

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

The mission of naval experts, which had been instructed by the Court to visit Sibenik (Yugoslavia) and Saranda (Albania) to carry out investigations and tests in connection with the Corfu Channel Case, returned to The Hague yesterday, February 1st, 1949. The task of the experts was greatly facilitated by the helpful measures of the Yugoslav and Albanian Governments, and by the co-operation of the local authorities. The experts, who were accompanied by one representative each of the two parties to the dispute (United Kingdom and Albania), reported that they had been able to see everything they required for the discharge of their mission.

The Deputy-Registrar, who, as the Court's representative, was responsible for relations with the authorities of the States through whose territories the experts would pass, or to which they were proceeding, also accompanied the Mission.

Eight days in all were occupied by the journey. The Mission travelled in a K.L.M. aeroplane, specially chartered for the occasion. Its captain was the well-known Netherlands pilot M. Krouwel. As a result, it was possible to adhere precisely to the pre-arranged time-table for every stage of the journey.

As it has been stated in some Press telegrams that shots were fired at the aeroplane, the Registry takes this opportunity of declaring such reports to be utterly unfounded.

The Hague, February 2nd, 1949.

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