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FIVE PETITIONS FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEES OF THE INDEPENDENT CONSTITUTIONAL SOMALI PARTY (HDMS) IN BUR HACABA AND UANLE UEN CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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I Representatives of the United Nations

If you are the delegates of the United Nations, that which gives birth to justice; we and all the Sections and Undersections declare, as you know, that we did not participate in the last political elections in Somalia, and also, as you have seen, 3 persons came to the United Nations in contradiction of these elections, in fact, the United Nations expressed its judgement but the Government did not follow the orders of the United Nations.

We repeat that we did not participate in the political elections because we are not in favour of the Government or the Parliament that was borne from these elections.

Local Committee of the H.D.M.S. Under-Secretary, ALI IBRAHIM

Bur Hacaba, 24 October 1959

II. Gentlemen and Representatives of the United Nations,

As you have already decided to give independence and in a short time complete independence, we wish to ask you if we could consequently have a part of the independence, that is Federal, because we are the people who occupy the minority part of the Somalia territory.

The request of the Federalists to the United Nations, 35 of us, was shot down. The motive of asking for the "Federale" - we declare that Italy and America

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are those who divided Somalia into many parts, in the sense of tribalism and unfriendliness.

Local Committee of HDMS Party Vice-Secretary - Ali Ibrahim

Bur Hacaba, 25 October 1959

III. Representatives of the United Nations

If you are the representatives of the United Nations, we wish to make known to you that the last elections were not valid because we did not participate.

As you know only one party, the Somali Youth League, participated.

If justice exists and if you are of the United Nations, we peacefully wish that the elections be repeated.

Also we beg you to look for information among the Somali population. We want justice to be carried out.

Local Committee of the HDMS Party Vice Secretary - Ali Ibrahim

Bur Hacaba, 25 October 1959

IV. Representatives of the United Nations

We of the Local Committee of the H.D.M.S. Party in Bur Hacaba honestly declare to have been "sacked" during the elections and all the personnel, notable chiefs and directors of the Government are unjust.

If in case it is said that we participated, it is not true.

We, in the name of our party and in the name of the Three Party Pact, wish to face you with the fact that the elections, in which the majority of the Somali populations did not vote, were participated in by only one party; that is the Somali Youth League.

Local Committee of HDMS Party Vice-Secretary - Ali Ibrahim

Bur Hacaba, 25 October 1959

V. Thanks be to the Lord and peace upon the representative of the U.N. Greetings Representative of the United Nations (the most just in the world)

I would like you to know that this Government is not a just government. For there is in Somalia three parties and many tribes who are all treated unjustly by this colonial government. Colonialism is a heavy punishment and we are being suppressed and have no livelihood nor a place to live in because of colonialism, and the Government adds to colonialism. We would like the colonialists to leave and we do not want to stay under colonialism. They have destroyed the land and it has become charred like a burnt place because of the lack of shar is or law on the road they have followed, and we have always shouted at the top of our voice but nobody would listen to our words. And as to the policy followed by the Government, We do not obtain work from them until now and we are treated unjustly by all departments.

(Signature in Arabic)
HDMS Local Committee

Uanle Uen 23 October 1959