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CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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The Tabligbo Youth Association
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P.O. Box 36,
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21 November, 1956

To the Secretary-General
of the United Nations,
New York

Sir

We have received your communication of 27 August 1956 concerning our
petition.^{1/} The Administering Authority refers to its observations concerning the
petition from the Tabligbo Circle Youth Association.

Knowing how kind and good you, as Secretary-General, usually are to us, we
have the honour to bring to your attention the following facts.

The reply which the French Administration gave to your Assembly does not
apply to Tabligbo. We wish to reaffirm our previous statements and press our
case. We ask you to send the high commissioner to Tabligbo to investigate various
anti-democratic practices.

Note by the Secretariat:

^{1/} T/PET.7/441 and Add.1, resolution 1599 (XVIII).

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Examples of these practices are as follows:

1. The inhabitants are compelled to join the Parti Togolais du progrès by force or fetichism.
2. "Grants" to farmers and licenses to tap palm trees are distributed in a discriminatory manner.
3. Young men are forced to leave school in order to pay taxes.
4. The Administration levies taxes on the families of absentee citizens.
5. Children of members of the CUT are not allowed to go to school or to take up employment.
6. People are imprisoned by the Administration for no reason.
7. Never in our lives have we received any advances to help our farmers. Show us a list of those people that have received such advances, so that we may know the truth.

We urge you to dispose of the Togoland question this year and leave it to our representatives. We are suffering greatly.

As proof of the truth of this petition we are sending you a list of the taxes paid by the families of absentee citizens.^{2/}

Please send us your annual report on your articles and laws.

Awaiting a favourable reply, we have the honour to be etc.

(signed) (illegible)

General Secretary (of Tabligbo)

Togoland

Note by the Secretariat:

- 2/ The enclosures referred to have been placed in the Secretariat files and are available to the members of the Trusteeship Council on request.