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PETITION FROM MR. NGOS SIMON CONCERNING THE  
CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Ngos Simon  
Planter and notable at Boumndjack  
Canton Mdog Bea, North  
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Boumndjack, 18/12/56

To: the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, New York

Sir,

I have the honour to bring a complaint against the representatives and leaders of the U.P.C. whose activities in the Cameroons, particularly in our village on 18 December 1956 were of a kind which could have wiped out the whole country. They burnt down dwellings, destroyed bridges with dynamite, etc.

In my own case, they set fire to my house, made of sheet-iron, which I built at the end of 1955. The dimensions of the house were 13.40 metres x 7.50 metres, the work on it was finished, the furniture, material and labour cost me 87,000 francs. The roof was left - five huts made of local materials. Ten rooms with beds and mattresses - they took eighty goats belonging to me from my yard and sixty-seven chickens (See attached list of all property).

Now I have become a vagrant, despite my status as father of a family of twelve children and five wives.

I estimate my losses, with out exaggeration, as over 270,000 francs. I consequently make this complaint against the guilty parties in the U.P.C. and request that they should be prosecuted by the Administration with the utmost rigour of the law.

I claim the sum of 270,000 francs as part compensation for the losses I sustained at the hands of the U.P.C.

I take the following as witnesses:

1. Limaha Pierre
2. Nyobe Michel
3. Ngwem Ndjom
4. Maučeng Gilbert
5. Nsomb Jean Marc

who will be able to give full statements and explanations.

In the hope that the President and members of the Trusteeship Council will examine my complaints in the light of all legal provisions.

I have the honour to be,

Your humble

(Signed) Ngos Simon

List of property burnt

In the cook-house of my wife Ngo Maembele Vitorine

2 sacks of ground-nuts, 6 dresses, 2 pairs of shoes, 1 basin, 5 oval dishes, 7 flat plates, 10 spoons, 10 forks, 5 saucepans, 2 cooking pots, 6 baskets, 1 basket of cucumbers, 4 chickens, 1 goat, 2 blankets, 1 sheet, 3 pillows, 1 5-litre drum of paraffin, 2 small bags of salt, 2 hoes, 6 indigenous plates; 1 basket of onions, 3 (illegible), 1 gridiron, 4 large indigenous spoons; and 20 small indigenous baskets, 2 hatchets, 1 mortar, 1 poker, 1 stove, 1 comb, 1 pile of yams, 2 umbrellas, 1 coat, 4 bamboo bedsteads, 1 drum of oil, 1 half-sack of cocoa, 1 string of onions, 1 sewing-machine.

In the cook-house of my wife Ngo Nana Tacile

12 plates, 1 basin, 1 cooking pot, 2 gridirons, 1 sack of ground-nuts, 1 pot full of cucumbers, 8 spoons, 6 forks, 1 double boiler, 6 chickens, 5 baskets, 2 small baskets, 1 trunk containing 8 head-scarves, 2 bodices, 1 pair of shoes, 2 cups, 2 hoes, 1 hatchet, 2 ducks, 10 indigenous cooking pots and 12 large cooking pots, 1 filter, 1 mortar, 3 bamboo bedsteads, 1 jar of salt, padlocks.

In the cook-house of my wife Ngo Lipoth Perpetue

10 plates, 1 basin, 1 cooking pot, 2 gridirons, 10 spoons, 1 basin of cucumbers, 1 paraffin lamp, 8 flat plates, 1 basin, 13 plates, 1 hatchet, 2 hoes, 3 gridirons, 1 pair of pants, 3 head-scarves, 2 bottles of scent, 1 wooden bedstead, 3 blankets, 2 pillows, 1 sheet, 8 chickens, 2 goats, 1 cat, 2 cups, 1 bucket, 1 tray, 2 bamboo bedsteads, 1 string of onions, 20 small baskets, 3 funnels, 1 mortar, 1 5-litre drum of paraffin, 1 drum of oil, 2 baskets full of cocoa, 2 combs, 2 mirrors, 2 umbrellas, 1 coat, 1 poker, 5 indigenous plates, 20 indigenous spoons, 2 (illegible), 1 small bag of salt, 1 padlock.

