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FOUR PETITIONS CONCERNING THE DISSOLUTION OF THREE ORGANIZATIONS
 IN THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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1. These four petitions contain protests against the dissolution on 3 June 1957 of the Union des Populations du Cameroun, the Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun and the Union démocratique des femmes camerounaises in the Cameroons under British administration, the arrest and deportation of the leaders of these organizations and the seizure of their funds and property.
2. The following are extracts from the four petitions:
 - (a) "At dawn on 3 June the British authorities seized the leaders and officials of the following three popular organizations - the JDC, UDEFEC and UPC - who were arrested and forthwith deported to an unknown destination. The offices and premises of these progressive parties were maliciously ransacked, and the office equipment and all the property of these organizations were seized by the British authorities."
 - (b) "On the night of 3 June 1957 a broadcast was heard over the radio that the Governor-General in Council had banned the UPC party and given the arrested leaders ten days within which they could choose their places of deportation... We the people of the above clan (Ndop Clan) fully protest against this action..."
 - (c) "We have learnt with great anguish of the dissolution of the liberation movements in the Cameroons - UPC, JDC, UDFC - and the arrest of their leaders by the British Governor. Like so many acts of the Colonialists, these arbitrary and inhuman measures against the defenders of a just cause are intolerable."
 - (d) "Police arrested all UNID leaders 3/6/57."

3. Other questions

In addition to the above, two of the petitions mention the following:

(a) "1. The immediate release of our leaders and officials; 2. the repeal of the Decree of 3 June arbitrarily dissolving the three popular organizations; 3. the restoration of calm in the Cameroons; 4. the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons."

(b) "We ask you, Sir, to use all your influence with the Governments concerned, so that these rightful defenders may be set free and a referendum supervised by the UN may be organized on the question of the unification and independence of the country."

4.	<u>Petitioners</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Origin</u>	<u>Date of Petition</u>
1.	Emmanuel Ngongan	Basel Mission	Mamfe	3 June 1957
2.	S.J. Ntinue	Secretary, Ndop Clan Council	Bamenda	9 June 1957
3.	Laurent Nwaffo	Tradesman	Bamenda	22 June 1957
4.	M.P. Lissouba	Vice-Chairman, <u>Association des Etudiants Congolais</u>	Paris	22 June 1957
