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PETITIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 85, PARAGRAPH 2,
AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 24

Eighty-ninth report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. Salah Eddine Tarazi (Syria)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Belgium, France, India, Syria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, has, as provided in rule 90, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, examined further petitions circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2, and further communications circulated under rule 24, in order to decide which, if any of them, should have the established procedure concerning petitions applied to them.
2. In carrying out this examination, which took place at the 201st and 202nd meetings on 13 August and 7 October 1954, the Committee had before it two working papers prepared by the Secretariat (T/C.2/L.107 and 109) which contain lists of the petitions and communications, brief summaries of their contents and the grounds for their initial classification by the Secretariat.
3. As a result of its examination, the Committee decided that the established procedure should be applied to the following communications, all of which will be reported upon separately by the Committee in due course:

Petitioners

Mr. Issah Mouassie
Mr. Tiam Sakio
Mr. Samuel Ngotti

Symbol

T/COM.5/L.53
T/COM.5/L.57
T/COM.5/L.62

Petitioners: (continued)

Symbol: (continued)

Mr. Maurice Moffi, Representative of the
Ipombato Family

T/COM.5/L.68

Mr. Paul Y. Agbété

T/COM.7/L.22

4. The Committee desires to record that three proposals concerning the classification of the petitions and communications listed in the working papers (T/C.2/L.107 and 109) failed to be adopted because, even after following the procedure laid down in rule 38 of the rules of procedure, the votes for and against the proposals were equal. The proposals were that the established procedure concerning petitions should be applied to the under-mentioned petition and communications:

Petitioners:

Symbol:

Mr. Eward Levy

T/COM.2/L.13

Mr. Kabondo

T/COM.3/L.16

The Secretary of the Central Committee
of the "Union des Populations du
Cameroun" of M'Balmayo

T/PET.5/L.21

5. The Committee requested the Secretariat to include the following communications in part B of the annex to the provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Council:

Petitioners:

Symbol:

The "Ligue des Droits de l'Homme" of
Ruanda-Urundi

T/COM.3/L.15

Divisional Chiefs of Dodome, Hoe and Lume

T/COM.6/L.49

The Togoland Congress, Buem Branch

T/COM.6 and 7/L.18

The Secretariat of the Central Executive
of the Combined Forces against
Integration

T/COM.6 and 7/L.19

Mr. Leonard Komla Anyangreh

T/COM.6 and 7/L.20

6. The Committee further requested the Secretariat to include the following communication in part B of the annex to the provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Council:

Petitioner

Symbol

Mr. Hussen Salah and Others

T/COM.11/L.128

7. Under rule 90, paragraph 5, of the rules of procedure the Committee is required to make such recommendations as it deems necessary concerning the consideration by the Council of the petitions circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2, and of the communications circulated under rule 24. Among the petitions, and among the five communications which, as recorded in paragraph 5 above, the Committee has requested the Secretariat to include in part B of the annex to the provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Council, are a number which relate to the Togoland unification problem. These are:

T/PET.6/L.46 and Add.1, T/PET.6/L.47 - T/PET.6/L.51;

T/COM.6/L.49;

T/PET.6 and 7/L.31 - T/PET.6 and 7/L.35, T/PET.6 and 7/L.36
and Add.1 - 2, T/PET.6 and 7/L.37 - T/PET.6 and 7/L.40;

T/COM.6 and 7/L.18 - T/COM.6 and 7/L.20.

The Committee recommends that these petitions and communications should be considered on the next occasion when the Council is considering in substance the Togoland unification problem.

8. The Committee recommends that the remaining petitions, and the remaining two communications referred to in paragraph 5, should be considered by the Council during its next examination of conditions in the Territories to which they relate.

9. In this connexion, the Committee recalls that the Council approved the recommendation contained in the Committee's report on procedure for the examination of petitions (T/L.465, paragraph 20) that the working paper prepared by the Secretariat on conditions in each Trust Territory should contain an annex setting forth, under headings corresponding to those in the working paper, the problems raised in general question petitions, as well as the general problems raised in communications.

10. Of the communications circulated under rule 24 of the rules of procedure, other than the five referred to in paragraph 3 and the five referred to in paragraph 5, there are eight whose subject matter is the same as that of a number of petitions to which the established procedure is to be applied. These communications and the corresponding petitions are:

Communications:

T/COM.2/L.14 and Add.1

T/COM.5/L.55)

T/COM.5/L.58)

T/COM.5/L.60)

T/COM.5/L.61)

T/COM.7/L.21

T/COM.11/L.131

T/PET.11/L.14

Petitions:

T/PET.2/168 and Add.1 - 2

T/PET.5/280 - T/PET.5/283

T/PET.5/285 - 289, T/PET.5/291,

T/PET.5/293, T/PET.5/295 and

T/PET.5/297

T/PET.7/377, T/PET.7/381 and
Add.1 - 2, and T/PET.7/383

T/PET.11/443

T/PET.11/438

The Committee recommends that the communications in question be taken into consideration together with the petitions to which they are related. Of the rest of the communications, those which are concerned with general problems will - as noted in paragraph 9 - be taken into consideration in the annexes to the working papers on conditions in the Trust Territories concerned. Concerning the remainder the Committee has no recommendations to make.

11. This report was adopted by the Committee at its 211th meeting, on 18 January 1954, by 3 votes in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.
