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#### Abbreviations

Addit. = Additional  
Cttee. = Committee  
Govt. = Government  
Kgd. = Kingdom

P.M.C. = Permanent Mandates  
Commission  
Resol. = Resolution  
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Geneva, November 12th, 1934.

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**PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION**

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**TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

(Geneva, October 29th - November 12th, 1934)

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**I.**

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE WORK OF THE SESSION.**

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The Permanent Mandates Commission met at Geneva from October 29th to November 12th, 1934, for its twenty-sixth session, and held twenty-two meetings, two of which were public—viz., the opening meeting and a meeting held in memory of the late Vice-Chairman, M. Van Rees, who died on October 30th, 1934.

The annual reports were considered in the following order, with the co-operation of the representatives of the mandatory Powers :

*Cameroons under British Mandate, 1933.*

Accredited Representative :

Mr. W. E. HUNT, C.M.G., C.B.E., Officer of the Staff Grade, Nigeria.

*Togoland under British Mandate, 1933.*

Accredited Representative :

Mr. H. W. THOMAS, Secretary for Native Affairs, Gold Coast.

*South West Africa, 1933.*

Accredited Representatives :

Mr. Eric LOUW, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Union of South Africa in Paris.

Mr. H. T. ANDREWS, Political Secretary to the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa in London.

*Cameroons under French Mandate, 1933.*

Accredited Representative :

M. M. BESSON, Head of the First Bureau of the Political Division of the French Colonial Ministry.

*Islands under Japanese Mandate, 1933.*

Accredited Representative :

M. N. ITO, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Japan in Warsaw.

*Togoland under French Mandate, 1933.*

Accredited Representative :

M. M. BESSON, Head of the First Bureau of the Political Division of the French Colonial Ministry.

*Western Samoa, 1933-34.*

Accredited Representative :

Mr. Charles KNOWLES, C.B.E., of the Office of the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London.

*Ruanda-Urundi, 1933.*

Accredited Representative :

M. HALEWYCK DE HEUSCH, Director-General in the Belgian Colonial Ministry.

The Commission also gave a hearing to M. Robert DE CAIX, representative of the mandatory Power for Syria and the Lebanon, on the occasion of the examination of certain petitions concerning that territory.

## A. OBSERVATIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORIES UNDER MANDATE.

The following observations, which the Commission has the honour to submit to the Council, were adopted after consideration of the situation in each territory in the presence of the accredited representatives of the mandatory Power concerned. In order to appreciate the full significance of these observations, reference should be made, as usual, to the Minutes of the meetings of the Commission at which the questions concerning the different territories were discussed.<sup>1</sup>

### TERRITORIES UNDER "B" MANDATE.

OBSERVATIONS COMMON TO THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH MANDATE, THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH MANDATE, TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH MANDATE, TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH MANDATE AND RUANDA-URUNDI.

#### *Condition of Women.*

The Commission notes with satisfaction that the Administrations of the territories under B mandate whose reports have been examined at the present session are devoting special attention to the important problem of the condition of women (pages 11-13, 21-22, 36, 81-82, 105, 110, 167, 171).

#### **Cameroons and Togoland under British Mandate.**

##### I. OBSERVATIONS COMMON TO BOTH TERRITORIES.

###### 1. *Liquor Traffic.*

The Commission regrets the prevalence of illicit distilling in the territories and hopes that the steps taken will be successful in checking this evil (pages 11, 18, 27, 38-39, 163).

###### 2. *Cinematograph.*

The Commission hopes that the mandatory Power will continue to exercise supervision over cinematographic films (page 163).

#### **Cameroons under British Mandate.**

##### I. *Frontiers.*

While appreciating the reasons given by the accredited representative for the delay in the delimitation of the eastern frontier of the territory, the Commission would point out that its delimitation is provided for in Article 1 of the mandate and Article 2 of the Franco-British Declaration annexed thereto (pages 13, 163).

##### 2. *General Administration.*

The Commission appreciates the necessity for drastic economies in view of the economic situation, but regrets that it has been found necessary to reduce the European staff of the administrative services in the southern province from an average of 14 present in 1932 to 11 in 1933 (pages 13, 163).

<sup>1</sup> The page numbers following each observation are those of the Minutes of the session.

