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PETITION FROM MR. EDOUARD NDJE BEON CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
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NDJE BEON EDOUARD, Notable
of the Village of Makak-Ndokoma
Canton of Bikok
Subdivision of Edea

To the President of the United Nations
New York

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to bring the following to your attention:

On the night of 23-24 December 1956, the members of the U.P.C. whose names I give below entered my concession and burned my 4 huts, of which the contents were as follows:

First hut: the sum of 92,320 fr. in cash, 8 pairs of trousers, 6 pairs of pants, 5 shirts, 10 undershirts, 2 work-shirts, 1 black woollen jacket, 2 singlets, 3 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of nylon underpants, 1 tie, 2 pairs of cuffs, 6 pocket handkerchiefs, 2 pairs of spectacles in metal case.

B) One store cupboard containing: 2 dozen glasses, 1 dozen china plates, 2 dozen forks, 2 knives, 8 soup-bowls, 2 bottles of Mangustan rum, 5 litres of red wine, 3 bottles of "KIRAVI", 4 bottles of beer, 1 bottle of Dry Gin, rice, 4 tins of sardines, 6 tins of fresh herrings, 2 bottles of Eau-de-Cologne, 2 pieces of Cadum toilet soap; 12 razor blades, 3 tablecloths, 2 pairs of scissors, 1 tin of talcum powder, 2 tooth-brushes, 2 ordinary brushes, 2 tins of polish, one jar of pcmade, 2 bars of soap, 6 exercise books, 1 packet of 100 sheets of squared paper, 10 miscellaneous books and the family photographs, 7 doors and

7 windows also burnt, 6 locks, 12 chairs, 4 armchairs, 1 large table, 2 stools, 2 easy chairs, 2 pairs of leather shoes, 2 pairs of sandals, 2 felt hats, 1 white helmet, 2 wooden beds, 4 woollen and cotton blankets, 2 bed-sheets, 10 pillows; 1 mosquito-net, 3 mattresses, 6 matchets, 2 axes, 2 files, 1 cast-net, 1 large mirror, 2 hand towels, 1 overcoat, 24 yards of material (Wax-prints), 10 yards of khaki, one "AIDA" lamp.

C) Livestock seized and carried off: 2 rams, 8 ewes, 2 she-goats, 2 he-goats, 10 cocks, 25 hens, 1 cat, 30 hens eggs, 3 bags of cocoa, 10 casks of palm-oil and various packing-cases.

Second hut: The kitchen materials of my mother, NGO BASSONG: 8 plates, 4 soup-bowls, 6 dishes, 3 kg. of cod, 1 bag of salt, 3 sundry dresses, 2 scarves, 1 blanket, 5 large cast-iron cooking pots, 1 barrel full of pea-nuts, 1 wooden bed, 1 bamboo bed, 3 mats, 1 tub, 2 hoes, 4 cured antilopes, 2 smoked monkeys, 1 hurricane lamp, 1 matchet.

Third hut: belonging to my wife Ngo Bikai:

2 basins, 2 barrels of peanuts, 8 pillows, 1 dozen spoons, 5 wooden spoons, 6 cast-iron pots, 4 earthenware pots, 2 oil lamps, 3 blankets, 15 dresses, 2 blouses, 2 skirts, 2 pairs of sandals, 1 sheet, 1 wooden bed, 3 bamboo beds, 6 glasses, 2 kitchen knives, 1 ladle, 1 large suitcase.

Fourth hut: belonging to my wife, Ngo Bassong Pauline:

5 plates, 1 basin, 1 barrel of peanuts, 4 baskets, 3 wooden spoons, 3 large cast-iron cooking-pots, 1 oil lamp, 1 pile of yams.

The brigands who burned my huts and carried off the above-mentioned possessions are the following:

1. Besso Nsoka, Village Chief of Mamak Ndokoma in the maquis.
2. Ndjock Marc, Chairman of the local committee of Ndokoma Makak
3. Bilong Pius, Treasurer of "
4. Nyounai Aloys, Vice-Treasurer of "
5. Bikok Mathias, Honorary Chairman of "
6. Ntamag Jean, Orderly of "
7. Ntamag Francois, Secretary of "
8. Nyemek Nkambog, ordinary member of "
9. Touni Pierre, Councillor of "

10. Yem Ngom, ordinary member of the local committee of Ndokoma Makak
11. Nahi Nguimbous, Public Relations Officer of "
12. Tog Albert, ordinary member of "
13. Biboum Ngos " of "
14. Bioumla Ndjock " of "
15. Ndama Nyounai " of "

I claim the value of my loss to the amount of 400,000 francs.

I am the leading planter of my district and the damage was done to me deliberately as I had gone to the polling station, and they took the opportunity to do this harm.

I appeal to you, Mr. President, to ensure that my family be left in peace, and ask that strict legal proceedings be taken against these terrible brigands who are still at large in the bush. I am sure that they can be captured with the help of the police force.

I have the honour to be, etc. ..

Makak Ndokama, 1 February 1957

NDJE BEON EDOUARD
(signed) illegible
