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PETITION FROM THE NSIMEKELE COMMITTEE OF THE "UNION
DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN" CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Union des Populations du Cameroun
(Branch of the Rassemblement
démocratique africain)

P.O. Box 33, Eséka.

The indigenous population of Nsimékélé, seventy members of which met on
27 March 1955, has the honour to submit to you the following petition.

Having learned that legal proceedings are being taken at Douala against
Fozoo Ekabe, editor of the newspaper Etoile, the organ of the UPC, and against
Kingue Abel and Ngom Jacques, Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee
of the UPC respectively, following the publication in the Etoile of a press
release signed by the latter which denounced the persecution and the experiences to
which we are still being subjected in most parts of the country, and plainly
voiced the complaints of the mass of the people regarding the growing reign of
terror in the Cameroons, which we have seen everywhere; having been informed
that the political bureau of the UPC, for reasons not stated by the French
authorities, is being unjustly persecuted by the judicial authorities;

Considering that on 5 March 1955, when Mr. Ruben Um Nyobe arrived at the
Douala airport, he was served with a summons issued by Mr. Georges Gan, the
Examining Magistrate, ordering him to appear on 7 March 1955 at 5 p.m., at the

Douala Law Courts and that at Yaoundé, on 17 March 1955, he was served with another summons issued by the Examining Magistrate of the second chamber of Yaoundé;

The meeting strongly protests against the policy of judicial repression being applied in the Cameroons in order to defeat the independence movement which, in accordance with the Charters of the United Nations, is fighting against colonialism in our country;

Condemns the policy of force and imprisonment restricting the rights and freedoms proclaimed in the Declaration of Human Rights, and declines all responsibility for the consequences; draws international attention to the bloody acts of repression committed by the French authorities against peaceful Cameroonian citizens fighting for the national independence of their country;

Calls upon the Cameroonians to reorganize and unite and to advance firmly forward towards unification and independence, and, by legitimate protests and mass action to thwart the campaign of force begun by the High Commissioner Rolland Pré;

Reaffirms its confidence in the political bureau of the Uni Cameroun and demands the abandonment of the legal proceedings instituted by devious methods against the leaders of the national independence movements, and the unconditional release of our comrades Batuid Panhu, Sende Amos and others, illegally imprisoned at Eséka.

Done at Nsimékélé, on 27 March 1955

(Signed): X
Chairman of the Committee

(Signed): Osumhibam
Secretary
