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PETITION FROM THE MAMFE DIVISIONAL CHIEFS' CONFERENCE
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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Mamfe Divisional Chiefs' Conference,
c.o P.O. Box 15,
Mamfe. (Southern Cameroons)

25th September, 1959

M E M O R A N D U M

The Mamfe Divisional Chiefs' Conference at its third annual session sitting at the Appeal Court Hall, Mamfe on September 25th, 1959 submits the following memo to the Session of the U.N. General Assembly through its Secretary Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld.

1. The Mamfe Divisional Chiefs' Conference is fully aware of the two issues standing before the U.N. General Assembly at its Session regarding the forth-coming plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons viz. the questions to be put before the voters at the plebiscite, and the qualifications for voting in it.
2. The Conference has taken note of its delegates' views at the Mamfe Plebiscite Summit Conference to the effect that the Southern Cameroons should secede from the Federation of Nigeria unconditionally when the latter attains independence in October 1960, and that only indigenous natives of Southern Cameroons be allowed to vote at Plebiscite. The Conference hereby endorses these views.
3. The Conference noted with appreciable gratification that its delegates' views at the Mamfe Plebiscite Summit Conference were also shared by:-
 - (1) The Kameruns National Democratic Party, now governing the Southern Cameroons.
 - (2) The National Union of Cameroons students.
 - (3) The Cameroons Society

- (4) The One Kamerun Party (except for qualification of voters)
- (5) The Kamerun United Party.
- (6) The majority of Native Authority delegates.

The Conference noted that Dr. Endeley, by his statements both in his memorandum to the Mamfe Plebiscite Summit Conference and in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly has acknowledged the fact that majority of people in the Southern Cameroons want to secede from Nigeria but continues to oppose secession for the sake of opposition only.

The Conference therefore hereby registers its support of the views to be presented to the General Assembly by the Hon. Premier, Mr. J.N. Foncha, and implores the U.N. to use its good offices to see that the majority view in the Territory which demands secession from Nigeria has its way.

Dated at Mamfe, this 25th day of September, 1959

(Signed) TONTIEM D.

PRESIDENT

" S. OBEN

Treasurer

(Signed) D.O. NCHO

SECRETARY

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