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CONTAINING ANSWERS TO PART IV OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE
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Note by the Secretariat

The following information was communicated to the Secretariat by the United Kingdom delegation.

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Political Advancement

1. Q. Details of common services of an inter-territorial nature.

A. Details, in addition to those given at sub-section 16, pages 17-19 of the 1948 Report, are:

(i) The West African Council.

The West African Council was established in 1945 to provide machinery for consultation and co-ordination between the West African Governments and consists of the Secretary of State for the Colonies as Chairman, and the four Governors of the British West African territories as members. The Governor of Nigeria is

Deputy Chairman. The Council is not established by statute, nor has it any statutory powers. The Council has a permanent secretariat under a Chief Secretary, the cost of which has been met by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. The secretariat undertakes certain work on behalf of the West African Territories, particularly:

- (a) The supervision of the development of scientific research in West Africa on a regional basis,
 - (b) the development of relations with other African territories and regional organisations, and the organisation of international and regional conferences,
 - (c) administrative work in connection with regional research establishments and the regional meteorological service (see (v) below).
- (ii) The West African Court of Appeal.

This is a Court of Appeal constituted by Royal Order in Council to serve the four British West African Territories, none of which has sufficient appellate business to justify the provision for a single Territory of an appeal Court with the status of the present Court. The four territories share the cost in accordance with an agreed formula.

- (iii) The West African Air Transport Authority.

Established by Royal Order in Council, consists of the four Governors and the Chief Secretary of the West African Council. It is empowered to control all aircraft flying for hire or reward in the West African Territories and supervises the West African Airways Corporation—a company financed by the four British West African Governments.

- (iv) The West African Income Tax Department.

In each of the British West African Territories there is an Income Tax Department responsible to the Government of that territory for the assessment and collection of Income Tax. In addition there is a separate department under the Commissioner of Income Tax for West Africa who is responsible to the four Governors. The functions of this department are as follows:

- (a) to advise the Governments on all questions of general policy, to

- draft all legislation and to advise on the interpretation of legislation,
- (b) the assessment of companies whose operations cover more than one Territory,
 - (c) to advise the Governments on the administration of senior staff of the local departments, including appointments, promotions, discipline, etc., and
 - (d) the general supervision of local departments, co-ordination of general technical instructions and the investigation of major frauds.

As a result of the existence of this West African Department the four territorial Governments have at their disposal expert advisers of a high calibre.

(v) The West African Meteorological Service.

This service consists of individual territorial services responsible to their respective Governments but staffed from a common cadre of Senior officers and a regional headquarters responsible for the co-ordination and technical direction of the Service as a whole.

2. Q. Number of indigenous inhabitants of the Cameroons in Government Service.

A. Figures are not readily available, but every effort will be made to supply this information in the Annual Report for 1949.

3. Q. Summary of the budgets for the various local Native Authorities, showing in particular the proportion between the salaries of the Emirs and the total budgets for the Emirates, as well as the amounts spent on health and education.

A. Detailed Estimates for 1948-49 for all the Native Authority Treasurers are given at Attachment E, pages 163 to 279, of the 1948 Report. The Estimates of the individual Treasuries are preceded by summaries of Revenue and Expenditure which show percentages of expenditure under the various Heads.

2. Economic Advancement

4. Q. Details of the portion of the local loan of L300,000 to aid in financing the Development Plan which was subscribed in the Trust Territory and the number of such subscribers.

A. See sub-section 36, page 58, of the 1948 Report.

5. Q. Composition of the two Northern Provincial Committees.

A. See sub-section 39, pages 59 and 60, of the 1948 Report.

6. Q. Details of the total sums paid out by the Cameroons Development Corporation in 1947 and for the year under review showing salaries and wages paid to various groups of workers.

A. See sub-section 36, page 52, of the 1948 Report.

7. Q. Allocations made from profits of the Cameroons Development Corporation for the benefit of inhabitants of the Cameroons.

A. Under section 19 of the Cameroons Development Corporation Ordinance (No.39 of 1946) the sum of L54,000 was made available by the Corporation during 1949 for expenditure for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Cameroons. Details have not yet been worked out of how the money shall be spent.

8. Q. Details of the application of the policy of the Administering Authority to give special attention to the Bakweri people and to take such measures as will enable them to participate in the cultivation and management of the estates of the Cameroons Development Corporation.

A. The document entitled "Summary of the Findings and Recommendations of the Investigating Officer and the Preliminary Observations of the Nigerian Government" has been forwarded to the Council. Details to implement the proposals of the Nigerian Government are at present being studied by the Commissioner of the Cameroons in consultation with the Bakweris and the Chairman

of the Cameroons Development Corporation.

