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OF THE "UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN" CONCERNING THE
CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION AND THE CAMEROONS
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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In the maquis, 2 July 1957.

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No. 0028/MON/BCD

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York

Sir,

Further to our earlier telegrams and petitions,^{1/} we respectfully beg to enclose, for your information, a copy of a notorious tract issued by the leaders of the KNC (Kamerun National Congress), a puppet political party, which is in favour of the integration of Kamerun into Nigeria. It was entirely due to unparalleled trickery that the dishonest leaders of this political party were elected in the territorial elections which took place in Western Kamerun on 15 March 1957. Twelve of the leading swindlers, members of the KNC, were arrested on the day of the elections. Since the man responsible for these swindles is a supporter of the colonialists and of the integration of Western Kamerun into Nigeria, he was simply not arrested.

^{1/} Note by the Secretariat: See T/PET.4/144, paragraph 2.

The UPC lodged a complaint in respect of these intolerable large-scale swindles perpetrated against it. This complaint was, quite rightly, registered by the Administering Authorities. The various registration fees were paid and the substantial security required was duly deposited. All that remained to be done was for the British Government to do its duty, summon the plaintiffs and defendants to appear, and give an impartial judgement in respect of these swindles. The Administering Authorities, who were aware of the unpopularity of the KNC and had encouraged these swindles which favoured that party, were well aware that they were guilty. Further, they were quite certain that if the rigged elections were held again, those who had been unfairly elected would never be re-elected as long as the UPC was in existence. They knew that the three seats held by their unfairly elected members would lawfully and of right fall to the UPC, which is patriotically and loyally opposing the integration of Kamerun into Nigeria. We say lawfully and of right because, but for the swindles, UPC candidates would have been elected in these three constituencies.

Therefore, in order to avoid a judgement which would automatically have resulted in the setting aside of the fraudulent elections in the constituencies in question, to ensure that the unfairly elected members would retain their seats in the Territorial Assembly, and thereby satisfy their supporters, and finally to hide its shame and dishonesty, the British Government unjustly, considering the intrigues of the KNC leaders, decided to take prejudicial measures to ensure:

- (1) the arbitrary dissolution of the UPC;
- (2) the unwarranted arrest and deportation of its leaders and officers;
- (3) the seizure manu militari of all its property.

That, Sir, is a great injustice, which redounds to the dishonour of the British Government.

With regard to the third question in the tract which is the subject of this petition, the leaders of the KNC immorally, shamefully and dishonestly state that the UPC is not a Southern Kamerun organization. And yet the articles of association of the UPC have been duly approved by the Administration - and since the date on which that approval was given, the UPC has been functioning in accordance with those articles. The fact that the leaders of the KNC maintain

categorically that the UPC is not an organization registered in Western Kamerun under British administration must, therefore, be attributed to unwitting or dishonest confusion. The same authorities approved the articles of association of both the KNC and the UPC and the latter, as a political party registered in the Southern Kamerun, took part without hindrance in the territorial elections of 15 March 1957. This minor correction is given solely to prove to you that none of the questions in this tract has any foundation or is anything but nonsense. The copy of this tract, which supports the statements in our earlier telegrams and petitions, will at once convince you of the innocence of the UPC and make it clear that it owes the envy which the Administering Authorities and certain puppet political parties, and the KNC in particular, feel towards it solely to its popularity and its nationalism.

Bearing in mind the serious injustice and the slanders to which the UPC is subjected by the British Government and the KNC, we rely on your impartiality to impose such sanctions as this injustice and these slanders warrant.

In view of the brutal action and injustice of the British Government, we bitterly regret that the leaders and officers of the UPC are still in prison at Victoria. This regrettable situation leads us to conclude either that you have not yet taken any action or that the Administering Authorities have ignored your intervention. We, therefore, hope that the necessary steps will be taken to ensure that your intervention gives satisfaction to the Kamerunian people.

We would request you to treat this letter as a petition and hope that you will keep us informed of the action which you propose to take thereon.

We have the honour to be, etc.

FOR THE BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE MAQUIS

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Questions and answers about UPC
and supporting parties

(1) What do the Letters UPC represent?

Answer: They are shown as representing a string of strange words; difficult to read and difficult to interpret BUT judging from the activities of the UPC in the Southern Cameroons it is correct to say "U" stand for "Unwanted", "P" for "Packets" and "C" for "Confusionists" or useless peoples company.

(2) Do you know the names of some leaders of UPC?

Answer: Yes, I have heard of some names which are as queer and strange in the Southern Cameroons as the UPC activities. They are:

The Mounies	(Male and Female)
The Kingue	"
The Ouandies	"
The Fosso	"
The Sende	"
The Kamen	"
The Ngoyi	Female
The Lavater	"
The Nantia	Male
The Njok	"
The Omog	Female

(3) Is UPC a Southern Cameroons Organization?

Answer: Oh No! It is an allien political organization whose most unwanted activities became a great danger to the administrative machinery of traditional and Parliamentary forms of Government in the Southern Cameroons.

(4) How and when did the UPC Leaders come to the Southern Cameroons?

