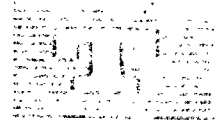


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PETITION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE "COMITE REGIONAL DE L'UNION DES
POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN A FOUMBAN"
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 28 March 1952 from the President of the "Comité régional de l'Union des populations du Cameroun à Fomban" concerning the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration.

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F O U M B A N

The committee has the honour to submit the present petition to lodge a complaint against Mr. NJIKAM Ousmanou, paramount chief of the Foyouon group (Foumban sub-division) on the following grounds:

1. He orders his followers to take away land belonging to others in order to settle there himself. He says that France authorizes him to do so, but we do not believe that the French have done so.

2. For example, chief NJIKAM has taken away the land of a certain head of family named TAMBANSIE.

The case of this land was settled at the customary court of Foumban on 18 January 1952 and registered under No.2/CT. After this decision, NJIKAM appealed to the court of second instance of Foumban where his brother NJIMOULION, paramount chief of Fontain, is assessor.

How could this assessor, being the first chief to expropriate land, undertake the defence of a man like TAMBANSIE?

Moreover, there are approximately 285 members of Tambansie's family.

Njikam, so as to take possession of their property himself, claims that this group of people is in the British zone. We would ask you if NJIKAM thus proves himself a friend of France by maintaining that the French Cameroons is uninhabited.

But we believe that the French and British Cameroons still constitute the two "CAMEROONS",

The Chiefs of our country who could teach us the laws in force persecute us instead.

In any event the paramount chief Njimoulion should be removed from the court of second instance of Foumban.

We have the honour to be, etc.

FOUMBAN, 28 March 1952

For the Committee

Signed: Mbembo Fakarie President

Signed: MOUSSA MOUSSA Vice President