There are two African representatives on the Board of the Cameroons Development Corporation.

9. Q. Details of actual sums realized to Native Authority revenue and to the central government revenue by the felling and sale of timber.

A. Details of sums accruing to the Native Treasuries are given in the Native Administration Estimates, 1948-49, at pages 163-278 of the 1948 Report. It is not possible to give details of the actual sums which accrued to the Central Government: though every attempt will be made to do so in the 1949 Report.

10. Q. Cost of licences to hunt elephants, antelopes, lions and other animals used by the indigenous population as food.

A. See sub-section 184, page 121, of the 1948 Report and Chapter 99 of the Laws of Nigeria.

11. Q. Clear and full statistics and other accurate information on the Trust Territory's foreign trade.

A. The available figures are given in statistical tables No.23-27, on pages 320-322, of the 1948 Report.

12. Q. Full details on production and marketing of cocoa, including actual sums paid to Cameroons cocoa producers and the world market price for each year during which the Nigeria Cocoa Marketing Board purchase scheme has been operating, showing the disposition of the monies represented by the differential in the two prices including the net amounts accruing to the funds of the Board.

A. See sub-section 36, pages 52-54, of the 1948 Report.

13. Q. Extent of earnings of companies operating in the Cameroons and the total tax paid on such earnings.

A. The estimated amount paid in Company tax is given in statistical table, 13, page 310, of the 1948 Report. Figures of the earning of companies are not at present available, though it is hoped to give these figures, together with greater details of the Company tax, in the 1949-Report.

14. Q. More complete details of the system of taxation, including methods of assessment, appeal and penalties for non-payment of taxes.

A. Details of the systems of taxation are given in sub-sections 59 and 60, pages 65-69, of the 1948 Report.

15. Q.. The number of persons charged and convicted for non-payment of tax and the sentences imposed.

A. See sub-section 61, page 69, of the 1948 Report.

3. Social Advancement.

16. Q. The conditions established by law for arrest by police officers without warrant and for arrests by private persons.

A. See sub-section 144, pages 101-102, of the 1948 Report.

17. Q. Statistical figures or additional information on the rise of the cost of living and on the standard of living, as well as the method by which the Administering Authority has achieved a rise in the standard of living in spite of the rise in the cost of living.

A. See sub-sections 129-131, pages 95 and 96, of the 1948 Report.

18. Q. Reasons for the strike at the plantations of the Cameroons Development Corporation in July 1947, and a detailed report on this strike, including the number of strikers arrested, convicted and the sentences imposed.

A. See attachment J, pages 284-285, of the 1948 Report.

19. Q. Number of injuries to individuals during the strike at Tiko in September and October 1947.

A. See attachment J, page 285, of the 1948 Report.

20. Q. Number of students from the Trust Territory who have had training in midwifery at Aba in Nigeria and the mission medical establishments in that area.

A. This information is not readily available, but it is hoped to supply it in the 1949 Report.

21. Q. Data on the number of indigenous inhabitants, (listed separately for the Cameroons and for Nigeria) actually treated by medical officers stationed in Nigeria, and the total number in both territories for whom these doctors have medical responsibilities.

A. The available figures are given at sub-section 169, page 113, of the 1948 Report. Every attempt will be made to supply greater details in the 1949 Report.

22. Q. Statistics of the non-indigenous population in the Cameroons.

A. The figures are given in Table 1 on page 293, of the 1948 Report.

23. Q. Information regarding expulsion of indigenous inhabitants to places outside the Cameroons.

A. See sub-section 213, page 130, of the 1948 Report.

4. Educational Advancement.

24. Q. Details of the progress achieved from year to year in the implementation of the Ten Year Plan for education.

A. See Tables 41-43 on pages 333-335 of the 1948 Report and page 66 of the handbook entitled "Visiting Mission of the Trusteeship Council to the

Cameroons under United Kingdom Trusteeship".

25. Q. Figures on the number of children leaving school after completion of the junior primary course or before fulfillment of the full primary course.

26. Q. Rate of student desertion in relation to specific years of study in the primary schools; causes of desertion.

A. See sub-section 229, pages 137-139, of the 1948 Report.

27. Q. Number of scholarships granted from primary to secondary schools.

A. See sub-section 230, page 139, of the 1948 Report.

5. Legislative and Other Texts.

The Legislative and other texts listed have already been supplied.
