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PETITION FROM THE BAKWERI WING OF THE KAMERUN NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (VANGUARD) CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

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From

The Secretary,
Bakweri Wing of the KNDP
(Vanguard)
c/o KNDP National Secretary
BUEA - S. Cameroons.

6th April 1961.

The Secretary-General,
United Nations General Assembly,
New York (U.S.A.)

Dear Sir,

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS PLEBISCITE

We the undersigned from all sections of the Bakweri tribe in Victoria
Division (Southern Cameroons) wish to write you as follows:-

1. That as far as the results of the last Plebiscite are concerned, there
is very clear indication that even we the Bakweris who claim ownership of Victoria
Division (as the Molongo CPNC) say, voted solidly in favour of the second alter-
native.

2. That all talk by the Molongo (the section of the Bakweris supporting the
Cameroons Peoples' National Congress (CPNC) that we the indigenous natives of
Victoria Division voted against the second alternative must be ruled cut as
childish and un-called for as all who voted in the Plebiscite were all regarded
as natives of the Southern Cameroons irrespective of tribe, language and customs.
Further more that the two alternatives had been agreed upon and regarded as the

only measure for the people of the Southern Cameroons to determine the future of our country - not the future of Individual Tribes, as the Bakweri Section of the CPNC are advocating.

3. That we the Bakweris are not tribalistic as the Molongo tries to show the world today for the fact that most of the natives from other sections of the Southern Cameroons like Bamenda men, Banyangs, etc and even natives of Nigeria and other countries in West Africa have been allowed long before now to mingle with us for so many years and have been partly regarded as natives if not wholly. They have been allowed to farm and build their houses without any consideration of their country of origin. We have never before raised an alarm against strangers as the Molongo do it today after the Plebiscite, especially against our fellow countrymen the Bamenda men.

4. That the results of the Plebiscite show clearly that we the Bakweris too favour re-unification in company with the other tribes in the Southern Cameroons for the reason that when the United Nations General Assembly first approved a plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons, consideration was given only to the country as a whole and not to individual tribes. The defeat of the first alternative even in Victoria Division shows clearly that we the Bakweris too voted against the Union with Nigeria, for we had earlier accepted the two alternatives.

5. That the Bakweri tribe is scattered as members of the four major political parties namely:- KNDP, KUP, CPNC, and CCC and that as far as the politics of our father-land is concerned members of one party like the CPNC cannot claim to be speaking authoritatively for us all as we have different political ideologies. The CPNC Section of the Bakweris advocated for Union with Nigeria as against cessation from Nigeria and re-unification with the Cameroun Republic for the KNDP, KUP and CCC. Further more that the votes of those Bakweris who voted in favour of the first alternative numbered less than one-third of the Bakweris who voted for the second alternative.

6. That all talk by the Molongo and other sections of the CPNC in other parts of the Southern Cameroons urging the United Nations General Assembly to approve the partitioning of the country must be regarded as childish and ruled out, as this suggestion was first ruled out when Hon. N.N. Mbile (Deputy Leader of the CPNC) brought it in the last meeting of the General Assembly.

7. The last but not the least, we beg to inform you that we the Bakweris in company with other tribes in this country are lovers of unity, peace, kindness and hospitality, and we would ever remain so. We demonstrated this in the last Plebiscite which ended in an orderly manner. There is only one Southern Cameroons. The idea of the CPNC to partition the country has just been introduced, because they are not prepared to take their defeat as sportsmen would do. All we would suggest to you is to advise our disgruntled members of the CPNC to come home and join us in building a Kamerun Nation. If this is possible elsewhere, why not here too?

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of Bakweri KNDP Vanguard.

Victoria Area	{	1. Mr. Lifio Carr	Signed	LIFIO CARR
		2. Mr. S.N. Ngando	"	S.N. NGANDO
Bonjongo Area	{	3. Mr. Timothy Mokuke	"	illegible
		4. Mr. S.J. Nambile	"	S.J. NAMBILE
Buea Area	{	5. Professor K. Molonge	"	illegible
		6. Mr. J.E. Motome	"	"
Tiko Area	{	7. Mr. T.E. Ngando	"	THOS. E. NGANDO
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		10. Mr. J.M. Musonge	"	J.M. MUSCNGE
Lysoka Area	{	11. Mr. Woloa Naova	"	W. NAOVA
		12. Mr. M.N. Wole	"	M.N. WOLE

c.c. The Commissioner of the Cameroons,
The Premier of the Southern Cameroons,
The Colonial Secretary, London,
Mr. Lifio Carr (Delegate)