### 3. *Welfare of the Natives: Condition of Women.*

The Commission, being again concerned with the situation of women in the territory, expresses the hope that the observations and recommendations made by the religious missions with regard to the condition of women will receive the careful consideration of the mandatory Power (pages 11-13, 21-22, 163).

### 4. *Public Health.*

The Commission hopes that the mandatory Power will insist on the provision of adequate medical care for labourers in the private estates in the southern province, without having recourse to the Government medical service, which should have its time fully occupied in the discharge of its official duties in the care of the native population (pages 22-23, 163).

## **Togoland under British Mandate.**

### *General Administration.*

The Commission has heard with great interest of the scheme of reorganisation of the small independent native divisions in the southern area and the voluntary grouping of forty-eight small units into three or four States (pages 31, 32, 163).

### 2. *Education.*

The Commission again expresses the hope that the Administration may find it possible to extend its educational activities to the northern section of the territory (pages 38, 163).

### 3. *Public Health.*

The Commission notes the steps taken with the co-operation or on the initiative of the natives to check the spread of sleeping-sickness (page 163).

## **Cameroons and Togoland under French Mandate.**

### OBSERVATIONS COMMON TO BOTH TERRITORIES.

#### 1. *Economic Equality.*

The Commission was informed that a decree dated December 13th, 1932, had rendered applicable to the colonies, protectorates and mandated territories under the Colonial Department the provisions of the single article of the Law of May 16th, 1930, which reserves for French aircraft, subject to special and temporary exceptions, the commercial transport of passengers and goods between two points in French territory and between France and the French colonies.

The accredited representative of the mandatory Power promised to furnish the Commission with precise information as to the effect of the provisions of the above-mentioned decree on the Cameroons and Togoland under French mandate. In these circumstances, the Commission reserves the right to examine later the problems which may be raised by the provisions of the Decree of December 13th, 1932 (pages 72, 106, 130-132, 167).

#### 2. *Public Finance.*

The Commission would be glad if, in future, the mandatory Power would supplement the detailed information contained in the chapter on public finance by a brief general commentary in order to facilitate the examination of this subject (pages 74-75, 106-107).

With reference to the recommendation it has had occasion to make previously, the Commission hopes that the subsidies granted by the territories to institutions in the home country will be limited to those from which the territory receive a specific return (pages 75-76, 108, 167).

## **Cameroons under French Mandate.**

### 1. *Frontiers.*

While appreciating the reasons given by the accredited representative for the delay in the delimitation of the western frontier of the territory, the Commission would point out that its delimitation is provided for in Article 1 of the mandate and Article 2 of the Franco-British Declaration annexed thereto (pages 67-68, 167).

## 2. *Economic Equality.*

The Commission took note of the provisions contained in Article 7 of the law promulgated on January 20th, 1934, authorising the Governments of certain colonies and the Commissariat of the Republic in the Cameroons to contract loans guaranteed by the French State and intended to be devoted in part to public works. This law provides that working equipment and material purchased outside the territory must be of French origin and transported under the French flag. The Commission examined this text in the light of Article 6 of the mandate for the Cameroons, and in the light of the exchanges of views which have taken place on similar subjects connected with economic equality on many occasions, the last being during its twenty-second session. It would refer to these exchanges of views, and expresses the hope that the mandatory Power will make use of the derogation clause in the law in question whenever it would be to the advantage of the territory to do so (pages 68-70, 132-134, 166-167).

## 3. *General Administration.*

The Commission has noted with satisfaction the measures taken to encourage officials to learn the native languages (pages 78, 167).

### **Togoland under French Mandate.**

#### GENERAL OBSERVATION.

The Commission was informed by the accredited representative of the mandatory Power of the critical situation of the finances of Togoland under French mandate. In the last few years, the Administration has made severe cuts in the budget. In addition, it has endeavoured to maintain the tax-paying capacity of the territory by intensifying production. It is nevertheless proving impossible to balance the budget, while retaining the present administrative machinery.

