

**MINUTES FROM ADAMSTOWN MEETING:
FEBRUARY 23-25, 2001**

THE ADAMSTOWN RESOLUTION of February 25, 2001

**British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) Retreat
02/24/2001 Adamstown, MD**

The February 24, 2001 Retreat session started off at about 10:15 am with prayers led by Mr. Larry Eyong Echaw. In attendance were the following:

1. Emil Mondo: 170 Lake Arrowhead drive, bear

2. Januarius Asongu: asongu@

3. Larry Eyong Echaw: larryeyong@

4. Augustine Ambe: esteem@usjet.net

5. Dr. Lucas Atongno: lucasAtonginong@

6. Jacob Mbah:

7. Dr. Tayoba Ngenge: tngenge@

8. Dr. Steve Shemlon: sshemlon@

9. Joe Bannavti: jbannavti@

10. John Fomunyoh:

11. Shey Tatah; stata@

12. Angela Tabe; betieku@

13. Edwin Ngang; ednngang@

14. Lydia; levakise@aol.com

15. Dr. Elias Wirba; eliaswirba@

16. Ambrosia Mondo

17. Amosa Jumbam: jamosa@

Children: 18. Matanda Mondo 19. Mathias Ngang

20. Yajeh Ngengeh

The following appointments were made:

- a. Joe Bannavti -appointed Rapporteur
- b. Dr. Tayoba Ngenge - appointed Chief Whip

Video Coverage:

Larry Eyong Echaw
Augustine Ambe

SCNC Chair, Dr. Emil Mondo, laid out the Agenda for the day. Committees would be created to examine the following specific issues.

Fundraising, Database and Membership Committee
United Front Committee
2001 Summit Preparations

Deliberations

The Kicker:

Larry Eyong-Echaw kicked off deliberations by presenting what his fears were about the “New Southern Cameroons.” He said the laws created would be applied across the board among ‘kings’ and ‘subjects’. Citing the Fon of Bali as an example, he said, the new Southern Cameroons has to address such cases where there is abundant evidence that someone in authority has used their position to perpetrate murder. Larry condemned the murder of the Fulani boy, which was reported to have been performed by thugs under the command of the Fon of Bali. Worse in the entire mess is the fact that when the case came up for public debate on CAMNET and SCNCForum some few months ago, several Bali people and opinion leaders refused to criticize the Fon. In fact, he stated, people clearly refused to get involved thus allowing the Fon to get away with murder. He warned that if North-westerners reverted to

the habit of turning a blind eye on criminal activity perpetrated by their Fons, he was not going to be part of such a Republic.

In reply Joe Bannavti said this was not the first time Larry was bringing this issue forward, nor was it the second or third. He said if the concept of the new republic is going to be an “us versus them”, where a heterogeneous group is labeled as northwest and then seen as a uniform community acting in consonance with their traditions and culture to protect criminality and subvert the very republican institutions we are struggling to build, he would be happy to step aside from the SCNC-NA inner circle where we are hatching those laws, and support the struggle in a different way. He said he couldn't continue to operate with the pious trust that everyone had overcome prejudice, when essentially he was still being held in spite, as a potential conspirator against the laws of the new republic, just because of the accident of origin. Bannavti gave examples of elements, which he said made each ethnic entity in the grass fields of the Southern Cameroons a unique nation, and argued that the simple fact that they have Fons doesn't make them uniform. He was not sure if other nations have ways of eliminating their Fons for crimes against the land, but he was sure the Nso people have. At the time we are referring to northwest as if it were one homogenous whole, some parts of Bui Division are at war, while Babanki is fighting Bambui, and Bali is facing another nation in battle. He re-iterated that because of the several times this issue has surfaced, he was willing and ready, were it to continue, to step aside and happily participate as a humble citizen of the Southern Cameroons.

Brainstorming was carried out on the areas of concern:

-Fundraising, Membership, Database; 2001

-Summit preparations; United Front of all the movements fighting for the liberation of the British Southern Cameroons.

