

The following information, emanating from the International Court of Justice, has been unofficially communicated to the Press:

On October 13th, 1949, the French Government, referring to Article 13 of the Montreux Convention of May 8th, 1937, regarding the Abolition of the Capitulations in Egypt, has filed with the Registry of the International Court of Justice, through the French Ambassador at The Hague, duly authorized to this effect, an Application instituting proceedings against the Royal Government of Egypt. The French Government begs the Court to judge and declare that the measures taken by the Egyptian Government against the persons, rights and interests of French citizens and protected persons on Egyptian territory are contrary to the principles of international law and the Montreux Convention of May 8th, 1937, and that the Egyptian Government owes compensation to the French Government for damage suffered by the latter in the persons of the victims of such measures.

The dispute concerns various French citizens and protected persons placed in concentration camps by the Egyptian Government in 1948, and the sequestration of property belonging to French citizens and protected persons, by application of an Order of the Egyptian Government related to the Palestinian conflict.

The customary notifications have been made.

The Hague, October 14th, 1949.

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