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SUMMARIES OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCULATED
BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, PURSUANT TO RULES 24 AND 85,
PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Memorandum by the Secretariat

The present memorandum contains a list of documents circulated prior to the establishment of the Committee on Classification of Communications, by the Secretary-General pursuant to rules 24 and 85, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, during the period from 1 May to 8 July 1957.

The list contains a description of each document (paragraph A), its initial classification by the Secretary-General (paragraph B), and in certain cases remarks (paragraph C) which may assist the Standing Committee on Petitions in classifying the documents in accordance with rule 90, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure.

Tanganyika

1. Petition from the Tanganyika African National Union (T/PET.2/L.7)
 - A. Letter dated 4 June 1957 from the Secretary-General of the Tanganyika African National Union requesting a hearing during the twentieth session of the Council.
 - B. See paragraph C.
 - C. The request for the hearing was granted by the Council and the petitioner, Mr. Julius Nyerere, appeared before the Council during its twentieth session.
2. Petition from Chief Marealle II Paramount Chief of the Wachagga (T/PET.2/L.8)
 - A. Letter dated 12 June 1957 requesting a hearing during the twentieth session of the Council.
 - B. See paragraph C.
 - C. The request for the hearing was granted by the Council and the petitioner appeared before the Council during its twentieth session.

3. Communication from the United Tanganyika Party (T/COM.2/L.38)

- A. Mimeographed copy of a memorandum prepared by the United Tanganyika Party on 21 June 1957, concerning the future of the Territory. The memorandum aims essentially at arousing interest in the economic possibilities which the Territory has to offer and in the building of a harmonious multi-racial Tanganyika nationhood.
- B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

Ruanda-Urundi

4. Communication from Mr. Barnabé Ntunguka (T/COM.3/L.22)

- A. Letter dated 15 October 1956, enclosing a copy of a letter dated 27 August 1956, concerning his imprisonment and informing the United Nations of his intention to request a hearing by a court of appeal, and to take the matter up with the 1957 Visiting Mission.
- B. Communication concerning a petition previously examined by the Council.
- C. Mr. Ntunguka's petition (T/PET.3/82 and Add.1 and 2) was examined by the Council at its seventeenth session (resolution 1379 (XVII)). The present communication does not add anything to the original petition. Mr. Ntunguka was heard by the 1957 Visiting Mission to East Africa.

Cameroons under British administration

5. Communication from Bureau of the Leading Committee of the Union of the Populations of the Cameroons (T/COM.4/L.22)

- A. Copy of a letter dated 15 April 1957, addressed to the Colonial Secretary in London, requesting assistance in obtaining passports for members of the U.P.C. delegation wishing to attend the London Constitutional Conference. The communication also contains a commentary on the manner in which the elections were conducted on 15 March 1957 in the Cameroons under British administration.
- B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

Cameroons under British administration and Cameroons under French administration

6. Petition from Mr. Yerima Tagne (T/PET.4 and 5/L.15)

- A. Letter from the Chairman of the Kamkop Local Committee of the U.P.C., in Bamoungoum village, dated 8 March 1957, complaining in general terms of repressive measures alleged to have been taken by the two Administering Authorities and protesting against the arrest of the Chiefs of Baham and of Bandeng. Request for unification and independence.

- B. Petition concerning general problems.
- C. The arrest of the Chief of Baham is the subject of T/PET.5/1029 and that of the Chief of Bandang is the subject of T/PET.5/1250

7. Petition from Mr. Pierre Ntend (T/PET.4 and 5/L.16)

- A. Letter dated 3 May 1957 protesting against the arrest of U.P.C. members, notably in Bamenda, and asking for urgent intervention. Protest against the loi-cadre and request for unification and independence.
- B. Petition concerning general problems.

Cameroons under French administration

8. Petition from the Executive Committee of the Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun (T/PET.5/L.439)

- A. Letter dated 2 April 1957 stating the position of the J.D.C. on the question of unification and independence and demanding that a target date be decided upon for the attainment of independence. Protest against repressive measures alleged to have been taken by the Administering Authority in the Sanaga-Maritime and Bamiléké regions.
- B. Petition concerning general problems.

9. Two petitions from the "Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun", Local Branches of Bakwat and Etoubé II (T/PET.5/L.440)

- A. Undated letters protesting against repressive measures in the Cameroons since May 1955 and requesting the abrogation of the Trusteeship Agreement, the re-establishment of the dissolved organizations and independence for the Territory.
- B. Petition concerning general problems.

10. Petition from Mr. Marcous Kamden (T/PET.5/L.441)

- A. Letter dated 1 April 1957 complaining that people in the village of Baham are being killed or buried alive and that the Chief "imposed by the Administration" is making every effort to exterminate the population. Request for a referendum to put an end to the slaughter and for immediate unification and independence.
- B. Petition concerning general problems.
- C. The arrest and deposition of the Chief of Baham is the subject of T/PET.5/1029.

11. Petition from Chief Moise Silatsamme (T/PET.5/L.442)

A. Letter dated 10 February 1957 purporting to speak on behalf of the "Association of the various branches of High Notables of all categories from the Cameroons", numbering 9,389 persons and requesting immediate unification and independence.

B. Petition concerning general problems.

12. Petition from Mr. Fonguieng-Takouendjou Mendjou (T/PET.5/L.443)

A. Letter dated 10 February 1957 protesting against violence in the Sanaga-Maritime region, requesting immediate unification and independence and supporting representatives of Cameroonian nationalistic movements at the United Nations.

B. Petition concerning general problems.

13. Petition from the Union of Traditional Notables of the Bamiléké-Bamoun and Mungo regions (T/PET.5/L.444)

A. Letter dated 23 February 1957 refusing to accept the new Statute proposed for the Cameroons, requesting that elections be supervised by a United Nations delegation, and demanding immediate unification and independence.

