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PETITION FROM MR. ETIENNE MBOCK CONCERNING THE
CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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MBOCK Etienne

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations, NEW YORK

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the following:

On 5 May 1955, I took the following articles from the UPC office for sale:

1. 30 International Manuals at 100 (one hundred) francs;
2. 150 copies of "Unification Immédiate" at 35 (thirty-five) francs;
3. 300 copies of "Conditions Historiques" at 25 (twenty-five) francs;
4. 250 copies of the "Etoile" newspaper at 15 (fifteen) francs;
5. 250 copies of the "Lumière" newspaper at 15 (fifteen) francs;
6. 250 copies of the "La Vérité" newspaper at 15 (fifteen) francs;
7. 250 copies of the "La Voix du Cameroun" newspaper at 15 (fifteen) francs.

During the morning of 25 May 1955, in view of the intensified colonialist campaign of repression and provocation, I handed in to the office, on my own responsibility, all the unsold articles together with other articles which were my personal property. I have the honour to list the items concerned below: 25 International Manuals, 100 copies of "Unification Immédiate", 200 copies of "Conditions historiques", 100 copies of the "Lumière" newspaper, 100 copies of the "La Vérité" newspaper, 100 copies of the "La Voix du Cameroun" newspaper, 1 British-made bicycle, 1 3-1/4 x 2-1/4 KODAK camera, 1 raincoat, 1 typewriter, 1 Aida lamp.

It should be pointed out that before they burned down the UPC premises, the colonialists first removed all their contents to their own quarters. Thus, everything I had left at the office for safekeeping was removed by the colonialists.

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I attempted to apply for the return of all my property but the Administration categorically refused. I would therefore ask you kindly to intervene with the French Government to obtain the return of my property and would remind you of my first petition concerning the articles taken on 7 November 1954^{1/} which you informed me would be examined this year when petitions from Trust Territories were under consideration.

In the hope that this petition will reach you safely, I offer my sorrowful greetings and have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) MBOCK Etienne

Douala, 7 July 1955

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^{1/}Note by the Secretariat: See T/PET.5/451.