

UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY



Distr.  
GENERAL

A/C.4/409  
22 September 1959  
ENGLISH  
ORIGINAL: FRENCH

Fourteenth session  
FOURTH COMMITTEE  
Agenda item 13

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Conditions in the Trust Territory of the  
Cameroons under French administration

Requests for hearings

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with the decision taken by the Fourth Committee at its 882nd meeting, the following communications are circulated to members of the Committee for their information.

1. Letters from the Conseil national kamerunais of the Conference des  
peuples africains
  - (a) Letter dated 24 June 1959 from the Chairman of the Council national  
kamerunais to the Secretary-General

Yaoundé, 24 June 1959

I respectfully request you to secure a hearing for our Movement's delegation at the forthcoming regular session of the United Nations General Assembly.

You are undoubtedly aware of the present situation in the Cameroons under French administration, in view of which it is essential that the Cameroonians should be heard at the next session.

We are confident that with your spirit of understanding and your interest in the cause of the countries under United Nations trusteeship, you will give our request favourable consideration.

(Signed) Philippe MBARGA MANGA

59-21766

/...

(b) Letter dated 21 July 1959 from the General Secretary of the Conseil national kamerunais to the President of the General Assembly

Accra, 21 July 1959

In June last, the Chairman of the Conseil national Kamerunais de la Conférence des peuples africains sent a letter to you from Kamerun requesting a hearing for our delegates on the Kamerunian problem at your fourteenth session.<sup>1/</sup>

By a recent decree, this movement was arbitrarily dissolved by the Government of M. Ahijdo, the head of the "Cameroonian Government", despite the formal undertakings he had given at the thirteenth session last March.

All the officers of our organization - fourteen persons in all - have been arrested and I do not know what has become of them.

In view of this new development, I reiterate our request for hearing at the fourteenth session opening in September. The fact the resolution adopted on that occasion has clearly been violated gives added weight to our request and our delegation therefore deserves to be granted another hearing in the interest of ensuring peace in Kamerun and of resolving the present crisis by democratic and humane methods.

(Signed) TCHOUMBA NGOUANKEU Isaac

2. Letter dated 21 July 1959 from the National Chairman of the Association Bamiléké du Cameroun to the President of the General Assembly

Accra, 21 July 1959

The deterioration of the political situation in Kamerun since the last session, which closed on 15 March 1959, compels me to request you to grant us a hearing at the forthcoming session to enable us to explain the political situation in our country since the thirteenth session.

It may not be out of place to recall that despite the statements and pledges made by both the French Government and the Cameroonian Government before your Assembly, our country has been subjected to the most savage repression and bloodshed has continued since May 1955.

This situation is the more dangerous as our country is still under international trusteeship and it can be imagined what would happen if the resolution adopted recently had come into force before genuine independence, that is to say, without prior elections.

<sup>1/</sup> See section (a) above.

Fascism is so evident that other progressive movements have recently been arbitrarily dissolved by the self-styled Cameroonian Government despite the fact that all Kamerunians had been invited to "establish other political parties" and "all democratic freedoms were respected in the Cameroons".

In the light of these significant events, our hearing has become a necessity, for we believe that the United Nations is not bound to deliver a country into the hands of dictatorship when that country happens to be "under United Nations trusteeship".

(Signed) TCHOUMBA NGOUANKEU Isaac

-----