B. Petition concerning general problems.

14. Petition from the members of the group "Action nationale du Cameroun" (T/PET.5/L.445)

A. Telegram sent on 9 May 1957 requesting the Trusteeship Council to postpone to its next session its decision on the new Statute for the Cameroons in order to give those opposed to it a chance to express their opinion.

B. Petition concerning general problems.

15. Communication from Mr. Joseph Mayouka Djembong (T/COM.5/L.211)

A. Letter dated 10 April 1957 addressed to the Procureur Général at Yaoundé, complaining that the Chief of the Bafoussam Subdivision searched the petitioner's village on 9 November 1956 and took away all his possessions and those of his ten wives. The petitioner encloses a list of the material losses which he then suffered. He complains further that his village was burned on 17 November 1956. He requests the restitution of a sum of 250,000 francs which is alleged to have been stolen from him and the rebuilding of his plantation.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

C. The Committee on the Classification of Communications has recommended that similar claims for compensation be considered inadmissible under rule 81 of the rules of procedure (see document T/C.2/L.313).

16. Communication from Mr. François Djob (T/COM.5/L.212)

A. Letter dated 25 February 1957 addressed to the Administrator for Overseas France, Chief of the Babimbi Subdivision, complaining that the petitioner was attacked by a band of Upécistes on 28 December 1956 at Libaikak and that all his possessions were stolen from him.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

Togoland under French administration

17. Petition from Mr. Laurentio Edo Kofie Adade (T/PET.7/L.33)

A. Letter dated 18 May 1957 commenting in general terms on conditions in the Territory, particularly about the lack of economic development and the absence of freedom of expression.

B. Petition concerning general problems.

18. Communication from Mr. S.B.K. Goobyh (T/COM.7/L.45)

A. Letter dated 23 January 1957 commenting briefly on the examination of the petitioner's previous petition concerning his dismissal from the police force and enclosing copy of an explanatory letter, dated 23 October 1952, to the Gouverneur de la France d'Outre-Mer.

B. Communication concerning a petition previously examined by the Council.

C. Mr. Goobyh's previous petition (T/PET.7/473) was examined by the Council at its eighteenth session (resolution 1623 (XVIII)). The present communication does not add anything to the original petition.

19. Communication from the Association of Togolese Students in France (T/COM.7/L.46)

A. Copy of an unaddressed, mimeographed motion adopted in Paris on 14 April 1957 protesting against the Statute of 24 August 1956, calling for the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, a general election under the supervision of the United Nations and the formation of a coalition government and appealing for national unity within Togoland in order to achieve independence.

B. Communication submitted for information.

New Guinea

20. Petition from Mrs. Jane T. Wallace (T/PET.8/L.2)

- A. Letter dated 12 July 1956 complaining in general terms about conditions in the Territory and commenting on the future of New Guinea. The author attaches copies of letters to the Minister for Territories, dated 29 November 1953, 29 March 1954 and 25 June 1955, together with copies of the Minister's replies.
- B. Petition concerning general problems.
- C. This petition was taken into consideration by the Trusteeship Council at its twentieth session in connexion with its examination of the annual report on the Territory.

Somaliland under Italian administration

21. Communication from the "Associazione Ex-militari combattenti della Somalia" (T/COM.11/L.286)

- A. Letter dated 10 April 1957, complaining of the ill-treatment suffered in general by ex-servicemen and requesting back-pay for seventeen years.
- B. Communication concerning a subject previously examined by the Council.
- C. Previous petitions both from individual ex-servicemen (T/PET.11/480, 482, 491, 493, 498, 513, 514, 521, 541, 565, 567) as well as the Associazione Ex-militari (T/PET.11/615, T/COM.11/L.238 and Add.1 and 2) were examined by the Council; in particular see resolutions 1289 (XVI) and 1558 (XVIII).

22. Communication from Mr. Said Abd Mahmoud Hassan (T/COM.11/L.287)

- A. Letter dated 7 April 1957, complaining that in spite of his previous request he is still unemployed.
- B. Communication concerning a petition previously examined by the Council.
- C. The previous petition T/PET.11/518 was examined by the Council at its sixteenth session, resolution 1314 (XVI).

23. Communication from the "Fronte nazionale Somalo" (T/COM.11/L.288)

- A. Letter, dated 11 March 1957, protests against the publication by the Government of the official organ, Corriere della Somalia, in one of the Somali dialects written in Latin characters. This action is regarded as a violation of the rights of the Legislative Assembly, which is the only body authorized to take a decision concerning the official national language.

B. Although one of the addressees is the United Nations Advisory Council for Somaliland, no communication was received from that organ. The only communication received by the Secretary-General was a copy addressed to the Trusteeship Council, presumably for information purposes.

24. Communication from Mr. Marsama Farah Mohamud (T/COM.11/L.289)

A. Letter, dated 23 April 1957, addressed to the Court of Justice of Somaliland protesting a judicial decision with regard to his house, of which he was deprived because he was unable to pay the rent.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

25. Communication from Mr. Abdulla Halane Madore and nine other persons (T/COM.11/L.290)

A. Letter, dated 1 April 1957, from a group of ex-servicemen complaining that they have lost all hope in the promises of the Italian Administration, the United Nations and the Somali Government. They state that unless they receive a satisfactory reply concerning their rights within a few days, they will be compelled to use force against the Italians living in Somaliland.

B. Communication concerning a subject previously examined by the Council.

C. The question of the rights of ex-servicemen is the subject of Council resolutions 1135 (XV), 1289 (XVI), and 1558 (XVIII).
