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PETITION FROM MR. PASCAL ZOCK CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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ZOCK PACCAL Secretary of the Loum-Chantier Central Committee Moungo Region

Kamerun, 26 March 1958

Subject: Complaint against the outrages perpetrated against me by the British police on 18 March 1958

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Sir,

Following the arbitrary arrest to which I was subjected on 18 March 1958 by the British police, I hereby address this complaint to you and request that you make representations to the British authorities as soon as possible.

COMPLAINT

Considering that on 13 and 14 March 1958 a meeting was held at Kumba Three Corner under the auspices of One Kamerun and that the worth of the United Kingdom was a matter discussed at the meeting;

Considering that United Kingdom law and the United Kingdom Government recognize One Kamerun as a political party in Kamerun under British administration

Considering that on 18 March 1958, on my return from the conference of 13 and 14 March 1958, I was arrested and arbitrarily detained by policemen No. H. 6914, No. H. 7775 and No. H. 8075 because I was in possession of the resolutions and report of the conference; that I was held at Kumba for four days

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even though no charges were brought against me, and was then released by the same policemen, at 11 a.m. on 21 March 1958, without having been brought to trial or given a hearing;

Considering that when I was arrested the police seized my briefcase, containing the following documents:

- I. 28 excerpts from speeches by the Chairman, Ndeh Ntumazah
- II. 112 resolutions
- III. 1 list of delegates
 - IV. 8 lists of expenditures
 - V. 1 report
- VI. 1 total receipt
- VII. 1 medical certificate
- VIII. 1 tax statement for 1956 and 1957
 - IX. 1 notebook

which were not returned to me until 25 March 1958 at 9 a.m. i.e. after acout five days of starvation in conditions of unbearable heat;

IN FAITH WHEREOF AND CONSIDERING WHICH

- I REQUEST:
- I. That the supreme authority of the United Nations should most earnestly call upon the local authorities to provide an immediate and detailed explanation;
- II. That the said United Nations authority should take all possible steps to ensure respect for the individual's freedom of expression as provided in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- III. That the said supreme authority of the United Nations should intervene to ensure that freedom of political expression is granted in the trust territorie:

 I have the honour to be,

Complainant: Zock Pascal

In the maquis, Tombel

P.O. Tombel, via Kumba, Kamerun under British administration