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PETITION FROM THE "ASSOCIATION DES NOTABLES DEMOCRATIQUES CAMEROUNAIS", BAFANG LOCAL BRANCH, CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Association des Notables Démocratiques Camerounais,
Bafang local branch 1/

To: The President of and Delegates to the United Nations,
New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

On behalf of our Association des Notables Démocratiques Camerounais we have the honour to send you the following petition:

The French authorities in the Cameroons have liquidated the association of true Cameroonian Democratic Notables for the sole reason that those notables have courageously helped in the struggle for our Country's national liberation. Some of our leaders and responsible officers are being harried with numerous arrest warrants, while others are being imprisoned or deported to unknown Territories. In place of the association of true Cameroonian notables, the French Government is at present preparing traitors, French lackeys, to receive the Visiting Mission, so that they can tell the Mission the lies they have carefully prepared.

Roland Pré, after unleashing war on the unarmed population and claiming the dissolution of the Union des Populations du Cameroun and of the other progressive movements, is content to imprison the leaders and responsible officers of the said movements, issuing arrest warrants against all the leaders, responsible officers, active members and all good Cameroonians who express themselves in favour of the Unification and immediate Independence of this Country.

We, the true Cameroonian Notables, strongly protest against all the false petitions to the United Nations by puppet movements in the name of the Cameroonian Notables.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: This communication was sent from Kumba, Cameroons under British Administration.

We demand outright cancellation of the arrest warrants which hover over our heads without distinction as to sex.

We demand the release of all political prisoners, and of all patriots in the maquis, before the Visiting Mission arrives in the Territory.

We vehemently protest against every representation made to the Visiting Mission by false notables prepared by the French Government to speak in the name of the entire Cameroonian people.

Long live the United Nations!

Long live the unification and immediate Independence of the Cameroons!

Long live the flag of the United Nations!

Long live the Cameroonian flag!

Done on 28 September 1955

(Signed) Chiangou Marc,,Chairman, in the maquis
c/o Mr. Adolphe Dyumatchoua,
Catholic Mission,
Piago,
Kumba, Cameroons