Mr. Edwin Ngang expressed the opinion that if we are to raise funds we must agree on a name under which we will collect the money. It was then agreed that fundraising should take place under the aegis of the US Southern Cameroons Foundation (US-SCF). These and other issues under discussion would be handed over to the specialized committee for proper examination

Issues considered worthy of addressing to the would-be committees for detailed examination included the following;

- How to increase membership
- How to create a working database of the organization for marketing purposes
- Community outreach: cultural groups, alumni organizations, and family.

Timetable for community outreach

- Packaging a structured message that is consistent, focused in order to market the struggle parties, birthday occasions etc.
- How and when to organize a Town Hall meeting
- Produce a 20 minutes tape with a structured message
- How to create a newsletter
- Maintaining discipline in our message
- How to handle cultural issues

Committees Created:

*** Fundraising, Membership and Database Committee**

Chairman: Shey Tata

Members: Angela Tabe -Elias Wirba -Januarius Asongu
Joe Bannavti -Lydia Namondo Evakisse

Rapporteur: Ambrosia Mondoia

***United Front Committee**

Chairman: Augustine Ambe

Members: Edwin Ngang -Lucas Atongnong

Rapporteur: Larry Eyong Echaw -Tayoba Ngenge

*** Conference Planning Committee**

Chairman: Stephen Shemlon

Rapporteur: Amosa Jumbam -Emil Mondoia

Committee Reports

*** Fund Raising, Database & Membership Committee**

Rapporteur: Ambrosia Mondoia

The committee examined the following:

How to get Tax exempt status for US-SCF

How to use US_SCF existing bank account in Chevy Chase

How to leverage the graduated membership system.

(NB: This includes a graduated structure viz: students, \$100; ordinary membership, \$200; Silver, \$500; Gold, \$1000 and above. Southern Cameroonians seeking affidavits from the organization must first become members and pay their dues)

How to leverage monthly personal account debits

Recommendations:

The committee recommended that the above revenue sources be maintained and encouraged, and that in addition, we should include the following as we pursue both regular funding and funding for the British Southern Cameroons SUMMIT in June 2001.

Seek corporate sponsorship

Contributions from core group members (minimum \$200 each)

Send letters to individuals and other groups (targeted message – newsletter, Decals, video etc to encourage them contribute financially as we seek to win them over

Seek contributions from Cultural organizations

Seek contributions from alumni organizations

It recommended that Mr. JJ Asongu hand over the control of the US Southern Cameroons Foundation to Mr. Shey Tata.

It recommended that the following members meet in a weeks' time to determine how the funds and documentation for the US-SCF will be handed over to Shey Tata: JJ Asongu, Shey Tata, Lydia Evakisse and Angela Tabe.

It also recommended that we use the following address to channel all funds to the foundation:

US-SCF, PO Box 7026
Langley Park, MD 20787

Database:

The committee noted that extensive work has already been done on the Database, but that more still needs to be done.

The Committee recommended that the following areas be defined as soon as possible:

Methods of data collection on the field in the Southern Cameroons

Methods of assuring data integrity and avoiding conflicts in the data that we populate the system with

Membership:

Recommended that we maintain the current approach towards increasing membership particularly by improving:

Community outreach activities

Persuasive, persistent and consistent information

Repackage our message in order to make it accessible and marketable

Summit Preparation Committee

Rapporteur: Amosa Jumbam

The committee debated on the various methods of raising funds, and preparing appropriately for the on-coming **SUMMIT ON THE BRITISH SOUTHERN CAMEROONS [AMBAZONIA]**.

It noted the following:

- The Summit will run from Thursday to Saturday, and on Sunday, participants will be leaving. (15th to the 18th of June)

- An 800 number will be made available to the public to call and leave messages about the summit, and Summit registration matters. Organizers who will be paged at the instance of the message, will provide the answers

After examining these matters, the committee then made the following recommendations:

On Fund Raising, it recommended that we examine possibilities of raising funds from the following areas:

- Conference registration
- Rotary Club funds application
- Corporate applications
- Friendly governments and interests

On Facilities and Services, it recommended that the following free services and facilities be verified for availability.

Congressional Black Caucus: -Mr. John Fomunyoh and Dr Atongnong.

