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GENERAL

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Item 5 of the agenda

QUESTION OF NATIVE HERBAL MEDICINE AS RAISED IN CERTAIN  
PETITIONS CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER  
BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Resolution adopted by the Trusteeship Council  
at the twenty-eighth meeting on 17 July 1950

Acting under Article 87 b of the Charter and in accordance with its rules of procedure,

Having accepted and examined at its seventh session, in consultation with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the Administering Authority concerned, which designated Mr. D. A. Sutherland as special representative, those parts of the following petitions which raise the question of native herbal medicine,

- (1) Petition from the Traditional Native Herbalists, Rulers and Subjects of Togoland under British Trusteeship (T/PET.6/80);
- (2) Petition from the Avatime Native Authority (T/PET.6/117),

Having taken note of the observations of the Administering Authority (T/646) to the effect that the activities of native herbalists were not regulated by either the Central Government or the local authorities, though an occasional prosecution took place when treatment was based only on the imitation of medical practice and was considered dangerous,

Having further noted the statement of the special representative that the Central Government was not prepared to make any grants or to assist in the maintenance of native herbal medicine dispensaries, but that there was nothing

to prevent the establishment of such dispensaries,

The Trusteeship Council

Draws the attention of the petitioners to the observations of the

Administering Authority;

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Decides that no action by the Council is called for on this question;

Draws the attention of the petitioners to the recommendations on health adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its fourth session, in connexion with its examination of the 1947 annual report on the administration of the Territory the text of which reads as follows:

"The Council, noting with concern that only two medical officers are stationed in Togoland and that hospital, dispensary and other medical and health facilities are inadequate for a reasonable programme of medical and health care for the population of the Trust Territory, recommends the Administering Authority to take measures to increase the numbers of doctors and other trained personnel and to take all further steps necessary to provide for medical and health needs of the indigenous population";

Further draws the attention of the petitioners to the recommendations on the same subject adopted by the Council at its seventh session in connexion with its examination of the 1948 annual report on the administration of the Territory, the text of which reads as follows:

"The Council commends the Administering Authority for the excellent work being done at Ho at the larger of the two leper settlements in Togoland as reported by the Visiting Mission and emphasizes the pressing need for an increase in medical officers and health services, particularly in the Northern Section";

Invites the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority and petitioner of this resolution in accordance with rule 93 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council.

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