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PETITION FROM THE CAMEROONIAN PEOPLE MEETING FROM 27 TO
28 DECEMBER 1956 AT BAFIA CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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RECORD OF THE PETITIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE KAMERUNIAN PEOPLE HELD AT BAFIA
(KAMERUN) FROM 27 TO 28 DECEMBER 1956

To the President of the United Nations General Assembly, New York.

Sir,

We respectfully approach you in order to inform you of the crimes and wars
organized against an unarmed people:

Long before the elections of 23 December 1956 to the so-called Territorial
Assembly the inhabitants concerned were perishing under the French colonialist
yoke, and this to achieve the legitimate aspirations of the Kamerunian masses, who
are unswervingly resolved to take their place among the free peoples.

At Edéa, untold numbers of troops invaded the Sanaga Maritime Region, where
every day hundreds of persons are killed and thousands seriously wounded.

At Sangmélina, the repression is being redoubled, the colonialists and their
lackeys unjustly accuse Kamerunians, who are put to death after being charged with
any offence whatsoever: attempted arson, attempted murder, etc.

In the Bamiléké Region, the above-mentioned colonialists bury alive people
who will never vote for the DEFFERRE "LOI-CADRE". They also seize their goods,
destroy their concessions, burn the villages and then stone those who resist. What
a shame!

In the period since the incidents of May 1955, at Douala and everywhere else
in the Territory this evil and barbarous system, with a cunning which increases from
day to day, has been moving steadily toward the killing of innocent people. The
lucky ones are arrested and kept in dark cells where they are thrown 200 grammes
of stale macabo a day.

We are surprised that minors of about the age of 10 voted several times and in different polling places in the ~~puppet~~ elections of 23 December 1956, and the lackeys gave them cards made out in the names of those who refused to participate in such activities. The adults who were forced to vote did so against their will and without a secret ballot. Soldiers brought from all the French colonies pitilessly massacred these poor unfortunates. Whoever disobeyed was locked up immediately on the basis of trumped-up charges. Oh Justice, do you exist?

We demand the immediate revocation of the decree of 13 July 1955 voted by the French Parliament dissolving all the progressive Kamerunian movements.

We unanimously demand the proclamation of the immediate Unification and Independence of our country.

We humbly ask the Unations to intervene immediately and effectively to remedy this state of affairs, which is destroying the peaceful population of Kamerun.

Long live the United Nations.

In sadness, we have the honour to be, etc.

Bafia, 28 December 1956

Officers of the meeting:

Name Philippe:
Chairman

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N.J. Nguembeu Daniel:
Secretary

(Signed) illegible

Advisers:

Koutong Thomas (Signed) illegible

Mandeng Samuel " "

Nyamsi Zacharie } (Signed)
Ngasa Timothée } illegible

Persons present: 276 members of both sexes whose names are listed below: 1/
