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TWO PETITIONS FROM 638 MEMBERS OF THE SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE (SYL)
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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To the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations

Greetings and Peace

We, members of the Somali Youth League Party present to you our protests against the formation of the new Government of Somalia which has been constituted by the Italian Administrator, Mr. Mario Di Stefano, for the following reasons which irritate our national feelings:

- (1) The tribal organization law which destroys the people's policy and the nation's unity.
- (2) The exaggerated number of Government Officials which lies heavily on our scanty budget.
- (3) Appointment in the Government of non-competent persons from the point of view of culture and experience.

We beg, Your Excellency, therefore, to examine with justice this important question, which concerns a poor Nation and which could endanger its approaching independence.

We would like to point out that the Directory Staff of the Somali Youth League Party has violated the Party's law which forbids the abovementioned questions. For this reason we do not recognize those persons as legal representatives of the Somali Youth League Party. The reason is that they were Government Officials, except one of them; they are caring only for their positions and for their personal interests more than for the Party programme.

We approve strongly the principles adopted by the Deputies representing our Party, who are the true spokesmen of the people.

(Signee) Mohamed Ali and the signatures,
fingerprints of 337 others

II Mogadiscio, 15 July 1959

UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL NEW YORK

The undersigned, actual members of the Somali Youth League, have the honour to respectfully submit a petition to the United Nations Trusteeship Council, asking you to consider the following:

H.E. Mario di Stefano, Administrator of Somalia, recently installed a new Somali Government on a purely tribal basis which a superfluous number of ministers and under-secretaries and with elements who are illiterates or semi-illiterates, things which are completely contrary to the expression of the people of Somalia, who struggled for well-nigh twenty years to achieve a sound dependence; politically economically and socially, it is also contrary to the commitment assumed by the Trusteeship Administration of Somalia by the United Nations.

Furthermore, the undersigned wish to point out to the Trusteeship Council, that that the Central Committee of the majority party, has been completely tamed and corrupted, since 13 out of 19 members of the Central Committee are officials of the Government, and so have forgotten the national aims established by the statutes of the party which repudiates tribalism.

In view of the foregoing, the undersigned actual and faithful members of the Somali Youth League Party, declare that they do not recognize the Central Committee now functioning; moreover for your information it is stated that alarming news is being received daily from nearly all the sections of the Somali Youth League in which they condemn what has been done by H.E. the Administrator, and by the Central Committee of the Party which has accepted the formation of the new-born Somali state on tribal criteria. Consequently, we beg you to confirm that the formation of the Government of Somalia is not a sound one, and to note that the thirteen members of the Parliament belonging to the Somali Youth League, who are the petitioners, and their delegates at the Trusteeship Council are the true representatives of the Party and of the whole of Somalia.

Signatories see annex
Ali Barre Giama and 299 others.
