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PETITIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 85 AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 24 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

225th report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. M. RASGOTRA (India)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Australia, Belgium, China, France, India and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, has, in accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Trusteeship Council resolution 1713 (XX) and paragraphs 3 and 5 of rule 90 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, considered at its 493rd and 494th meetings the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth reports of the Committee on Classification of Communications contained in documents T/C.2/L.353, 360, 361 and Corr.1 and 2, 362 and 363 respectively.
2. These reports covered 4,228 communications and petitions contained in the under-mentioned documents which were provisionally classified by the Committee on Classification of Communications as follows:

Territory	Column 1 Petitions to which the established procedure is applicable	Column 2 Petitions raising general problems under rule 85, paragraph 2	Column 3 Communications * circulated under rule 24
Trust Territories in General		T/PET.GEN./L.3	
Western Samoa	T/PET.1/9 ^{1/}		T/COM.1/L.1/Add.2
Tanganyika	T/PET.2/222-228	T/PET.2/L.11	T/COM.2/L.47-50
Ruanda-Urundi	T/PET.3/90 and Add.1, and 91		
British Cameroons	T/PET.4/152 and Add.1-3, 153-170	T/PET.4/L.11- L.12	T/COM.4/L.31-L.35
British and French Cameroons	T/PET.4 and 5/24 and Add.1	T/PET.4 and 5/L.25, L.26, L.27 and Add.1-6, L.28-L.32	T/COM.4 and 5/L.3
French Cameroons	T/PET.5/1272/Add.2, 1305/Add.1, 1308/Add.1, 1330- 1378	T/PET.5/L.455- L.459, L.460 and Add.1, L.461, L.462, T/PET.5/R.19	T/COM.5/L.225- L.229, L.230 and Add.1
Togoland		T/PET.7/L.42-L.46 ^{2/}	
Somaliland	T/PET.11/725-736	T/PET.11/L.28, L.29 and Add.1, L.30, L.31	T/COM.11/L.306- L.314

3. The Standing Committee approved the recommendation of the Committee on Classification of Communications that the following communications be considered as inadmissible petitions under rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Council and that the petitioners be informed accordingly:

- (1) Eleventh Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications
(T/C.2/L.353)

Two hundred and thirty-nine communications reproduced in summarized form in T/COM.5/L.226. At the request of the representative of the USSR, a vote was taken on this recommendation of the Committee on Classification. The result was 4 in favour and 2 against.

- 1/ Examined at the twenty-second session of the Trusteeship Council, resolution 1919 (XXII).
2/ Brought to the attention of the Trusteeship Council at its eighth special session in document T/L.883. /...

(ii) Thirteenth Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications
(T/C.2/L.361 and Corr.1 and 2)

One communication in T/COM.2/L.49.

Ninety-eight communications reproduced in summarized form in T/COM.5/L.228. At the request of the representative of the USSR, a vote was taken on this recommendation of the Committee on Classification. The result was 5 in favour and 1 against.

(iii) Fourteenth Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications
(T/C.2/L.362)

Fourteen communications reproduced in summarized form in T/COM.5/L.229.

One communication in T/COM.5/L.230.

(iv) Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications
(T/C.2/L.363)

One communication in T/PET.11/726.

One communication in T/COM.5/L.230/Add.1.

4. The Standing Committee, having approved the recommendation of the Committee on Classification of Communications that the following communications be classified as manifestly inconsequential under rule 85, paragraph 4 of the rules of procedure, hereby communicates them to the members of the Trusteeship Council in accordance with that rule:

(a) Tanganyika

One communication referring to the writer's petition T/PET.2/213, which was examined at the twenty-first session of the Council. In its resolution 1787 (XXI), the Council drew the petitioner's attention to the observations of the Administering Authority, which stated, inter alia, that "owing to his history of drink and mental illness, he [the petitioner Mr. Wenceslas Lulanika] was not re-employed by the Mission. Recently there has been a recurrence of the condition which led to his admission to the mental hospital in 1956, and at the present time the question of re-certifying him for admission to Mirembe is being considered".

One communication from Mr. George Bettalo whose earlier communication dated 30 June 1957 was considered manifestly inconsequential. The present communication relates to "the claims of the Bungodimwe Kingdom".

