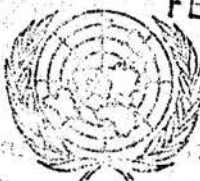


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Introduction

The following two summaries cover petitions circulated after preparation of the provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Council and which, therefore, do not appear in part A of the annex to the agenda. However, the subject matter in these two petitions is similar to that contained in petitions T/PET.6/336, 337 and 338 - which appear in document T/C.2/L.118 under section V: Petitions concerning the marketing of cocoa. The summaries which follow have been prepared as an addendum to T/C.2/L.118 in case the Administering Authority should find it convenient to have these two petitions examined at the same time as the Council examined T/PET.6/336, 337 and 338.

VII. Petitions concerning the marketing of cocoa from:

The Togoland National Farmers Union (T/PET.6/341), dated
7 December 1954

The Senior Chief Farmer (T/PET.6/243) dated 22 November 1954

1. In the first of these petitions (T/PET.6/341) the Secretary of the Togoland National Farmers Union states that on 14 November 1954 the Chief Farmer of Jasikan, Mr. Yawo Bani, whose farm is divided by the international boundary, was bagging his cocoa on the British side of the frontier when six Preventive Policemen arrested him and his 14-year old son, took them to the Kadjebi Preventive Station and placed them in leg-irons.

2. On 20 November, the man was tried and fined £150. Twenty-five bags of cocoa belonging to the farmer and valued at £87:10/- were confiscated.
3. The petitioner requests that the Administering Authority be enjoined to return the fine and the cocoa to the farmer.
4. In the second petition (T/PET.6/343), which is in the form of a telegram, the petitioner requests the recall of one thousand policemen sent to the Territory by the Gold Coast Government, on the ground that they molest the farmers on their cocoa farms and in the villages. These policemen are said to be collecting cocoa from farmers "without their knowledge" and to be taking it to Preventive Police Stations. He points out that farmers cannot remove undried cocoa from farms along the border. The recall of the police is requested in the interest of maintenance of peace and order.

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