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PETITION FROM MISS E. SYLVIA PANKHURST CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rules F and L of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council, to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and to the Governments of Colombia, Egypt, and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 16 January 1952 from Miss E. Sylvia Pankhurst concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

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NEW TIMES AND ETHIOPIA NEWS
Editor: E. Sylvia Pankhurst

16th January 1952

"West Dene"
3 Charteris Road
Woodford Green
Essex : England

Ref. SC/BW

The Secretary-General,
Department of Trusteeship,
United Nations Organisation,
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

We are informed by our Somaliland correspondent that the latest and recent book by our Editor, Miss E. Sylvia Pankhurst, entitled "Ex-Italian Somaliland", is not permitted to circulate in that region.

We hope really that our correspondent took an isolated fact and came to a general conclusion. Nevertheless we should like to have your formal assurance that that is not the case; that readers of the book are not molested; that the book is not stopped in the post; that it can be sold publicly, and in general that the circulation is not obstructed in any way.

We should like to make it clear, if that is the case, we do not protest having in our mind the sale of the book, but we protest because we know of many other cases which are not brought to your knowledge, where freedom of expression is not permitted among the natives of Somaliland by the temporarily occupying Power.

Miss Pankhurst is now in Addis Ababa and is very busy with the newly opened Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital, and she asks me to write to you on this matter.

We should be grateful if you would put this protest in front of the Council, and of course, with your usual courtesy, favour us with a reply to this letter.

Faithfully yours, (Signed) S. CORIO

Recd. U.N. Hdqt's
30 Jan. 1952

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