The mandatory Power has informed the Commission that it proposes to instruct, provisionally, the high officials of the neighbouring French colony of Dahomey, and possibly even its Governor, to exercise the functions of Commissioner of the Republic and of chiefs of the principal services of Togoland. The official combining the posts of Governor of Dahomey and Commissioner of Togoland would be under the direct authority, as regards this latter function, of the Colonial Ministry in Paris. The proposed reform would involve an economy of some 3 or 4 million French francs<sup>1</sup> for the territory under mandate. In notifying the Commission of the foregoing, the accredited representative of the mandatory Power emphasised the fact that the French Government was most anxious to safeguard the individuality and budgetary autonomy of Togoland.

The Commission is grateful to the French Government for having communicated its intentions to it, and for the care which that Government proposes to take to ensure that this administrative reform, which is as yet only projected, will be in conformity with the principles of the mandate, and, in particular, that its application will not involve any infringement of the individuality of the territory and of its financial autonomy (pages 103-105, 108-109, 167).

### **Ruanda-Urundi.**

#### SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS.

##### 1. *Form of the Annual Report.*

The Commission expresses the hope that, in future, the annual report will be drafted in the order in which it is examined, and will contain references to the pages in the Minutes on which the questions put by members of the Commission are to be found (pages 137, 168).

##### 2. *General Administration.*

The Commission has noted with satisfaction the measures taken to encourage officials to learn the native languages (pages 138, 168).

##### 3. *Public Finance.*

The Commission noted with particular interest the statement in which the accredited representative amplified the chapter in the annual report dealing with financial policy and outlined its anticipated results (pages 134-137, 142-144, 168).

##### 4. *Customs Union between Ruanda-Urundi and the Belgian Congo.*

The Commission is grateful to the mandatory Power for the detailed information furnished on the subject of the Customs policy and its effects on the public finances and trade of the territory (pages 144, 168).

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<sup>1</sup> *Note by the Secretariat:* The text originally adopted by the Commission erroneously indicated a figure of 7 to 8 million French francs, whereas the figure actually given by the accredited representative of the mandatory Power was 3 to 4 millions.

5. *Public Health.*

The Commission has noted the measures taken to strengthen the medical campaign against endemic diseases. It would be glad to find in the next annual report information as to the effects of these measures (pages 151, 168).

**TERRITORIES UNDER "C" MANDATE.**

**Islands under Japanese Mandate.**

SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS.

1. *Form of Annual Report.*

The Commission expresses the hope that, in future, the annual report will be drafted in the order in which it is examined, and will contain references to the pages in the Minutes on which the questions put by members of the Commission are to be found (pages 89, 95, 167).

2. *International Conventions.*

The Commission noted the accredited representative's promise that the next report would contain a list of the international Conventions made applicable to the territory under mandate (pages 89, 167).

3. *Equipment of the Ports of Certain Islands.*

The Commission noted the accredited representative's statement that the sums spent on the equipment of the ports in certain islands under mandate was for purely civil and commercial purposes.

Nevertheless, it appeared to the Commission that the amount of this expenditure was somewhat disproportionate to the volume of commercial activity. The Commission would be glad to find further particulars on this subject in the next report (pages 93-94, 96, 167).

4. *Economic System.*

The Commission noted that the volume of the total exports from the territory under mandate was more than twice that of the total imports.

It trusts that appropriate measures will be taken to enable the natives to share in the prosperity of the territory (pages 94-95, 97, 167).

**Western Samoa.**

SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS.

1. *General Administration.*

The Commission learned with regret that further domestic difficulties had arisen in Samoa during the year under review, necessitating the arrest of numerous native chiefs, and the imposition of severe sentences on some of them. It desires to draw special attention to the report of its deliberations in the Minutes.

It will be glad to learn how far the Administration has been able to secure the co-operation of the native Fono in its capacity of advisory body (pages 120, 120-123, 168).

2. *Public Health.*

The Commission learned that the matter of infant mortality was engaging the earnest attention of the Administration. It hopes that the Administration will find effective means to reduce the high infant mortality rate (pages 127, 168).

**South West Africa.**

1. *Status of the Territory.*

It has been brought to the Commission's notice that the Legislative Assembly of South West Africa has adopted a motion aiming at the constitution of the territory into "a fifth province of the Union, subject to the provisions of the mandate".

