increased in thousands.

Mr. Bendryshev. (U.S.S.R.) on malt. of Mr. Anya's Grand son

If Mr. Doise (Special Representative) is not aware of the dangers which took effect on the 5th October, 1954 at the Secretary (Mr. Azo Louis's) office, then is

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the (Special Representative) aware that under the Authority of the Government, one Mr. Azo Lous had been appointed a Secretary in Akumape?

The Secretary, on the whole, we beg the House to allow the (Special Representative) an opportunity to re-investigate into the allegations against the Government, in order that, at the next session Committee Meeting he may be able to redress the respective Nation's members questions raised.

Trusting that, this humble petition will reach your favourable consideration and act there on.

Signed:-

Mr. Ameyomah Klevor	Member	Mr. A.K. Andre	President
Mr. John Gaba	"	Mr. Afaloho Klevor,	Chairman
Mr. Moses Kovi	"	Mr. Kwasi O. Dzumedor	Member
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Mr. Nutsuga Boi	"	Mr. Kwame Mensah	"
Mr. Kwasi Ashinyo	"	Mr. Yaw Canter	"
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