In the cook-house of Ngo Ntjam Veronique

9 oval plates, 50 large plates, 20 baskets, 5 cooking pots, 6 saucepans, 15 spoons, 15 forks, 3 wooden bedsteads, 6 pillows, 5 blankets, 1 sheet, 2 buckets, 2 sacks of ground-nuts, 1 sack of cucumbers, 2 basins, 2 trays,

1 paraffin lamp, 1 hatchet, 3 hoes, 1 chest, 50 dresses, 8 bodices, 6 head-scarves, 2 hats, 6 pairs of shoes, 1 5-litre drum of paraffin, 4 goats, 3 ducks, 4 chickens, 3 hoes, 1 cat, 2 buckets, 1 mortar, 1 basket of onions, 1 funnel, 1 necklace, 2 drums of oil, 3 baskets of dry cocoa, 4 combs, 3 mirrors, 2 umbrellas, 6 indigenous plates, 17 spoons, 3 pears, 2 small bags of salt, 1 padlock.

In the cook-house of Ngo Lindjeck Bernadette

3 cooking pots, 4 gridirons, 30 oval plates, 2 basins, 12 flat plates, 1 tray, 20 spoons, 10 forks, 2 chickens, 30 dresses, 4 bodices, 5 head-scarves, 1 sewing-machine, 1 pair of scissors, 2 sheets, 4 pillows, 1 mosquito-net, 1 cradle, 2 blankets, 3 pillows, 4 towels, 6 child's dresses, 1 cap, 2 pullovers, 6 pairs of children's shoes, 3 sacks of ground-nuts, 1 string of cucumbers, 7 chickens, 1 loin-cloth, 1 dressing-gown, 1 hatchet, 1 necklace, 5 pairs of shoes, 1 drum of paraffin, 1 paraffin lamp, 1 lamp, 2 umbrellas, 1 small bag of salt, 1 syringe, 1 mirror, 2 hats, 12 lengths of material for me to make up, 1 bath-tub, 34 baskets, 7 large soup-spoons, 5 funnels, 20 indigenous cooking pots, 3 bamboo bedsteads, 4 mats, 2 mortars, 1 poker, 1 gridiron, 1 drum of oil, 1 sack of onions, 1 half-sack of cocoa, 1 filter, 2 bottles of hair-oil, 1 comb, 1 baby's bottle, 3 pears, 1 padlock.

The property of my son Bisseck Simon which was burnt:

1 wooden bedstead, 6 blankets, 4 sheets, 8 pillows, 1 mattress, 1 mosquito-net, 1 chest, 16 pairs of trousers, 5 shirts, 14 undervests, 5 pairs of shorts, 7 belts, 10 undergarments, 1 cupboard, 12 flat plates, 2 ladles, 25 spoons, 6 pedestal tables, 6 pots, 4 windows, 1 20-litre demi-john of paraffin, 2 paraffin lamps, 6 knives, 2 axes, 5 pairs of shoes, 6 files, 1 crate of books, 1 mirror, 2 umbrellas, 1 bucket, 1 cup, 1 bar of soap, etc.

The property in my own house:

1 seven-piece cupboard, containing 270,000 francs, 6 pairs of shoes, 3 caps, 7 hats, 36 glasses, spoons and forks (120 pieces), 6 table-knives, 60 flat plates, 30 soup-plates, 1 food-safe, 2 flat-irons, 40 padlocks, 6 doz. hinges, 4 trays of nails, 1 water-gauge, 2 trowels, 6 large mirrors, 2 Aida lamps, 7 hatchets,

1 net, 4 engravings, 36 chairs, 4 sofas and side tables with cushions, 2 large tables, 2 lamp-stands, 4 chests, 2 suitcases, 8 wooden bedsteads, 1 chiming-clock, 6 sacks of palm-kernels, 13 sacks of dry cocoa, 12 drums of oil, 26 chickens, 80 goats, 2 cats, 8 table-cloths, 6 blankets, 2 sheets, 1 mosquito-net, 7 pillows, 2 folding deck-chairs, 3 mattresses, 15 mats, 1 kettle, 1 bucket, 2 saws, 4 axes, 2 shovels, 4 pickaxes, 14 empty sacks, 3 demi-johns of paraffin, 2 drums of oil, 6 tins of paint, 200 sheets of paper, 1 raincoat, 1 roll of wire, 1 gramophone, etc.

Seen and certified by Dimalla Pierre at Ngong-Ngock on 20 January 1957.

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