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EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

Eighty-eighth report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: M. Daniel Massonet (Belgium)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Belgium, France, India, Syria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United Kingdom, reports that by 16 July 1954 it will have submitted reports on all petitions listed in part A of the annex to the agenda^{1/} of the fourteenth session of the Trusteeship Council, with the exception of those petitions which are listed in annexes I and II of the present report.

2. The reasons why the Committee has been unable to report upon the thirty-two petitions listed in annex I are indicated in the footnotes to the annex. With four exceptions, the Committee recommends that the examination of the petitions listed in annex I be postponed until the fifteenth session of the Council.

3. The four exceptions are:

(a) Petition from the Ngoa'Ekele Community (T/PET.5/197 and Add.1)

This petition, concerning the Cameroons under French administration, appears as a separate item on the agenda for the fourteenth session of the Council (item 12), and has not been referred to the Committee for examination. The Committee observes, however, that the petition was dealt with by the Council at its 556th meeting.

(b) Petitions from:

The Secretary, Convention Peoples Party (T/PET.6/329 and Add.1)

The Dagomba District Council (T/PET.6/330)

The Buem Krachi District Council (T/PET.6/331 and Add.1)

^{1/} T/1115 and T/1123.

These petitions, concerning Togoland under British administration, were requests for oral hearings - requests which the Council granted during its thirteenth session - and the petitioners were heard by the Council at its 505th and 506th meetings. The Committee recommends that the three petitions be regarded as having been disposed of.

4. The twenty-four petitions listed in annex II to the present report are petitions on which the Committee will be unable to submit reports by 16 July 1954, despite the fact that, with few exceptions, it has met daily - often twice daily - since 17 May 1954. The Committee accordingly recommends that the examination of the petitions listed in annex II be postponed until the fifteenth session of the Council.

5. The Committee recommends that the petition from the Vice-President of the Somali Youth League - T/PET.11/423 - be added to part A of the annex to the agenda. This petition, which concerns Somaliland under Italian administration, was not included in the agenda since it had been received by the Administering Authority less than two months prior to the opening of the fourteenth session. Observations have been received on the petition, however, and the Committee has reported on it.^{1/}

6. The Committee finally recommends that the following petition be added to part B of the annex to the agenda, and that it be regarded as having been disposed of:

Petition from Vice-Presidents of the Territorial Council of Somaliland
(T/PET.11/L.12)

This petition, concerning Somaliland under Italian administration, was a request for an oral hearing - a request which the Council granted during its fourteenth session - and the petitioners were heard by the Council at its 530th meeting.

7. This report was adopted by the Committee at its 200th meeting, by 4 votes in favour, none against, with 2 abstentions.

^{1/} See the Committee's eightieth report (document T/L.469, section III).

ANNEX I

Petitions concerning Tanganyika

Petition from Mr. A. Watts
(T/PET.2/166) 1/

Cameroons under French administration

Petition from the representatives of the
Ngoa' Ekele Community (T/PET.5/197 and Add.1) 2/

Petition from a group of Assistant Teachers
(T/PET.5/227 and Add.1-3) 3/

Petition from inhabitants of the Village of
Beng-Nyong (T/PET.5/233) 4/

Petition from the "Bureau du Comité de Base
de l'Union des Populations du Cameroun" at
Song Mandeng (T/PET.5/234) 4/

Petition from the Vice-Chairman of the "Union
des Populations du Cameroun" (T/PET.5/250) 4/

Petition from Mr. J. Emile Goueth and Others
(T/PET.5/251) 5/

Petition from the Chairman of the Central Committee
of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" at
Boumnyebel (T/PET.5/252) 5/

Petition from the Secretary of the "Comité de Base
de l'Union des Populations du Cameroun" of
Boumnyebel (T/PET.5/253) 5/

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- 1/ Petitions received by the Administering Authority concerned less than two months prior to the opening of the fourteenth session, and on which no observations had been received.
 - 2/ See explanation in report, paragraph 3.
 - 3/ Addenda received by the Administering Authority concerned less than two months prior to the opening of the fourteenth session, and on which no observations had been received.
 - 4/ Petitions on which the observations of the Administering Authority had not been received.
 - 5/ Petitions on which the Administering Authority concerned observed that they were being investigated.

Cameroons under French administration (continued)

Petition from the Association of the Women
of Eseka (T/PET.5/254) 4/

Petition from the Bureau of the Mungo Regional
Section of the "Union des Populations du
Cameroun" (T/PET.5/255) 4/

Petition from the Secretary of the Committee
of Bogso-Ilanga (T/PET.5/256) 4/

Petition from Mr. Frédéric Ebongué Essoh
(T/PET.5/259) 1/

Petition from the "Bureau de l'Union des
Populations du Cameroun" (T/PET.5/260) 1/

Petition from the "Union des Populations du
Cameroun", Committee Ngonga-Ndogbianga
(T/PET.5/261) 1/

Petitions concerning Togoland under British administration^{2/}

Petition from the Secretary, Convention
Peoples Party (T/PET.6/329 and Add.1)

Petition from the Dagomba District Council
(T/PET.6/330)

Petition from the Buem Krachi District
Council (T/PET.6/331 and Add.1)

Petitions concerning Togoland under French administration

Petition from Mr. Andre Tougnon
(T/PET.7/364) 4/

Petition from the Vice-President of Juvento
(T/PET.7/369 and Add.1) 3/

1/ (See footnote on preceding page.)