On being questioned as to the attitude of the Union Government towards this proposal, the importance of which is obvious, the accredited representative replied that, on the occasion of the examination of the next report, he would supply the information requested, which relates to an event that occurred after the close of the 1933 administrative period.



The Commission, in its turn, reserved its opinion as to the compatibility of the course proposed by the Legislative Assembly with the mandates system until it should have been informed in due course of the point of view adopted by the mandatory Government in this connection and been acquainted with all the factors of the problem (pages 46-52, 62-64, 163-166, 167).

#### 2. *Public Finance.*

Greatly concerned by the serious financial situation, the Commission hopes that it may be possible for the mandatory Power to assist the territory by grants-in-aid, without increasing the public debt.

It noted the statement of the accredited representative that the ultimate responsibility for expenditure in the territory rests with the mandatory Power, and that any deficit in the budget of the territory must be met by the latter (pages 42, 44-45, 54, 167).

#### 3. *Education.*

The Commission hopes that it may be found possible to devote a larger proportion of the education budget to native education (pages 54-55, 58-60, 167).

#### 4. *Public Health.*

The Commission expresses the hope that the mandatory Power will endeavour to develop the medical service among the natives, which, in certain parts of the territory, is now left entirely to the missions.

It would be glad to find in the next report fuller information about the steps taken in order to combat tuberculosis, which appears to be spreading among the natives (pages 60, 167).

#### 5. *Population.*

The Commission noted that the native population within the police zone now appears to be stationary or decreasing. It would be glad to have fuller information on this subject in the next report (pages 61, 167).

### B. OBSERVATIONS ON PETITIONS.<sup>1</sup>

At its twenty-sixth session, the Commission considered the petitions mentioned below, together with the mandatory Powers' observations thereon. Each of these petitions was reported on in writing by a member of the Commission. After discussion, the Commission adopted the conclusions set forth below. The texts of the reports submitted to the Commission are attached to the Minutes.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Palestine.**

- (a) *Petition, dated February 28th, 1934, from the " Association, syrienne arabe ", Paris (document C.P.M.1501) (pages 170-171, 178-179).*

Observations of the Government of the United Kingdom, dated September 6th, 1934 (document C.P.M.1556).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 5).

#### CONCLUSIONS.

" The Commission,

" Having examined the petition of February 28th, 1934, from the ' Association syrienne arabe ', of Paris, and the mandatory Power's observations thereon :

" Considers that the Council's attention should be drawn to the state of mind revealed by this petition, and decides to take no other action in the matter."

- (b) *Petition, dated April 30th, 1934, from Mr. A. Weinshal, President of the " Central Committee of the Union of Zionists-Revisionists in Palestine ", Haifa (document C.P.M.1550) (pages 169, 179-180).*

Observations of the Government of the United Kingdom, dated June 14th, 1934 (document C.P.M.1550).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 6).

<sup>1</sup> The page numbers following each title are those of the Minutes of the session.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission recommends that copies of those petitions and the mandatory Powers' observations thereon which it has not thought necessary to annex to its Minutes, and which consequently are not transmitted to the Council, should be deposited in the League of Nations Library and thus placed at the disposal of persons wishing to consult them.

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined a petition, dated April 30th, 1934, from Mr. A. Weinshal, President of the ‘ Central Committee of the Union of Zionists-Revisionists in Palestine ’, together with the observations thereon by the mandatory Power :

“ Considers that this petition does not fulfil the conditions of admissibility, since it raises claims which are incompatible with the mandate for Palestine.”

- (c) *Petition, undated, from the “ General Council of Women Workers in Palestine ”* (document C.P.M.1522) (pages 169, 180-181).

Observations of the Government of the United Kingdom, dated June 1st, 1934 (document C.P.M.1522):

Report (see Minutes, Annex 7).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined the petition, undated, of the ‘ General Council of Women Workers in Palestine ’, and the mandatory Power’s observations thereon :

“ Does not consider that any action should be taken on this petition.”

- (d) *Petition, undated, from the “ Brit Kibbutz Galuiot ” (Union of Returning Exiles) in Palestine* (document C.P.M.1551) (pages 169, 181-182).

