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CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

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The Secretary General, U.N.O., New York, U.S.A.  
The Colonial Secretary, Colonial Office, London.  
The U.K. Plebiscite Administrator, Buea.  
The U.N.O. Plebiscite Commissioner, Buea.

Southern Cameroons Plebiscite: KNDP Holiganism

Sir,

By resolution 2013 (XXVI) of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, there is a plebiscite to be conducted in the Southern Cameroons to determine the future political situation. This is something which comes but once in the life of a country. The inhabitants of such a country must have been well informed of the constitutional changes that are being contemplated and people must have been given the ample chance of expressing their views.

2. In less than seven days time, here is a small territory which has to decide its own fate in an atmosphere of ignorance. People are blind to facts and purely on sentiments and not understanding the purpose of the Plebiscite our country men and women have indulged themselves into acts of corruption intimidation, holiganism, and unnecessary attacks on the young ones of these country who are bold enough to try explain to the masses the meaning of the Plebiscite.

3. We the interested ones know exactly that the Administering Authority has not taken full precautions of the United Nations decision before the conduct of

this plebiscite. How on earth can a plebiscite be conducted in such an unclean atmosphere. One is therefore left at a loss to see how men with all their five senses refuse to reason to facts purely on sentiments. Just a few days to the plebiscite no one knows exactly why he or she should go to the polls to cast a vote to determine their future.

4. I know the Plebiscite men with their enlightenment campaign are doing their best to interpret the "The Two Alternatives" to the people but unfortunately for these innocent men, they have been treated in certain parts of Bamenda Division as members of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons Legislature. At certain areas these men are brought to shame and ridicule by the K.N.D.P. organised hooligans as it was the case in Bafreng on Sunday the 29th January, 1961 -, that being the home town of Premier Foncha the man who anticipated in the U.N.O. debates and who leads the Government of this unfortunate territory. This type of a thing can only be expected from a group of confused set of men who have no proper plan for their destiny.

5. It is regrettably observed that the K.N.D.P. had instructed their people to get the pamphlet entitled "The Two Alternatives" Green and White first cover, and destroyed them because they were things made by the C.P.N.C. supporters. As a result of this diabolical and most disgraceful act, most of the pamphlets were destroyed in Bafreng market when the enlightenment campaign team visited the area. We therefore wonder whether the U.N.O. can think or abide by the results of a plebiscite conducted completely in ignorance. Next came the K.N.D.P. organised men with their booklet entitled "K.N.D.P. Constitutional Proposals for a United Kamerun", which they presented to the public as being the correct arrangements between Foncha and Ahidjo. Why should Mr. Foncha deceive the masses and the Administering Authority allow this unauthorised constitutional booklet of the K.N.D.P. to continue circulation. We are watching the authorities with all interest to see their reaction in respect of this wilful mass deceit.

I am, Sir, Your humble petitioner.  
(signed: illegible)  
(sgd) A.A. Tamasang.  
C.P.N.C. Zonal Organising Secretary.

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