Answer: The traditional and the Parliamentary Government of their homes on the French side of the Cameroons drove them out because of the danger of their activities and so they ran to the Southern Cameroons in May, 1955 to find refuge.

(5) Did the Southern Cameroons Government welcome the UPC into Southern Cameroons?

Answer: Oh No! The Leaders were looking for a peaceful place to hide themselves and as the Southern Cameroons has no restriction or any form of check on the movement of people, these unwanted confusionists filtered themselves through and were probably housed by fellow friends who had no idea of what they were here for and so neither the local authorities nor the central Government knew of their being in the territory till they started their dangerous activities and the public began to complain.

(6) Has the Government now devised a system to ensure that people who enter this territory are fit and proper persons to do so?

Answer: This is a very good general point and can help to avoid a lot of bad persons and many dangerous things from entering the towns and villages in the territory but it appears that this sort of check can be more effectively arranged for by Native Authorities and good order in their communities. If I were you, I will put this question to the President of my Council during the Council meeting and/or to my village Chief in Council; of course the Council will normally ask the Commissioner of the Southern Cameroons to approve such actions.

(7) Did the UPC Leaders make friends with persons other than those who housed them on their arrival in ignorance of their being driven as dangerous persons from the French side of the Cameroons?

Answer: Because UPC had money, they were able to attract to themselves some money mongers, betrayers, disloyal, disgruntled and satanic ambitious persons who believe in live to eat and gain cheap popularity even at the expense of human dignity and prestige.

(8) Did any Political Organization in the Southern Cameroons befriend the UPC or stood in alliance with UPC?

Answer: Mushroom organizations which broke off from Kameruns National Congress, the main Southern Cameroons Political Party for sentimental and selfish reasons some coated with a tint of religious feeling wanted to learn the art of organizing parties about which they were so ignorant and so they went into alliance with UPC who supplied them the finance and gave them a training on Communist

technique of winning political popularity. KNDP and KUCP were among the unfortunate victims. They entered into secret agreement with the UPC and got money to work with but did not reveal this to their supporters and the public. UPC that helped to spread the popularity of the KNDP and KUCP have of recent times been making wonderful revelations in open public lectures. KNC and KPP are watching the game.

(9) Did UPC get some support from the French Cameroonians who are settled in the Southern Cameroons?

Answer: By UPC Communist methods and use of money the UPC flattered and won the support of poorly informed French Cameroonians. The reasonable good ones soon learnt by experience the danger of the UPC existence in the Southern Cameroons and reacted to the tone of convening a meeting at Victoria early in 1957 during which time they declared on behalf of themselves and their followers their dislike for UPC existence in the Southern Cameroons and disassociated themselves from any UPC activities. Like any other good citizen they had seen the danger in UPC activities and could confirm in the light of that experience that UPC which was not good on the French side of the Cameroons was certainly not good in the Southern Cameroons.

(10) What is the guarantee that KNDP and KUCP who were in alliance with UPC and had perhaps learnt UPC Communist technique will not breed UPC ideologies in the Southern Cameroons and for some sentimental and selfish reasons encourage UPC under-ground movement hiding under the names KNDP and KUCP?

Answer: It is hoped that this cannot happen because:

(a) The Cameroons public know the danger of UPC ideologies in their communities and will themselves be the watchdogs of their own destiny and so can report to their Councils, the District Officers and the Police the activities of any political movement which in their opinion can be interpreted as supporting UPC ideologies or encouraging UPC under-ground movements. The Banning order on UPC makes UPC illegal and everything and every action pertaining to UPC to be illegal and person or persons involved in such activities that can be interpreted to relate to UPC will be arrested as committing an offence.

(b) Even in the KNDP you have people like Mr. Lucas Yomo of Muyuka and many others and in the KUCP you have people like Chief Anjeh of Kumba and many others

who are true lovers of this country and although they pretend to be KNDP and KUCP, they are KNC in spirit and will never compromise with anything or action that is UPC inclined in this territory.

(c) Our reasonable and good fellow French Cameroonians already declared their stand against UPC in term of Answer to question 9 above, and so they cannot compromise with anything pertaining to UPC.

(11) Are our fellow French Cameroonians KNC?

Answer: Oh Yes! They have always been KNC and some are holding high offices the party. It is true that UPC communist methods and flatters made some poorly informed fellow French Cameroonians to weaver but they discovered the mistake themselves and have since been affirming their stand with KNC, so you see the banning of UPC has cleared the doubts of doubting Thomases and has affirmed their stand with the KNC automatically.

(12) From where did UPC get so much money to play with?

Answer: This is the point. UPC did no trading and no work at all, yet they got plenty of money to influence all the groups of people and parties mentioned in answer Nos. 7 and 8 of this questionnaire to support their unwanted activities, bought Land Rovers, paid heavy rents for houses they hired to use as their Secretariats, paid Tumassang's passage to America and back, paid their Secretariat Staff and equipments, paid motor licences, insurances and drivers as well doing a lot of money dirty jobs during the general elections of 1957. Where did the money come from? Was it stolen money? Did they get the money from the big Communist organization where the law is everybody is the same, no king, no Chief, no elder, no Governor, no private property, my wife is your wife, my house is your house. If you are a Chief I am a Chief etc. Find the answer. But one thing is certain i.e. Cameroons people cannot sell their country for money.

