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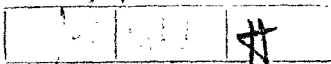
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Item 5 of the Agenda



QUESTION OF THE PRISON SYSTEM AS RAISED IN CERTAIN
PETITIONS CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Resolution adopted by the Trusteeship Council at the
eightieth meeting on 3 April 1950

Acting under Article 87 (b) of the Charter and in accordance with its
rules of procedure,

Having accepted and examined, at its sixth session, in consultation with the
Administering Authority concerned, which designated Mr. Watier
as special representative, parts of the following petitions
which raise the question of the prison system:

- (1) Petition from the Comité Directeur de Kumze (T/PET.5/32-4/26),
- (2) Petition from Mr. Gustave Ekotto (T/PET.5/39),

Having taken note of the observations of the United Nations Visiting Mission
to West Africa on the question of the prison system (T/462, p. 35),

Having taken note of the oral statement of the special representative on this
subject,

Having noted the statement of the Administering Authority that the claim that
accused persons awaiting trial were forced to work was groundless,

The Trusteeship Council

- (1) Decides to inform the petitioners that the question of the prison system
has been and will be examined in connection with its examination

of the annual reports of the Administering Authority on the administration of the Territory;

- (2) Draws the attention of the petitioners to the resolution on prisons system adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its fourth session, the text of which reads as follows:

"The Council recommends that the Administering Authority devote attention to the provision of rehabilitation courses for juvenile delinquents, by such methods as the establishment of vocational and technical training facilities.

The Council notes that a distinction is drawn in the prisons system, in diet and other matters, between European and indigenous prisoners, and recommends that the Administering Authority study the situation with a view to establishing prison conditions no less favourable to the indigenous prisoners than to the Europeans.";

- (3) Invites the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority and the petitioners of this resolution in accordance with rule 93 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council.