2/ (" " " " ")

3/ (" " " " ")

4/ (" " " " ")

Petitions concerning Togoland under French administration (continued)

Petition from the Regional Secretary,
Togoland Congress, Branch of Borada
(T/PET.7/375) 1/

Petition from Taerou Dorego
(T/PET.7/376) 1/

Petition from the National Chairman of
Juvento (T/PET.7/377) 1/

Petition from Mr. Nicodeme A. Amegah
(T/PET.7/380) 1/

Petition from the National Chairman
of Juvento (T/PET.7/381) 1/

Petition from Mr. Daniel J. Ajavon
(T/PET.7/382) 1/

Petition from the National Chairman
of Juvento (T/PET.7/383) 1/

Petitions concerning Somaliland under Italian administration

Petition from Mr. Jahi Abdullahi Hussen
(T/PET.11/400) 5/

Petition from Mr. Aves Yahia Abiker
(T/PET.11/413) 6/

Petition from the Somali Youth League,
Branch of Gardo (T/PET.11/419) 1/

Petition from the Somali Youth League,
Branch of Merca (T/PET.11/420) 1/

Petition from Mr. Ali Nur Abdi
(T/PET.11/421) 1/

1/ (See footnote on page 1 of annex I.)

5/ The petitioner was requested to clarify his grievances, and his reply has not yet been received.

6/ The special representative of the Administering Authority concerned was requested to furnish further information which has not yet been received.

ANNEX II

Petitions concerning Tanganyika

Petition from Mr. A.J. Siggins
(T/PET.2/163 and Add.1-3)

Petitions concerning the Cameroons under British and the Cameroons under French administration

Petition from Mr. Victor Njale
(T/PET.4 and 5/1)

Petition from the Chairman of the Central Committee
of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of
Bandjoun (T/PET.4 and 5/2)

Petitions concerning the Cameroons under French administration

Petition from Mr. Antoine Edmond Lictarde
(T/PET.5/223)

Petition from Mr. Emmanuel Bayiha and Others
(T/PET.5/224)

Petition from the "Syndicats de Petits Planteurs
de Ndangang, Komo, Mvoua, Ngoya et Nkol-Kougda"
(T/PET.5/230)

Petition from the "Bureau du Comité de l'Union
des Populations du Cameroun" at Batoufam
(T/PET.5/236)

Petition from Mr. Pierre Yem Mback
(T/PET.5/241 and Add.1)

Petition from Mr. Simeon Kamgang
(T/PET.5/257)

Communication from the Chairman of the Association
of the Veterans of the Bamiléké Region
(T/COM.5/L.26/Add.1)

Petition from the "Union des Populations du
Cameroun" Central Committee of Bafang
(T/PET.5/L.13)

Petition from the representatives of various
Bamiléké villages (T/PET.5/L.20)

Petitions concerning Togoland under French administration

Petition from Mr. Nicodeme A. Amegah
(T/PET.7/378)

Petition from Mr. Nicodeme A. Amegah
(T/PET.7/379)

Petition from the Chairman of the Women's Division
of the "Comité de l'Unité Togolaise"
(T/PET.7/L.6)

Petition from Mr. A. Isidore Sedo
(T/PET.7/L.7)

Petitions concerning Somaliland under Italian administration^{1/}

Petition from Messrs. Tahir Sciakur Hussen and
Herzi Guled Farah (T/PET.11/382 and Add.1)

Petition from Messrs. Herzi Guled, Hagi Abdullahi Issa
and Others (T/PET.11/385)

Petition from Mr. Mussa Mahad Barre and Others
(T/PET.11/388)

Petition from Mr. Abdi Razak Haji Ahmed Mohamed
(T/PET.11/393 and Add.1-2)

Petition from the General Committee for Educational
and Cultural Affairs in Somaliland
(T/PET.11/397)

Petition from the Somali Youth League
(T/COM.11/L.85)

Communication from Mr. Said Mohamud Farah and Others
(T/COM.11/L.90)

Petition from the "Unione Giovani Benadir"
(T/PET.11/L.8)

^{1/} The Committee examined and discussed these eight petitions, and decided that it would formulate its recommendations concerning them when the Council had formulated its conclusions and recommendations on the general economic, social and educational questions that were raised in the petitions. Lack of time, however, precluded the Committee from executing its decision during the Council's fourteenth session.