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PETITION FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE "UNION DES POPULATIONS
DU CAMEROUN" OF NEW-BELL BAS-FOND CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN

(UPC)

New-Bell Bas-fond local committee

Douala

P/O. Box 455, Douala

The Secretary-General of the United Nations,
New York

Sir,

Faced with the sanguinary policy of the French Government in the
Cameroons, which has reached a stage where Cameroonian blood has been shed,
not only as a result of the usual provocation but also of the shooting which
took place on 25 and 26 May last at Douala, Yaoundé and Moungo, we have
decided to bring the following facts to your attention:

Considering that the French colonial régime in the Cameroons, continues
to exploit us and our land and to exterminate us by shooting;

Considering that we are unarmed, and that, therefore, France had no
right to wage war on us;

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Considering also that this shooting is a violation both of the Trusteeship Agreement and of the United Nations Charter, and that France is a signatory of both those instruments;

Considering that the telegrams sent on 25 May, signed by the President of the UPC, to inform the United Nations of this action were stopped by order of High Commissioner Roland Pré, thus proving to the Cameroonian people that the United Nations had no information about the Trust Territories;

Considering that this bloody policy has resulted in terrible havoc and looting at Bafoussam, at Meiganga and Mbanga, and also at Douala, where it finally led to Cameroonians being shot and the UPC office and all the houses round it being burned down;

Considering that in order to cover up its crimes, the French Government in the Cameroons illegally and arbitrarily condemns Cameroonian patriots to two years' imprisonment and deports them to the North Cameroons;

Considering that the Eveil du Cameroun, the Administration's unofficial mouthpiece, admitted 18 dead and 70 wounded, which figures in any case, are not the true ones.

Considering that those who are suffering from shot-wounds or have been clubbed are closely watched by armed soldiers and that the leaders and members are persecuted:

We call upon the United Nations to intervene with the French Government with a view to ending these bloody and arbitrary measures. We would draw the attention of the United Nations to the fact that it is really the United Nations that is being attacked and not the Cameroons, as the Cameroons is a country under International Trusteeship and does not need arms to gain its independence. We also call for a special mission into the Cameroons. We once more proclaim our independence, which has been official since 25 May 1955, and we shall be proud to hear from you in the very near future so as to be able to hoist the Cameroonian national flag.

In the hope of a favourable reply,

We have the honour to be, Sir, etc.,

(Signed): Mateyo Joseph

Secretary of the Committee

for the committee of 106 members.