Observations of the Government of the United Kingdom, dated June 22nd, 1934 (document C.P.M.1551).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 8).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined the undated petition from the ‘ Brit Kibbutz Galuiot ’ (‘ Union of Returning Exiles ’) in Palestine, and the mandatory Power’s observations thereon :

“ Considers that, in the present circumstances, no special recommendation need be made to the Council with regard to the petition.”

- (e) *Petition, dated June 7th, 1934, from the “ Consistoire central des Israélites en Bulgarie ”, Sofia* (document C.P.M.1554) (pages 169, 182-183).

Observations of the Government of the United Kingdom, dated October 11th, 1934 (document C.P.M.1565).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 9).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined the petition, dated June 7th, 1934, from the ‘ Consistoire central des Israélites en Bulgarie ’, and the mandatory Power’s note thereon :

“ Considers that the Council need not be asked to make any recommendation in connection with this petition.”

**Syria and the Lebanon.**

- (a) *Petition, dated September 1st, 1933, from Dr. A. Keyali, Aleppo* (document C.P.M.1521) (pages 161-162, 171, 183-184).<sup>1</sup>

Observations of the French Government, dated October 25th, 1934 (document C.P.M.1571):

Report (see Minutes, Annex 10).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined Dr. Keyali’s petition, dated September 1st, 1933, having taken cognisance of the mandatory Power’s written observations thereon, and having received additional particulars regarding the various points touched upon in the petition from the accredited representative of the mandatory Power :

“ Considers that no special recommendations need be made to the Council in connection with this petition.”

<sup>1</sup> See also Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Session of the Commission, pages 63, 93, 120-121.

- (b) *Petition, dated June 1933, from M. Nassir, M. Amdi Ez Zeini and other Inhabitants of Tripoli el Mina* (document C.P.M.1524) (pages 153, 168, 184).

Observations of the French Government, dated May 31st, 1934 (document C.P.M.1524).  
Report (see Minutes, Annex 11).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission considers that no action need be taken on the petition from Messrs. Nassir, Amdi Ez Zeini and other inhabitants of Tripoli el Mina, transmitted by the French Government on May 31st, 1934, with its observations.”

- (c) *Petitions (seventeen in number), dated November and December 1933, from Inhabitants of Beirut, Tripoli and Saïda* (Annex 12 (a), document C.P.M.1527) (pages 154-157, 168, 185, 191).

Observations of the French Government, dated May 31st, 1934 (Annex 12 (b), document C.P.M.1527).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 12 (c)).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having carefully examined, in the light of the written and oral statements of the mandatory Power, the seventeen petitions, dated November and December 1933, from inhabitants of Beirut, Tripoli and Saïda ;

“ Noting that the petitioners have not established the existence of any fact such as might constitute a violation of the mandate ;

“ Noting, further, that they will find in the observations of the mandatory Power and in the Minutes of the Commission replies to their complaints, to which the Commission considers it has nothing to add :

“ Decides to take no action on these petitions.”

- (d) *Petition, dated May 6th, 1934, from M. Avuallah El Djabri, “ Président de la Ligue syrienne des Droits de l'Homme ”, Geneva* (document C.P.M.1552) (pages 157-159, 168, 191).

Observations of the French Government, dated September 27th, 1934 (document C.P.M.1560).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 13).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having taken cognisance of the petition of M. Avuallah El Djabri, who signs as President of the ‘ Ligue syrienne des Droits de l'Homme ’, at Geneva :

“ Considers that no action whatever should be taken thereon.”

- (e) *Petitions, five in number, consisting of Four Telegrams from Inhabitants of Latakia, Homs, Damascus and Hama, and of a Letter, dated June 27th, 1934, from M. Abdel Kader Sarmini, Aleppo* (document C.P.M.1555) (pages 159, 168, 192).

Observations of the French Government, dated August 24th, 1934 (document C.P.M.1555).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 14).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined the five petitions regarding the incidents at Aleppo forwarded on August 24th, 1934, by the French Government, together with the latter's observations :

“ Decides not to propose that the Council take any special action in the matter.”

- (f) *Petition, dated May 7th, 1934, from M. Sami Slim* (document C.P.M.1525) (pages 168, 193).

