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Local Committees of Mbanga, Mombo, Penja, Njambe, Loum, etc.
Union des Populations du Cameroun,
Mombo Local Committee,
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Kumba, 28 May 1955

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations,
New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

The Local Committees of Mbanga, meeting in private, protest and launch a last appeal to all mankind. Mr. Roland Pré, the Governor, has brought in troops from various French colonies in order to form a front in the Cameroons, called "Cameroonian Front", against the communists (U.P.C.), whereas at the present time there is no political party in the Cameroons. All the Cameroonians ask for is the immediate reunification and independence of the Cameroons.

After Independence the future Cameroonian Government can and will treat its political parties on an equal footing in its assemblies. We are only a movement of National Liberation. Now the Cameroons has become a theatre of war owing to Roland Pré; at Nsamba two comrades fell before the bullets of the Police Superintendent and died on the spot; a number of wounded are in hospital but are getting no treatment. Several infants and children have disappeared, women, frightened by the sound of firing, drown themselves in the neighbouring rivers,

at night lorries fire on the inhabitants' huts and cause many deaths. A Police Superintendent at Loum killed our comrades Ndou Tchounze Gaston by two bursts from a machine-gun. Today the dead at Douala are swimming in the blood caused by Roland Pré, the Governor, J. Perriloup and their lackeys. The offices of the U.P.C. have been sacked, documents testifying to many deaths have been carried off by the enemy; thus We, the Cameroonian People, unarmed, are carrying on a terrible war against the French colonialists and their lackeys. Moreover, by order of Roland Pré, the Governor, practically all radio and telegraphic communication between Douala and Brazzaville has been stopped.

The French Government in the Cameroons is using all its armed force against an unarmed People.

We ask urgently for help from all the countries which entrusted us to the French Government under trusteeship, before June.

We have the honour, etc.

(s) (illegible)

Chairman of the Local Committee
