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PETITION FROM MR. JOHN AMANIE, CHAIRMAN OF THE TOGOLAND CONGRESS

CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORIES OF TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH AND
TOGOLAND 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 4 May 1951 from Mr. John Amanie, Chairman of the Togoland Congress concerning the Trust Territories of Togoland under British and Togoland under French administration. This communication forms a third supplement to the petition set forth in document T/PET.6/226-T/PET.7/183.

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Ref. No. B/20/1936
Omanhene's Office,
BORADA - BUEM STATE,
4th May, 1951.

The Secretary-General,
Trusteeship Council,
U.N.O. Lake Success,
New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm the contents of my Cablegram despatched to you on the 24th April, 1951, as follows:-

"Reference Cablegram sent by Acting President Buem Native Authority^{1/} have honour inform you Cablegram sent without consulting both Native Authority and State. Again I confirm mandate of Antor as oral representative of Togoland including Buem on the Trusteeship Council. Any other Cablegram of protest from Buem should be considered invalid by the Trusteeship Council. Universal acclamation in Buem is one Togo one Government."
Letter follows.

It has come to my notice that Nana Akwamua IV, the Nifahene of Buem, Kudje, a Divisional Chief and Acting President of the Buem Native Authority has sent a Cablegram of Protest to your Council, informing you that Antor did not represent the Buem state on the Trusteeship Council. That is not the position in Buem. There is no doubt that he might have been instigated by certain trouble-makers to send such a Cable without the knowledge and consent of both the Native Authority and the State. May the Trusteeship Council please disregard the Cablegram.

From time immemorial the reins of administration of the Paramount State of Buem have always been in the hands of the Omanhene of Borada or in his absence the lot always fell to his Gyasehene, who also resides in Borada, Buem State. The period of ill-health of late Nana Apew Akpandja I illustrates the above fact when late Nana Abo I, of Borada, the Gyasehene, took over the reins of Government for a part of the year 1906 to the 27th of January 1907, when the present Nana Akpandja II, was enstooled. When the Present Nana Akpandja II fell ill in 1933, Nana Abo III also acted in the capacity of the Omanhene during his three months duration of indisposition. During this period law and Order continued to be maintained in the State. The Paramountcy has never left Borada nor has it ever been rotatory.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: Document T/PET.6/232 - T/PET.7/189. /That even

That even Cap 90 (Togoland Ordinance) which created so much confusion in the Paramount State of Buem did not transfer permanent Presidency of the State from Borada to Kudje in the Nifa Division. Cap. 90 Sec. 25 only lays down the criterion for electing Presidents for individual State Council meetings. We deplore the circumstance which led to the nomination of Nana Akwamus of Kudje as the permanent President of the State and state that this cataclysm resulted from chicanery. It is therefore contrary to our native Custom for a Nifahene to act for the Omanhene both judicially and administratively. The universal acclamation in Buem is one Togo one Government. Antor's representation on the Council is therefore supported by the whole people of Togo including the Buem State.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) NANA JOHN K. AMANIE
CHAIRMAN TOGOLAND CONGRESS

W/W/ to Mark:-
(Signed) A. K. ODAME
Borada.

Copy to:-
Mr. S. G. Antor,
General Secretary,
Togoland Congress - for information please.

Received At United Nations Headquarters: 10 May 1951
