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PETITION FROM THE MBEMBE NATURAL RULERS CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
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Mbembe Ares,
Nkambe Division,
17th March, 1961.

The General Assembly,
United Nations.

Sirs,

A voice from Mbembe Natural Rulers about Southern and
Northern Cameroons Plebiscite, 1961

We humbly place before your deepest consideration the question of the unfairness played during the Northern Cameroons Plebiscite 1961. We have many reasons to support that the Northern Cameroons plebiscite be cancelled forthwith. These main reasons are/-

1. The Registration was not properly conducted in that many Hausas who were not the real citizens of the Northern Cameroons did register. The Ibos who are mere traders forged themselves and registered.
2. There were no Polling Agents as were in the Southern Cameroons.
3. No counting Agents present during the time of counting of the votes.
4. Many of the Polling Officers were not fair or just in their Offices.
5. No rooms were given to those favouring Unification to lecture.
6. Many Nigerian Political Parties were allowed to campaign while those from the Southern Cameroons were asked not to campaign in the N. Cameroons during the Plebiscite.

You could remember that the Northern Cameroons voted vehemently in the First Plebiscite to secede from the N. Nigeria. Why should they the very voters vote against Unification if there were no political injustices played on the issue?

The people are weeping, saying that the Plebiscite was not conducted fairly with them.

The question of partitioning the Southern Cameroons in certain Division as petitioned by the C.P.N.C. e.g. Nkambe Division. We the people of Mbembe Area where Rev. Andoh Seh comes from and who makes the loudest noise that Nkambe people want to remain with Nigeria is false, and we strongly tell you that we are for Unification.

We therefore call upon the United Nations not to give an ear to what the C.P.N.C. say. We are not prepared for any intergration with Nigeria. We are Cameroonians and want a Camercun Nation!

We have the honour to be,

Sirs,

Yrs. Obediently,

Chief Mbia of Berabe
Mbembe

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Chief of Akwese
Mbembe

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Chief of Aboghu
Mbembe

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On behalf of our people, and other Chiefs of Mbembe, Nkambe Division