Observations of the French Government, dated May 29th, 1934 (document C.P.M.1525).  
Report (see Minutes, Annex 15).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Being responsible for ensuring the observance of the terms of the mandates, and being thus debarred from considering petitions the authors of which attack those terms :

“ Decides not to make any detailed examination of M. Sami Slim's petition, nor to draw the Council's attention to it.”

- (g) *Petition, dated May 20th, 1934, from M. Georges Akl, Advocate, Beirut* (document C.P.M. 1562) (pages 169, 193).

Observations of the French Government, dated October 4th, 1934 (document C.P.M. 1562).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 16).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having considered the petition, dated May 20th, 1934, from M. Georges Akl, and the observations of the French Government accompanying it :

“ Is of opinion that there is no action to be taken with regard to the said petition.”

- (h) *Petitions from Mr. Gebran Antoine Abou Samah, Beirut* (document C.P.M.1566) (pages 168, 194).

Observations of the French Government, dated October 15th, 1934 (document C.P.M. 1566).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 17).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined the petitions from Mr. Gebran Antoine Abou Samah, together with the observations of the French Government ;

“ Considering that the petitioner objects to the decisions regularly rendered by the competent courts of the mandated territory :

“ Is of opinion that the petition should be rejected as non-receivable.”

**Togoland under British Mandate.**

- Petition, dated April 4th, 1933, from the Chief and Inhabitants of Woamé* (Annex 18 (a), document C.P.M.1386) (pages 39, 117-118, 169, 195-201).

Observations of the Government of the United Kingdom, dated February 22nd, 1934 (Annex 18 (b), document C.P.M.1494).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 18 (c)).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined the petition, dated April 4th, 1933, from the chief and inhabitants of Woamé, Togoland under French mandate, and the mandatory Power's observations thereon :

“ Does not consider that any special recommendation to the Council is called for in this connection.”

**South West Africa.**

- Petitions, dated March 29th and April 5th, 1933, from Certain Members of the Rehoboth Community* (document C.P.M.1436) (pages 57, 62, 169, 201-202).

Observations of the Government of the Union of South Africa, dated August 19th, 1933 (document C.P.M.1436).

Report (see Minutes, Annex 19).

CONCLUSIONS.

“ The Commission,

“ Having examined the petition of March 29th, 1933, from Mr. Jacobus Beukes, and the petition dated April 5th, 1933, from Mr. Johannes Beukes and from fourteen other members of the Rehoboth community, together with the observations of the mandatory Power thereon :

“ Considers that those petitions do not call for any recommendation on its part to the Council.”

## II.

### COMMENTS OF THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION (c) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION.

#### A. SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

LETTER FROM THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE, DATED NOVEMBER 23RD, 1934.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 21st, enclosing for my information and comment an advance copy of the observations of the Permanent Mandates Commission on the recent examination of the 1933 report of the South West Africa Administration.

I have the following comments to make on these observations :

1. *Section No. 1 of the Commission's Observations (Status of Territory), Second Paragraph.*

I do not recollect having undertaken to " supply the information requested . . . on the occasion of the examination of the next report . . . ". The last part of the paragraph in question should read as follows :

" . . . The accredited representative replied that he was not prepared to discuss his Government's policy in regard to an event which occurred after the close of the 1933 administration period, as this was a matter which fell to be discussed on the occasion of the examination of the 1934 report."

2. *Section 2, Second Paragraph, of the Commission's Observations (Public Finance).*

In this paragraph, it is stated that the Commission " noted the statement of the accredited representative that the ultimate responsibility for expenditure in the territory rests with the mandatory Power . . . ."

Reference to the Minutes of the examination will show that the statement in question was not an expression of my personal opinion, but a quotation from a statement made in the Union Parliament by the Acting Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. Patrick Duncan).

(Signed) Eric H. Louw.

#### B.

The accredited representatives for Cameroons and Togoland under French Mandate, Togoland under British Mandate, Ruanda-Urundi, the Islands under Japanese Mandate and Western Samoa have stated that they have no comments to make on the observations contained in the report of the Permanent Mandates Commission.

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At the time the present document was sent to press, the Secretariat had not yet received the reply from the Accredited Representative for the Cameroons under British Mandate. Should the latter make any comments on the Commission's observations, they will be distributed to the Council and the Members of the League in the form of an addendum to the present document.