(13) What did Tumassang go to America to do there?

Answer: Perhaps to talk about Unification with French Cameroons so that UPC leaders may get the chance of going back to their homes to see their family people once more and perhaps also to invite stronger Communist movements to come and use money to swam and enslave Cameroons rights. But you see the God of Cameroons will not allow this to happen. Instead of bringing back what the UPC wanted, Tumassang spent hundred of pounds from UPC purse to go to America to buy

a Warrant with which all the UPC Leaders and Tumassang have been arrested and locked in the Rest House at Victoria. The same warrant which Tumassang brought from America has declared UPC and followers as dangerous societies and any body who shows himself as UPC or wear UPC badge or hold any UPC document or meeting will be arrested by Police and sent to Prison. Under the same warrant UFG thirteen leaders will be deported to faraway countries like Sudan, Egypt, etc. They will no more come to this territory and they will no more go back to their homes from where they escaped. As the Party has been banned, all their money and all other properties belonging to them will be confiscated as Government money and Government properties and used by the Government. Union des Population du Cameroun is now dead and buried and the burial song is:

1. Cameroons praise the Universe (CFU)
for unwanted packets of confusionists (UPC)
and useless peoples' company is banned.
2. Let there be change of hearts and period of repentance in and for them
that were money and power seekers to have sacrificed their National
Dignity and prestige on the Alters of selfishness and sentimental
feelings.
3. Above all may God of the Cameroons bless Governor-General in Council
for banning the Union des Population du Cameroun, the unwanted packets
of confusionists, the unseless peoples' company. This action by the
Governor-General in Council is fully supported by all lovers of the
Southern Cameroons.

'FOR GOD AND THE CAMEROONS'

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PETITION

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York

Sir,

We beg to draw your attention to the fact that during the territorial elections which were held on 15 March 1957 in Western Kamerun more than a dozen swindlers were arrested after being caught red-handed with a number of voter's cards, which had been distributed to them by Dr. Endeley, leader of the KNC. They were detained in prison until 3 June 1957. Just one day after the dissolution of the UPC, that is to say on 4 June, and before the deportation of the UPC leaders, these swindlers were unreservedly and unconditionally released. It should be noted that these damaging swindles, which the British Government concealed, had the support of the irresponsible leaders of the KNC (Kamerun National Congress). The man responsible for the swindles (Dr. Endeley), who was found with a very large number of voter's cards in his possession, was not arrested. The police officers, whose vigilance was responsible for the arrest of the swindlers, were immediately dismissed without notice on the day following the elections. It should also be emphasized that following these large-scale swindles the UPC lodged a complaint but no judgement in respect thereof has yet been given. In one of our earlier letters, ^{1/} we gave you some information on this subject and there is no need to repeat it in this petition.

^{1/} Note by the Secretariat: See letter of 2 July 1957 from the Bureau of the Executive Committee of the Union des Populations du Cameroun.

The main purpose of this petition is to inform you that the Government has placed at the disposal of the puppet Prime Minister (Dr. Endeley) and his supporters NINE cars, NINE microphones and LARGE sums of money to conduct the campaign for the complete integration of Kamerun into Nigeria. Taking advantage of the dissolution of all the progressive movements and the deportation of all their leaders, as well as the complete silence to which the active supporters of these movements have been reduced, the puppet Prime Minister and his supporters are proclaiming that:

(1) Anyone who dares to oppose a representative of the KNC will be arrested and imprisoned without trial;

(2) Given its population of 32 million people, Nigeria will infallibly go to war if the people of Western Kamerun oppose the integration of Kamerun into Nigeria;

(3) During the last Conference which took place recently in London a bilateral agreement was signed between the British Government and the representatives of the KNC.

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In Eastern Kamerun, the French Government is continually importing arms, and regiments of man-hunters (soldiers) are constantly arriving. Unofficial spokesmen of the colonialists assert that the UPC has made preparations for war. Copying the unfortunate events of May 1955, the two Governments are doing everything possible to sabotage the Kamerunian question in the United Nations. Thus, the British Government resorted to every conceivable device in order to find pretexts to justify the deportation of the UPC leaders and the unwarranted dissolution of the UPC, and it is still continuing to scheme to create incidents, following which it will seize the opportunity to shoot Kamerunians on the grounds that they are active members of the dissolved parties rising in rebellion against the Government. The skill and vigilance of the Kamerunian people have cleverly frustrated all these schemes, but they are using other unspecified subterfuges designed to rouse the people to action in due course. The two Governments are making every preparation to exterminate the Kamerunian people. In view of this appalling situation, the

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United Nations must do everything possible to put an immediate end to the tyranny of the two Governments and to protect the servants of the Kamerunian people. It is time that the United Nations proved once and for all that it can shoulder its great responsibilities, because the colonialists are becoming more and more enraged.

Relying on your kind attention and your great power, we have the honour to be, etc.

FOR THE BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE MAQUIS

(Signed) (signature illegible)

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