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PETITION FROM Mr. PIERRE WEMBOU CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS  
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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To the Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
New York

Petition

Sir:

I have the honour to approach you to tell you about my great sufferings in my country, the Cameroons. On 16 December 1956, the Chief of the Bafang gendarmerie came into the market and began to make a fuss, arresting people and searching them, saying that they had not paid the administrative tax. Those who had paid were arrested just the same as those who had not paid. Those who had paid were forced to pay several thousand francs more; they were then sent to prison for two weeks and fined 500 francs. That is what happened to each of 150 persons who were arrested and who had to work in the water for two weeks. When we came out of prison each of us paid 1,500 francs, not counting the work we had done in prison. We should like to ask you if by any chance you do the same as we do.

Mr. Secretary-General, if I keep on telling you all this, you will think that I am crazy. What we are asking for is immediate independence.

I am Wembou Pierre of the U.P.C.

Bafang, 17 December 1956

(Signed) illegible

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