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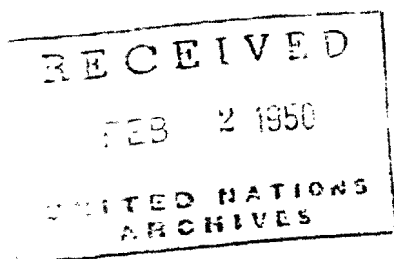
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PETITION FROM SIXTY-THREE INHABITANTS OF THE SUBDIVISION OF SAA
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the Trusteeship Council a communication dated 19 November 1949 from sixty-three inhabitants of the subdivision of Saa concerning the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration. This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa.

/Yaoundé,



Yaundé, 19 November 1949

We the undersigned inhabitants of the subdivision of Saa beg the members of the Trusteeship Council Visiting Mission to take note of the fact that forced labour and native status (indigénat) still exist in our subdivision.

We have been arrested and sent to the Yaundé road works service where we are working like slaves. Our quarters are on swampy land, our living conditions are intolerable and we receive neither food nor firewood. We number over 101 persons, arrested to come and work here. We have heard that it is forbidden to strike anyone without reason. As for us, they strike us and treat us like prisoners.

When the group chief arrests you and you say "I refuse", he sends you to the police station at Obala where you are forced to pay 1200 francs. You must come and visit our company here and see what it is like.

Joint signature.

(List of 63 names attached)

Received at United Nations Headquarters, 1 December 1949.

/s.solo Bergard

1.solo Bernard - A.B.
2. Awono Etoa - A. E.
3. Ndzana Hubert - N. H.
4. Okala Berlelemy - O.B.
5. Onguene Gaston - O. G.
6. Nemo Donacien
7. Elcundon Sostène
8. Mbah Maurice
9. Nyola Ebogo
10. Olinga Mhani
11. Bela Zacharie
12. Atcha Hutert
13. Awono Anaha
14. Anomo Jean
15. Ayissi Nguede
16. Ombede Noah
17. Ohondza Nluga
18. Etundi Goustave
19. Okala Chenrad
20. Etoza Auguene
21. Mvogo Perfinos
22. Engolo Ambroise
23. Onale Venant
24. Fouda Bidzono
25. Assolo Ngono
26. Ntsego Lemana
27. Messi Jean
28. Onana Mhida
29. Enama Nicolas
30. Modo Ambroise
31. Obama Tadeus
32. Ayissi Sebastien
33. Eyelic Norbert
34. Onihoudou Jean
35. Mandoran Alegue
36. -----
37. Ayissi Jaques
38. Atangana Jean
39. Nguma Nanga
40. Ehaga Gama
41. Ntede Otsah
42. Messi Elias
43. Nekomo Awono
44. Noah Ndzana
45. Noah Antoine
46. Elouga Fouda
47. Elouga Noah
48. Lomo Bassa
49. Neme Mvogo
50. Zogo Adalbert
(No. 51 omis)
52. Fouda Joseph
53. Assiga Joseph
54. Bellinga Exuha
55. Ndongo Thimothé
56. Atono Legue
57. Awono Pascal
58. Mvogo Edouma
59. Otila Lebrono
60. Fogo Dieudonné
61. Tuna Manga
62. Ndongo Lehogo
63. Metomo Feana
64. Youda Etroe
65. Menouna Simeon