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PETITION FROM THE 25 MAY 1955 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, Rassemblement Démocratique Africain

UPC LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 25 MAY 1955 KNOWN AS
THE PIED DE CAFE LOCAL COMMITTEE

10th Meeting

PRESENT	12 MEMBERS
MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	1
MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BRANCH	2
MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEES	5
MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES	4
TOTAL REPRESENTATION	<u>12 MEMBERS</u>

OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN	NGUEDIE Dominique	ETOUBE I
MEMBERS	FAYEP Lucas	" II
	PAYEM Paul	" I
	MBONY Jean	" I
RAPPORTEUR	NLOKA NDJENG MAURICE	MANJO
SECRETARY	TATE ABRAHAM GILBERT	"

of so-called municipal elections and the speeding up of community development in the larger cities - as though that were what is needed to achieve the independence and unification of our country!

Having no legal arguments to explain away the Chad reinforcements, the blocking of postal communications and the warrants for the seizure of personal correspondence, the French colonialists - through the Council of Ministers which has no jurisdiction in the Cameroons, a Territory under United Nations Trusteeship - have taken an empty, unfounded decision to dissolve the UPC, JDC, CGT and UDEFEC, by virtue of one of their decrees prohibiting armed association of organizations throughout the French territory. It must be borne in mind, however, that the Cameroons is under United Nations International Trusteeship; it is not a French territory and is not concerned in these matters. The UPC is not an armed association; it is a Cameroonian movement for national liberation that is supported by the parties mentioned above. We would respectfully point out to all States Members of the United Nations that no valid solution for any Cameroonian problem would be achieved in the absence of these progressive associations that the French colonialists claim to have dissolved, nor could the Visiting Mission carry out its inquiry to any useful purpose.

In the belief that the precise aim of this manoeuvre is to frustrate the work of the Visiting Mission which is shortly to arrive in the Cameroons and the chief tasks of which are:

(A) to investigate the freely expressed desires of the people comprising the two Cameroons with respect to the INDEPENDENCE AND IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION OF THE CAMEROONS; and

(B) to carry out a serious investigation into the damage caused by the recent war in the Cameroons;

WE ACCORDINGLY REQUEST:

1. that, as a preliminary, the Secretary-General intervene with the French Government to secure the release of persons arbitrarily imprisoned and the total cessation of illegal judicial action directed against the officers, leaders and active members of progressive organizations.

2. We disavow all the manoeuvres started by the French colonialists following upon the bloody events in the Cameroons, i.e., the organization of municipal elections, Africanization of Government personnel, Government councils, projected or otherwise. Our desire is to achieve the INDEPENDENCE and IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION OF THE CAMEROONS and to improve our system of government.

We have the honour to be, etc.

Done in the bush, Mboko,^{1/} on 20 August 1955.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.

(Signed) Nguédie Dominique
Chairman

(Signed) TATE Abraham Gilbert
Secretary

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