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PETITION FROM MR. OSCAR MBINAK DIALLO CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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(Palimbi, Cameroon under United Nations
Trusteeship and French administration)

2 June 1955

To the Secretary General of the United Nations,
Sir:

We wish to inform you of the atmosphere of insecurity which has been disturbing all parts of the Cameroons ever since the latter submitted to the General Assembly of the United Nations, through the Union des Populations du Cameroun, its unanimous vote in favour of independence and unification. These disturbances are caused by the policy of the French Administering Authority in creating parties of saboteurs to support its policy of "divide and rule". The Cameroons under British Administration also applies its own policy, but in the zone under French administration the situation is extremely violent, bloody and explosive.

Without wasting time in recapitulating all the stages of this policy which is delaying our emancipation, we shall restrict ourselves to mentioning only a few incidents which occurred in May of the present year.

On this occasion, the responsible person is the Governor rather than the present High Commissioner in the Cameroons. He has organized a destructive and murderous war, which has caused grief and losses in almost every family that publicly supports the objective of our unification and independence. Numbers have been killed by gun-fire and numbers wounded, while the destruction has been so frightful that those whom Providence has permitted to go on living are in a state of extreme poverty. Several innocent persons have been sentenced to terms

^{1/} Note by the Secretariat: This letter was sent from Victoria, Cameroons under British Administration.

of two to three years' imprisonment. It is difficult to draw up a complete report of all this, because everything which we are able to forward to you is written in the bush. The premises of our movement, and even the huts of several of our members, have been burned down. All this slaughter is directed only against those who support the UPC. There are continual arrests and we do not know what to do. The Declaration of Human Rights is no longer valid under the commands of M. Roland Pré and his clique, who claim to be acting in the name of France. The number of prison cells has multiplied, instead of the hospitals, roads, schools and everything else which constitutes the fruits of a country's progress. Everywhere the French administration is exulting in the dissolution of the UPC, without even reflecting that we in the Cameroons possess political rights by virtue of being under United Nations trusteeship. Most of the troops have been brought from the French colonies, especially French Equatorial Africa. We do not know what is going on, for all we who support independence have been cut off from communication.

The Union des Populations du Cameroun insists that our country should be granted independence and unification immediately, through the vigorous intervention of the United Nations.

The Union des Populations du Cameroun requests the condemnation of colonialism in all its forms.

It demands the release of the innocent prisoners.

It requests that a special mission should be sent to inquire into the events of last May.

It calls for the inauguration of a reign of peace, to put a stop to war in all its forms.

It sends greetings to the Mission which is shortly to visit our country in a spirit of democracy.

It rejects the form of French Union which the French are forcing upon us, inasmuch as such a union should come from the voluntary consent of the people.

In the assurance of obtaining better intervention from you, we beg you to receive the hopes of our Cameroons, now in a state of bloody agitation.

Long live the United Nations!

Long live the right of nations to self-determination!

For N'kong Kwala,
(signed) Nbinak Oscar
