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THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Amendments suggested by the Secretariat to the outline
of conditions set forth in document T/L.290

Note: In view of the resolutions adopted by the Council at its 453rd meeting on 22 July on the petitions relating to the Cameroons under British administration, the Secretariat has prepared the following additions which the Council may wish to make to the chapter on conditions in the Cameroons.

I. GENERAL

Frontier questions

1. Delete the first three lines of the first paragraph on page 3 and substitute the following:

"At its ninth session, and, after receiving further information, again at its eleventh session, the Council considered a number of petitions on this subject. An organization founded in 1951, the Kamerun National Congress, having as its main objective the early unification of the two Cameroons, submitted^{1/} a number of demands as a preliminary to this objective. They included the removal of all existing obstacles to the free movement of persons and goods across the border; revision of the Trusteeship Agreements to provide safeguards to preserve the distinct political status of the two Cameroons; establishment of free and unfettered liaison between the indigenous peoples of the two Cameroons; creation of a separate House of Assembly for the Cameroons under British administration and of a High Commissioner directly responsible to the Trusteeship Council through the Governor of Nigeria; creation of a separate House of Representatives in the Cameroons under French administration independent of the French National Assembly; and compulsory instruction in French and English in the schools of both Cameroons.

"Both of the Administering Authorities concerned submitted observations on these petitions, stating inter alia that few of the inhabitants in either Territory showed enthusiasm for unification. They stated that the frontier regulations had already been liberalized and that further measures were under consideration. Their observations also stated that the constitutional changes proposed by the petitioners would prejudge the future of the two Territories after the termination of trusteeship, and that it was impracticable to teach both languages in primary schools but that French was available as a subject in the secondary schools of the Cameroons under British administration and English in the secondary schools of the Cameroons under French administration.

"In a resolution^{2/} on these petitions the Council drew attention to these and other observations by the Administering Authorities and to recommendations of the Council on administrative arrangements, participation

/in government

in government and in the work of the Council, and general questions of the development of the two Territories. It expressed the hope that the measures being undertaken by the Administering Authorities would eliminate the frontier difficulties.

"In other petitions^{3/} examined by the Council at the same session it was stated that immigrants into the Cameroons under British administration from the Cameroons under French administration...."

(continued at the fourth line on page 3)

2. After the first paragraph on page 3, insert the following:

"Among its observations on these petitions the Administering Authority explained that the status of British subject or British protected person was a necessary qualification for voting. It was examining the possibility of adjusting the electoral law in order to give the immigrants concerned the right of suffrage, but was doubtful, whether the legal obstacles could be overcome. The immigrants otherwise enjoyed full freedom and did not suffer from any discrimination in respect of appointments to the public service and the granting of scholarships. The Administering Authority also mentioned the measures taken to ameliorate frontier difficulties.

"In a resolution^{6/} on these petitions the Council inter alia drew attention to the observations of the Administering Authority and to the pending visit of a Visiting Mission, and decided that for the present no recommendation was necessary."

3. Delete the footnotes on page 3 and substitute the following:

1/ T/PET.4/79 - T/PET.5/105 and Add.1; T/PET.4/83.

2/ See T/L.309.

3/ T/PET.4/70; T/PET.4/71 and Adds. 1-5.

4/ T/PET.4/72.

5/ T/PET.4/70/Add.1.

6/ T/L.308, resolution (1)."

III. ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

Land; Bakweri problem; Cameroons Development Corporation

4. After the third complete paragraph on page 20, insert the following:
"In a resolution^{2/} on the petition the Council inter alia reaffirmed the resolution adopted at its sixth session and urged the petitioners to co-operate with the Administering Authority in the resettlement and rehabilitation schemes."
5. Delete the second and third footnotes on page 20 and substitute the following:
"2/ T/L.308, resolution (2).
3/ T/PET.4/82."
6. After the first complete paragraph on page 21, insert the following:
"In a resolution^{1/} on the petition the Council inter alia requested the Administering Authority to inform it of the results of the inquiry, and considered that pending the outcome of the inquiry no recommendation was necessary."
7. After the second complete paragraph on page 21, insert the following:
"On being informed by the Administering Authority that a sum equivalent to rent for the land was being paid to the Victoria Native Administration - the nearest and smallest unit of local government in the area - for the benefit of the indigenous population of the area, the Council decided^{3/} that no recommendation was necessary."
8. Delete the footnotes on page 21 and substitute the following:
"1/ T/L.308, resolution (6).
2/ T/PET.4/81.
3/ T/L.308, resolution (5)."

IV. SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT

General situation

9. Delete the second and third paragraphs and the footnotes on page 28.