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ASSOCIATION OF TOGOLESE STUDENTS IN FRANCE  
("JEUNE TOGO")

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MOTION ON THE MASSACRE OF TOGOLESE PATRIOTS

The Association of Togolese Students in France

Has learned with horror of the death of Togolese patriots killed near  
Lama-Kara on 23 June 1957, and others killed at Mango some days earlier, by  
French colonialist police officials under cover of the Grunitzky Government.

The Togolese students in France mourn these patriots who died for the  
freedom and independence of the people of Togoland and join in the sorrow and  
indignation of their stricken families.

These crimes committed against the people of Togoland are a denial of the  
most elementary human rights and a complete violation of freedom of opinion and  
expression. The responsibility for them falls entirely on the French Government  
and its accomplices, chief among whom are Nicolas GRUNITZKY and Robert AJAVON.

The tragic events which have occurred since the beginning of June 1957 in a  
part of the country where that Government claims unconditional support are added  
proof that the regime set up in Togoland with the sole backing of the French  
Government is obviously contrary to the Togolese people's profound desire for  
independence.

The Association strongly condemns the use of force to make the Togolese  
people submit to a regime of oppression and therefore demands:

- (1) the immediate and complete cessation of the massacre of simple unarmed villagers;
- (2) the unconditional release of Togolese political prisoners;
- (3) the application in Togoland of all the democratic freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- (4) the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly;
- (5) the holding of general elections under the supervision of the United Nations;
- (6) the setting up of a Government fully responsible for realizing the independence of Togoland.

Paris, 28 June 1957

For the Association

The Executive Committee

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