(b) Cameroons under British administration

One communication "from various inhabitants of the British Cameroons Trusteeship Agreement Territories, Buea, Victoria, Kumba, Tiko, Bamenda, Labourers under C.D.C. and Mamfe" but signed by only one person, John Tainnen. The text would seem to be a criticism of Dr. Endeley, Prime Minister of the Cameroons under British administration and against the integration of the Territory into the Federation of Nigeria.

(c) Cameroons under British administration and Cameroons under French administration

One very brief cable which speaks of "evils".

One letter which suggests that MM. Endeley and Mbida could serve for the next thirty years; also copy of a letter referring to the aims of the KNDP and of the UPC.

One communication in which the author states that he is opposed to the stand taken by the "Grassfields" (Bamilekés); he adds that he has nothing to say against the two Governments.

(d) Togoland under French administration

One communication from a Togolander living in Paris since 1921 and setting forth the author's claim to the "throne" of Togoland. Two previous communications from this person have been reproduced as documents T/PET.7/L.21 and Add.1 in 1956 and 1957 and taken into account at the sixth special session of the Trusteeship Council and at the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly in connexion with the examination of conditions in the Territory.

(e) Somaliland under Italian administration

One communication from a Somali who speaks of a method to "examine mind power".

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5. The following proposals were put to the vote with the results indicated in each case:

(i) Eleventh Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications (T/C.2/L.353):

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
(a) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 1713 (XX) not be applied to the twenty-eight petitions in T/PET.5/1335 and that they be reproduced in full.	2	4	0
(b) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the sixty-five petitions in T/PET.4 and 5/L.25 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	1	3	2
(c) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the seventy-eight petitions in T/PET.5/L.455 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	1	3	2
(d) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the 239 communications in T/COM.5/L.226 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	2	3	1

(ii) Twelfth Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications (T/C.2/L.360):

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
(a) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the 100 petitions in T/PET.4 and 5/L.26 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	1	3	2

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
(b) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the 162 petitions in T/PET.5/L.456 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	1	3	2
(c) Proposal of the representative of India that the petition in T/PET.7/L.42 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	2	3	1

(iii) Thirteenth Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications (T/C.2/L.361 and Corr.1 and 2):

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
(a) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 1713 (XX) not be applied to the seventeen petitions in T/PET.4 and 5/24 and that they be reproduced in full.	2	3	1
(b) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 1713 (XX) not be applied to the five petitions in T/PET.5/1337 and that they be reproduced in full.	2	3	1
(c) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the 1,790 petitions in T/PET.4 and 5/L.27 and the 353 petitions in T/PET.4 and 5/L.27/Add.1 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	1	3	2

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
(d) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the ninety-eight communications in T/COM.5/L.228 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	1	3	2

(iv) Fourteenth Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications (T/C.2/L.362):

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
(a) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 1713 (XX) not be applied to the eight petitions in T/PET.4/152/Add.2 and that they be reproduced in full.	1	3	2
(b) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 1713 (XX) not be applied to the fifty-three petitions in T/PET.5/1351 and that they be reproduced in full.	2	3	1
(c) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the fourteen communications in T/COM.5/L.229 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	1	3	2

(v) Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Classification of Communications
(T/C.2/L.363):

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
(a) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the petitions contained amongst the seventy-one petitions summarized in T/PET.4 and 5/L.27/Add.4 which complain against the presence at the United Nations of Mr. Ahidjo, Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration be reproduced as separate documents.	2	3	1
(b) Proposal of the representative of the USSR that the forty petitions in T/PET.4 and 5/L.27/Add.5 and the 102 petitions in T/PET.4 and 5/L.27/Add.6 be examined by the Council under rule 85, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure.	1	3	2

6. The Standing Committee on Petitions accordingly made no change in the provisional classification proposed by the Committee on Classification of Communications.

7. The Standing Committee recommends, in accordance with rule 90, paragraph 5 of the rules of procedure, that the petitions concerning general problems circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2 and the communications circulated under rule 24 which raise general problems, as are listed in columns 2 and 3 of paragraph 2 of the present report, be considered by the Trusteeship Council when it examines the annual reports of the Territories concerned.

8. At its 494th meeting on 27 January 1959, the Standing Committee adopted this report by 5 votes to none, with 1 abstention.
