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PETITION FROM THE TOGOLAND YOUTHS ASSOCIATION  
CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH  
ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 29 June 1951 from the Togoland Youths Association concerning the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration.

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TOGOLAND YOUTHS ASSOCIATION  
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B.M.T.  
29/6/51

The Secretary General,  
United Nations,  
LAKE SUCCESS.

Sir,

We confirm a cable gram despatched to you on the 9th day of June 1951 as follows:-

"Togo Unification demanded stop Antor fully authorised speak for us stop people demand matter transferred General Assembly for approval stop we object annexation to Gold Coast stop statements of members consultative not peoples views but Governments."1/

Signed by Nana Boakye President, Togoland Youth Association and Asafohene Jasikan Buem.

2. That on the 12th day of October, 1948, at 8:30 a.m. at Jasikan, on the grounds of Presbyterian Junior School, there was a big gathering of Buem Chiefs Asafohenes, Asafoakyes, Linguists, and other citizens of Buem, invitees from other parts of Togoland, to meet his Honour the Chief Commissioner, the two District Commissioners and some of the Government officials under the Chairmanship of Nana Akwemoa Nifahene of Kudje. The main subjects of the meeting were:-

(a) The Chief Commissioner wished the Buem and Togoland in general to be annexed to the Gold Coast.

(b) That they Buem state should agree that they join the Gold Coast people to make laws which bind them.

The whole gathering at the place objected and shouted "NO," not prepared to be annexed to any land, they want a FULL TOGOLAND AS IT WAS.

This behaviour or the reply made the Chief Commissioner annoyed and packed

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away his followers in a shameful manner.

On the second occasion at Sovie near Kpandui the matter of this same annexation took place and the people objected to it, that an inch of Togoland should not be cut off. But the British Authority having studied out the weak points of our chiefs and poor clerks, teachers, they are able to solve the problem now by giving them money to agree on the annexation. Upon this the Chiefs do not even respect or obey the people who have made them chiefs, especially in Buem state.

3. That when the report of the last Enlarged Consultative Commission will be well studied out you could notice that the right wishes of the people were not expressed, as stated by Mr. S.T. Fleku, Representative of Anfoega independent division that: - Most of the people who attended the Commission were sent by the Administering Authorities and whatever views they expressed were not their own but of the various Governments.

Though the Gold Coast people demand Self Government nobody has ever stated the name Gold Coast should be abolished as said by Mr. Alasan Jawula of Gonja Native Authority, tool of the British Administering Authority, that the name "TOGOLAND" should be abolished from the map and the name should never be applied again. He is a pure hoe for the English Government because according to him he is fully prepared to abolish his surname for the sake of money. He is prepared to dispose of his father's property because of money and become a wretched servant in the near future. HOW CAN THIS BE POSSIBLE WITH ANY SENSIBLE, OR EVEN SENSELESS ENGLISH BOY IN THE STREET?

4. That in the Commission's report when French people objected Unification and the Administering Authorities stand upon that to send in any report here is a warning Notice stated by a boy of French Togoland.

In a local newspaper called Ghana Daily Express registered at the general Post Office issued on Wednesday May 30th 1951, warning was given to the French Government as follows:-

"NOTICE TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO QUIT TOGOLAND"

" to the French Government through

" H.E. The Governor, Monsieur Digo,

" Government House, Lome.

/ "Dear Sir,

"Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that it is over 28 years since you became a tenant in our premises of Togoland which together with your co-tenant Britannia you have partitioned and fenced with your so called preventive barriers without the permission and the consent of the Land-lords and their children.

(2) Being a tenant, you transformed yourselves the landlords and thereby scattered the true children and inheritors of the said premises. Togolandians who have become destitute abroad.

(3) Being tenants, you have put into practice DIVIDE AND RULE POLICY by which you succeeded to lure some of the children of the Landlord's whom you made your citizen (citoyen Francais) contrary to our native customs and thereby created dis-unity among the true children and inheritors of the land and premises.

Whereas it is known: (a) that there is no existing agreements to occupy any part of the land and premises between the landlords and you. (b) That you are not charged to pay any rentals for your unwarranted occupation, I am empowered by the C. Landlords:- Hebieso and Agbui, being one of their faithful and loyal sons and inheritors, to give you notice of ejection.

Therefore, I the undersigned Cak Dally do hereby give you first and last NOTICE to quit the said land and premises of Togoland within 12 calendar months as from today's date. Failure to respect this reasonable notice, POSITIVE ACTION shall decide and effect your shameful ejection without further notice.

Dated in the ancestors house of Hebieso and Agbui at Accra this 29th day of May, 1951."

(sgd) Cak Dally, son and Inheritor of All Togoland

This is a warning notice for both British and French Authorities in Togoland, if in the report of the last Enlarged Consultative Commission the two Government tools declared Unification should be abolished.

OUR URGENT DEMANDS:-

1. That Antor's representation in the Council is fully authorised to speak on our behalf. (2) That matter is transferred to General Assembly. (3) That we strongly object to annexation to the Gold Coast as Mr. Kwame Nkruma wishes. (4) That the report of the last Commission should not be entertained as it was attended by the Government tools, the right wishes of we people of the Togoland were not expressed. (5) That we want our own Togoland LEGISLATIVE

/ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY and COCOA MARKETING BOARD be established for us in Togoland. (6) That the present two Administering Authorities be removed entirely from our Togoland. (7) That we are entirely separated from the Gold Coast and not annexation instead. (8) That we demand strong early Unification and Independency.

We humbly beg you to consider our demands and please acknowledge the receipt.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ANDREW S.K. EKPEY

SECRETARY, TOGO YOUTHS ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE TOGO YOUTHS ASSOCIATION

Copy to:

Mr. S. G. Antor, Lake Success, N.Yk.

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