University of Maryland etc: -Ms. Angel Tabe and Mr. Edwin Ngang

On Publicity and Media, it recommended that we examine ways by which we can market the organization and raise funds on the day of the SUMMIT through the following:

Organized exhibition of photographs (already ordered) and posters

Sale of T- shirts, flags, Books, Reading material, video (by Mr. Ambe) and transcribed tapes of Mr. Gorgi Dinka and other personalities in the struggle

On media coverage, the following persons were recommended to prepare content for broadcast and assess community access channels as well as handle the daily media routines

Mr. Jacob Mbah
Mr. Larry Eyong Echaw,
Dr. JJ Asongu
JK Bannavti

On Entertainment, the following person was recommended as the key entertainer for the occasion. But it was also recommended that other entertainers, if there are any, be persuaded to participate:

Mr. Kenneth Komtanghi [and his band] from Minnesota

It was recommended that the following people take lead in the departments to which they are assigned in preparation for the SUMMIT. They will be required to report on the departments.

Finance Report:

Dr. Shey Tata

Media and publication:

JJ Asongu -Emil Mondo -Augustine Ambe -Steve Shemlon

Organization and Logistics

Edwin Ngang -John Fomunyoh -Steve Shemlon
Emil Mondo -Angel Tabe -Lydia Evakisse

Agenda

Angel Tabe -Justice Mbuh -Emil Mondo
Steve Shemlon -JJ Asongu -Edwin Ngang
Lucas Atonginong

United Front Structure Committee

Rapporteur: Larry Eyong-Echaw

The committee worked with one objective on the radar- that the goal of the current struggle is to assert the sovereignty of the Southern Cameroons. Based on that objective, it sought to establish parameters by which the struggle can be better reoriented in order to lead us quickly to the goal of sovereignty. It therefore made the following recommendations:

-That we create a government in exile

-That such a government should take into consideration people involved in the struggle at home

-The government should be lean and clean and be constituted of the following: One Chair, one Secretary of State, and one Communication Secretary

-That we create representative organizations in other parts of the U.S.A and the world.

-We should look at establishing such groups in countries such as Uganda, Britain and South Africa

That the government in exile should be made up of the United front of SCNC, SCARM and Ambazonia

That between now and June, we be called British Southern Cameroons alias Ambazonia, and that from June we'll be called Ambazonia

The above recommendations by the various committees were tabled for debate to a plenary session that produced the resolutions of The Adamstown Retreat

The Plenary Session Resolutions:

The joint executive session of the Southern Cameroons National Conference in North America and Ambazonia North America, meeting here in Adamstown Maryland, February 23-25 agreed that the issues facing the Southern Cameroons (aka Ambazonia) nation in its current colonized state are immense, serious, and require concerted effort from all the forces struggling to restore the sovereignty of the colony. The joint session examined in detail, the very nature of the struggle and the role that each organization and every Southern Cameroonian has to play to restore the dignity and freedom of the country. The joint session, believing that all Southern Cameroonians are answerable to God and to posterity; Conscious that we stand in a unique position to change the lot of our people, territory and future, adopted the following resolutions:

Fund Raising:

Annual Citizenship dues will henceforth be \$365, with a core membership fee of \$200 in addition.

A monthly Newsletter, Postcards, ID cards, flags and other souvenirs that must become a stable menu in order to raise funds

Leaders to be invited for the SUMMIT include Gorji Dinka, Martin Luma, Nfor Nfor, and other fore –runners in the struggle

Summit:

Adopted committee recommendations in full

Unified Structure:

The goal of the Unified structure is to assert the sovereignty of the Southern Cameroons

The name of the organization shall be the British Southern Cameroons (aka Ambazonia)

The organization shall be led by any of the leaders who have proven their worth and dedication to the struggle and who share the vision of a sovereign Southern Cameroons, such as, Fon Gorji Dinka; Prof. Carlson Anyangwe, Nfor Ngala Nfor and Martin Luma, etc.

The organization will put the new government and staff running the Southern Cameroons from exile, on pay roll

Addendum: The following would examine details of the new leadership: Emil Mondo; Lydia Evakisse; Edwin Ngang; John Fomunyoh, and Dr. Tayoba Ngenge