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PETITION FROM Mr. HANS HENLOG CONCERNING THE
CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Hanlog Hans
Residing at Ekité Ville
Edéa Subdivision
Cameroons

Ekité, 26 January 1957

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

Sir,

On 21 December 1956, about 7.30 p.m., equipped with a storm lantern, I was on my way to visit my father-in-law when I was stopped on the road by a gang of UPC bandits who were there for the sole purpose of killing all those they call "COLONIALISTS", that is, anyone who does not belong to their political group.

Having stopped me, one of them began by breaking my lantern, then he called the others and they thrust a spear through my arm, broke my frontal bone with two strokes of their machetes and then beat me with their sticks. Another stroke of their machetes sliced off my right thumb. They would have finished me off were it not that another man who was not one of their gang fortunately appeared at that moment and, fearing arrest, they fled to the bush.

I was taken to Edéa hospital near death from loss of blood. That same evening, they tried to murder other people in other parts of the village. I am still in the hospital.

As you see, having lost my thumb and suffered a fracture of my frontal bone, I can no longer do farm work as it is done here. But it should be borne in mind that, apart from my own misfortune, they burned huts, looted other people's property, wounded a number of other people and what is more, killed several persons. These acts were perpetrated not only in our village, but in many other villages in the region where they have set up their bandits' camps. The only motives for their acts are hatred, jealousy, slander, looting, murder, etc...

In such circumstances, the country cannot prosper. The Cameroonians want prosperity in peace, order and work; they cannot accept a dictatorship of sabotage, blood and fire which does nothing but set the Cameroonian people back to live in poverty.

I also request your material assistance in supporting my family, which is already suffering great hardship since I cannot work any more.

Finally, I request that the United Nations intervene with the Administering Authority in order that a security force be established in the country. It is inconceivable that we should constantly be the victims of all kinds of misdeeds and foolishness in our own country. The misdeeds are done by a few lazy, hare-brained and fanatical fellows who do not work and whose sole aim is to lay hands on other people's property. (See my photograph attached.)^{1/}

I have the honour to be, etc.

(thumb print)

Hanlog Hans

^{1/} Note by the Secretariat: The photograph referred to has been placed in the Secretariat files and is available to members of the Trusteeship Council on request.