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COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF THE  
"PARTI TOGOLAIS DU PROGRES" CONCERNING  
TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 24 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 3 September 1952 from the General Chairman of the "Parti togolais du progrès" concerning the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration.

This communication was transmitted by the Secretariat upon receipt to the Visiting Mission to West Africa. In view of the fact that the President of the Unité togolaise has addressed to the Secretary-General a letter (T/PET.7/312) on the same questions for the purpose of transmission to the members of the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has circulated the present communication without awaiting the decision of the Mission on the matter.

COPY

TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

PARTI TOGOLAIS DU PROGRES

Lome, 3 September 1952

Direction Générale  
Boîte postale 104

No. 6/DP

From: The General Chairman of the  
Parti Togolais du Progrès

To: The Secretary-General of the United Nations

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your information a copy of letter No. 3 of 29 August 1952, addressed to the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission in Togoland, protesting at the conduct of members of the Mission.

I desire to draw your attention to the exaggerated importance which leaders of the C.U.T. (Comité de l'Unité Togolaise) are attributing to the photographs in question, which in their hands have become an instrument of propaganda of which they make the utmost use.

I have the honour etc.

(signed) (illegible)

F. BRENNER

(Seal): General  
Headquarters  
of the T.P.  
The General Chairman

Received at United Nations Headquarters on 8 September 1952.

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PARTI TOGOLAIS DU PROGRES

Lome, 29 August 1952

Direction Générale  
Boite postale 104

From: The General Chairman of the  
Parti Togolais du Progrès

To: The Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission

No. 3/DP

(3 photos enclosed)

Sir,

On behalf of the Parti Togolais du Progrès, I wish to register a strong protest against the partiality which the Visiting Mission appears to be showing.

On 25 August 1952, members of the Mission saw fit to have their photographs taken with groups of our political opponents, thus openly showing whom they preferred.

These photographs are being sold for 50 francs a piece and are being exploited by the Comité de l'Unité Togolaise and the Juvento for propaganda purposes to strengthen their increasingly shaky position with the masses. Propagandists are representing the photos as evidence of the Visiting Mission's complete agreement with the claims of the Comité de l'Unité Togolaise, i.e. for unification and immediate independence.

Simultaneously, a pamphlet is being sold showing the picture of Mr. Sylvanus OLYMPIO, who, according to the propagandists, has succeeded in enlisting the support of the members of the Visiting Mission for his point of view. This pamphlet will show the Visiting Mission that the C.U.T. is, in reality, only serving the ambitions of a political leader whose propaganda methods are semi-fascist.

Again, the C.U.T. has cornered all the United Nations information documents distributed by the Visiting Mission free of charge and is selling them throughout the country at a substantial profit at the expense of the United Nations. There is no need for me to point out how shocking and dishonest this procedure is from the standpoint of mere financial integrity. From the standpoint of political manoeuvring, it amounts to a downright swindle.

My friends and I do not doubt that all the members of the Visiting Mission are most impartial, but they may not be aware of the way they are being exploited and it is extremely important for so responsible an organization as the United Nations not to become an unwitting pawn in the play of partisan factions. We therefore take the liberty to ask the Visiting Mission always to think of the possible effects of their actions however unimportant. It seems to us that the members of the Visiting Mission should everywhere adopt an attitude of absolute neutrality in everything they do.

I have the honour etc.

(signed) (illegible)

F. BRENNER

(Seal):

General  
Headquarters  
of the T.P.

The General Chairman