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

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27 March 1955

U.P.C. Committee, Boga-Mahole, P.O. Box 33
Eseka

To the Secretary-General of the
United Nations

Sir:

The indigenous population of Boga-Mahole, at a general meeting attended by
200 persons on 27 March 1955;

Having learned that legal proceedings are being taken in the Cameroons
against the leaders of the U.P.C. movement which leads the fight for liberation,
and in particular against Fozo'o Ekabe, editor of the people's newspaper Etoile,
and against Kingue Able and Ngom Jacques, vice-chairman and member of the Executive
Committee of the Union des Populations du Cameroun respectively, following the
publication in the Etoile of a statement which plainly voiced the complaints of
the mass of the population regarding the growing reign of terror in the Cameroons;

Having been informed that the political bureau of the U.P.C. is being
persecuted by the judicial authorities for reasons not stated by the French
authorities;

Considering that on 5 March 1955, Ruben Um Nyobe, the General Secretary of the U.P.C., was served with a summons issued by Mr. Georges Cau, the Examining Magistrate, ordering him to appear on 7 March 1955 at 5 p.m., and on 17 March 1955 was served with a similar summons at Yaoundé issued by the Examining Magistrate of the second chamber of Yaoundé;

Considering that the Administration of Mr. Roland Pre is not only persecuting the national movement which is tirelessly fighting for the unification and independence of the Cameroons, but that the whole Cameroonian people is affected;

The meeting strongly protests against the institution of legal proceedings against independence movements which in accordance with the United Nations Charter are fighting against colonialism in our country; condemns the policy of force and imprisonment which is contrary to the international principles of trusteeship, the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and draws the world's attention to the acts of bloody repression committed by the French authorities in the Cameroons;

Calls upon all Cameroonians to unite and to advance towards unification and national independence;

For the meeting, organized by the
Boga-Mahole local committee of the
U.P.C.
