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DU CAMEROUN" OF BAFANG CENTRE CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER  
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UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN

Cameroons branch of the Rassemblement Démocratique Africain

LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE U.P.C., BAFANG Centre

Having analysed the present situation at Bafang and examined the intrigues of François ORABONA, colonial Administrator, "commissioner magistrate", Chief and Major of BAFANG,

The Committee of the U.P.C. Bafang Centre strongly objects to this person, who engages in pillage rather than keeping order.

By a Motion of 27 July 1954 we drew the attention of the French Authorities in the CAMEROONS to the constitution of the land in the urban centre of BAFANG which it is proposed to sell. We made it clear that if the so-called chief NGADJUI Gaston had sold his piece of land, the chief BANKA would have given his for the settlement of the inhabitants of the urban centre.

Now, however, to our consternation, François ORABONA with his handful of mercenaries, including DEUFI Benoît, NGADJUI Gaston, DJOMO Isaac and KAMDEN Joseph, is seizing the land indiscriminately and seizing the huts in the absence of their owners.

While Mr. SARRAZIN, the surveyor, their companion in crime, receives 6,000 francs C.F.A. for marking out the land, DJOMO Isaac demands 10,000 francs for the plan of the site and 300 francs for the application.

In particular, there is the case of our comrade KAMDE René; his hut has been seized and his plants, cared for by human hands for over ten years, have been uprooted, simply because the U.P.C. emblem was displayed at his door.

The Committee of the U.P.C., Bafang Centre, vigorously protests against the retention here of François ORABONA and his fellow-thieves.

We also protest against plurality of office, for it is our patriots that are the victims of it. 4 comrades from Fondanti, arrested by ORABONA and tried by ORABONA, were sentenced to one week's imprisonment and fined 12,000 francs for having told this agent of the French Government that the road he proposes to build through Eadoumjia and Banka has already been begun through BAFANG direct.

We are sure that immediate steps will be taken to stop the illegal actions which are stifling CAMEROONIAN citizens.

Committee of the U.P.C. BAFANG Centre.  
Bafang, 27 March 1955.

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