

The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice has been communicated to the Press :

The naval experts in the Corfu Channel case, who have been instructed by the Court to visit the Adriatic, will leave on Sunday, January 23rd.

As the Court wishes to obtain the experts' report without delay, they will make the journey by air. A K.L.M. aeroplane has been chartered for the purpose. They will leave Schiphol Aerodrome on the morning of the 23rd, and will thus be in a position to begin their enquiry at Sibenik (Yugoslavia) on Monday, 24th. They will then go to Tirana and Saranda (Albania), to continue their enquiry in the Corfu Channel and on the territory adjacent thereto. It is hoped that they may be back in the Netherlands after eight days.

The Court's naval experts who will participate in the journey are: Commodore S. A. Forshell, of the Royal Swedish Navy, and Lieutenant Commander S. J. W. Elfferich of the Royal Netherlands Navy. Commodore J. Bull, of the Royal Norwegian Navy, also designated by the Court as naval expert, will remain at The Hague.

M. Garnier-Coignet, Deputy-Registrar of the Court will, as the representative of the Court, be with the experts when they are engaged in the discharge of their duties. On the Court's behalf, he will be responsible for relations with the authorities of States to whose territories the experts are proceeding or through which they will pass.

The United Kingdom and Albania, the two parties, have each appointed a naval officer to accompany the Mission:

The United Kingdom: Commander E. R. D. Sworder, and

Albania: Captain Barnimir Ivanov Ormanov.

The Hague, January 21st, 1949.

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