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DU CAMEROUN" OF BAFOUSSAM CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH  
ADMINISTRATION

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UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN

Cameroonian branch of the Rassemblement démocratique africain  
Bafoussam Central Committee, P.O. Box 13

Resolution

The delegates of the UPC central committees of the Dschang, Mbouda, Bangangté and Bafoussam subdivisions, meeting on 3 May 1955 at 8 a.m. at the headquarters of the Deinbou Bafoussam local committee,

Having considered the policy of bloody colonialist repression which Mr. Roland Pré, the High Commissioner of the French Republic in the Cameroons, is applying throughout the country, and particularly at Bafoussam, where the blood of Cameroonian patriots has been shed and where the colonialists, through their lackeys, are maintaining an atmosphere of terror;

Considering that on 6 April 1955, a gang of mercenaries led by the lackey Moutemi André entered the private concession of our friend Tang Nicodème and set fire to his hut, and that one of the mercenaries calmly declared that the Administration had given them permission to throw Tang into the flames if he dared to open his mouth;

Considering that the same mercenaries took possession of the home of Ndeno Daniel, our Chairman, and stayed there dancing all day and all night on 7 April, shouting that they had received instructions from the authorities to kill Ruben UM NYOBE and KINGUE Abel, respectively Secretary-General and

Vice-Chairman of the UPC; considering that the Mr. Massou, the chief of the Bafoussam police, frankly told a UPC delegation that had asked for his help in driving the mercenaries out of Ndeno's house that he could not intervene until someone had been killed; considering that the mercenaries had the effrontery to remove the flagpole flying the United Nations flag;

Considering that at the meeting which took place in Ndeno Daniel's private concession on 24 April for the purpose of raising the United Nations flag once again at Bafoussam, a violent and bloody act of provocation was perpetrated by the mercenaries, led by the Administration's lackeys Kanga Joseph, Chief of Bandjoun, Nebot Thomas, Chief of Baleng, Tchida, Chief of Bansoa, Tapchom Joseph, a notable of Bandjoun, Mbé Toukam and Tabou, notables of Bansoa, and Moutémi André; that as the result of this act of provocation, which was carefully prepared with the open complicity of Mr. Borne and Mr. Bacon, Chief Regional Officer of Bamiléké and Chief Subdivisional Officer of Bafoussam respectively, 18 people were seriously injured, 32 huts were robbed and destroyed in the Bandjoun and Baleng groups and the administrative centre of Bafoussam and several persons are still missing, and all this was done under the eyes of the representatives of the Administering Authority;

Considering that even while the delegates of the central committees are meeting to draft this resolution, the mercenaries are continuing to destroy the huts of patriots suspected of being in favour of the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, and have already closed the public highway in the Bandjoun group to members of the UPC; considering that since 24 April 1955, the Administering Authority has taken no measures to protect the lives of patriots and has done nothing to find the missing persons or to house the wives and children of those whose huts have been robbed and destroyed by the mercenaries;

Strongly protest against the policy of bloody repression and provocation directed by Mr. Roland Pré and his collaborators, among them Borne, Bacon, Orabona, of the Bemiléké region, Marchand, of Garoua, and Hubert and Morel, of Sangmélina, Cameroons.

Condemn these retrograde methods employed by the French colonialists and their lackeys in the Cameroons, and especially in the Bamiléké region.

Call for the immediate repatriation of Messrs. Roland Pré, Borne, Bacon, Orabona and Massou.

Request the United Nations to insist that those responsible for the act of provocation of 24 April at Bafoussam should be punished by law.

Solemnly approve the Joint Proclamation of the progressive movements of the Cameroons of 22 April 1955, which is the only remedy for the evils of colonialism in the Cameroons.

Request the United Nations to assume its responsibilities under Article 76 of the Charter towards the Cameroonian people, who are determined to gain immediate independence, in spite of the Administering Authority's obvious desire to prolong the Trusteeship period indefinitely.

Bafoussam, 3 May 1955  
The UPC Central Committee, Bafoussam

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