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The Cameroons resounds with the mournful cries of its people. The groans of the dying are heard in the gloomy silence. Everything is quiet; only the chatter of the French weapons breaks the stillness. Birds are rarely seen flying under our skies. Revolvers, guns and machine-guns of all kinds spatter the Cameroonian people with their shots. Aircraft drone and circle above the people, releasing showers of bombs to butcher the Cameroonians. The slaughter is frightful. The survivors stumble over corpses. Countless wounded, in the throes of death, lie stretched on hospital beds. Mr. Roland Pré's Government set fire to the U.P.C. office at Douala during the night of 26 May 1955. The use of all means of communication has been banned to the active members of the

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U.P.C. In the Moungo Region all the huts belonging to the leaders have been reduced to dust. Active members are rounded up from all sides to be massacred. Others are taken to prison, where they are killed. Many women and children have disappeared.

In the Bamiléké Region, Mr. Borne, the Chief Regional Officer and Mr. Bakon, the Chief Subdivisional Officer of Bafoussam have set Africans one against another.

Indigenous chiefs, appointed by the Administration, like Kamga Joseph, Tapchom Joseph, and Fonkoua Michel, have organized massacres of active members, looting and destruction in the Bandjoun Group. They have abducted women and children, in collusion with the French Government.

In the Baleng Group the puppet chief Nembot Thomas carries out massacres not only in his own group but also in the town of Bafoussam; entire houses are plundered, pillaged and reduced to dust. (Bafcussam Subdivision). In Bansoa (Dschang Subdivision) massacres are also carried out by Mr. Tchinha Joseph, the Chief of the Bansoa Group. Moubé Tanfou and Takougang Soh assist their chief.

Mouthemi André is chief of the hirelings, who are brigands. We request the Security Council to send us immediate help.

(Signed) Thuété Pascal
Official
For the Office of the
Bafoussam Committee.

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Governor Roland Pré organizing military forces stop sent from French colonies to wage war against disarmed Cameroonian people stop Douala Yaoundé in Moungo Region besieged by machine-gun fire killing even pregnant women and babies stop Many victims sentenced stop All leaders Unicameroun charged in absentio with armed revolt and incitement to rebel stop Intervene urgently Roland Pré determined to exterminate Cameroonian people stop Respects stop

(<u>Signed</u>) Tuété Pascal

For the Office of the

Unicameroun Committee, Bafoussan