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PETITION FROM CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE "UNION DES POPULATIONS  
DU CAMEROUN" OF BAFANG CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH  
ADMINISTRATION

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"UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN"

Section of the Rassemblement Démocratique Africain

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF BAFANG

In view of the crimes committed by René BORNE, Chief of the Bamiléké  
region and François ORABONA, Chief and Mayor of BAFANG,

Considering that Borne and ORABONA have set the populations of BANKA  
and BADOUMJIA against each other in order to unleash civil war at BAFANG,

Considering that BORNE and ORABONA, between 18 and 24 November 1954  
assembled armed soldiers at Bafang and placed C A lorries at the disposal of  
Mr. KAMGA Joseph to convey mercenaries from Bafoussam to BAFANG for the purposes  
of civil war,

Considering that members of the delegation of persons belonging to the  
BAFANG Subdivision have been arrested and unlawfully convicted as a result of  
the schemings of BORNE and ORABONA,

Considering that these representatives of the French Government in the  
CAMEROONS are deceiving the populations to such an extent that even registered  
correspondence is always returned to us,

Considering that members of the population are unfairly arrested and  
convicted every day because we are advocates of the unification and independence  
of the CAMEROONS,

Considering that our chiefdoms are now veritable hotbeds of such crimes and that the colonists are spreading fear in the minds of our populations in preparation for the Visiting Mission which is soon to arrive in the CAMEROONS,

Considering that four comrades of Fondanti, arrested and tried by ORABONA, have each been sentenced to eight days' imprisonment and a fine of 12,000 francs C.F.A., for no good reason,

Considering that BORNE and ORABONA seize the people's lands at Mbafam in order to reward the perpetrators of their crimes,

Considering that arrests in connexion with taxes for 1955 began here at the beginning of January of this year,

Considering that the assessors of the court are appointed by ORABONA under irregular conditions and that only men like KWEKONG are authorized to pay for rifles,

Considering that BORNE, ORABONA, SARRAZIN oppress the populations by marking out lands indiscriminately without consulting the occupants and that certain lands have been marked out twice,

We, the populations of BAFANG in the CAMEROONS,

Request the immediate repatriation of these representatives of the French Government in the CAMEROONS.

Signed for the populations:

Mbouéndé Jean	(Signed)	SIEWE André	(Signed)
T. NJONKO Tagne S.	(Signed)	NITCHEU Paul	(Signed)
NGOUNOU Etienne	(Signed)	EMCHE Michel	(Signed)
NGWAMBA Raphaël	(Signed)	KADJI Joseph	(Signed)

and 28 others.

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