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PETITION FROM THE TOMEL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
"UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN" CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN

CAMEROONIAN BRANCH OF THE RASSEMBLEMENT DEMOCRATIQUE AFRICAIN  
TOMEL LOCAL COMMITTEE, NDOG-MBOG, CAMEROONS

Petition submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Sir,

With tearful eyes, I offer you my most respectful salutations and submit the following petition with reference to the insane and bloody rebellion which took place on 31 May 1955 at Tomel, where the general assembly of the five central committees of the U.P.C. had met to hear the reports of the ninth session of the United Nations. While there, we were surprised by the French colonialists and their servile lackeys, accompanied by a battalion of redoubtable soldiers, who fired their rifles repeatedly into the crowd, five of our comrades falling victims to them within a minute, without taking two steps from the place where we were meeting.

The soldiers, seeing that the crowd was dispersing, fired repeatedly on our innocent young Cameroonians, of whom the number of dead remains unknown to this day.

Among the wounded, we have recently lost two comrades, who died subsequently during the month of June.

The persons arrested included my own mother, whose name is Massussi Pauline, and Ndjell Simon, who has been like a father to me.

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Following these acts of repression, the colonialists continued by breaking into the homes of all the UPC members, who were determined to fight for the immediate unification and independence of their country.

I myself am very unhappy because these lawless acts have caused losses in my poor family, since I have lost my father and mother, named above, who are still suffering in the Edéa prison for no other reason than because they were insisting on the human rights and fundamental liberty proclaimed by the United Nations.

While fighting as a responsible member of the national Cameroonian movement at Tomel, I was pursued for a long time by the colonialists and succeeded in escaping from these great enemies of Cameroonian enlightenment. Now I find myself in the bush, like all the others, completely naked, perishing with hunger and burning thirst.

Rightly considering you as the peace-maker among all the Trust Territories, we beg you to send assistance as soon as possible to the Cameroonian patriots, who may otherwise all lose their lives under the colonialist repression by the end of this year.

Kindly accept, Mr. Secretary-General, our most respectful greetings.

Long live the independence and unification of the Cameroons!

Long live the Rassemblement Démocratique Africain!

Long live the United Nations, which has proclaimed peace throughout the world!

Long live the R.D.A. Branch of the UPC!

Douala, <sup>1/</sup> 28 July 1955

(signed) . . . . .

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1/ Note by the Secretariat: This communication was sent from Nyasoso, Cameroons under British Administration.