

## TELEGRAM

**TO THE SECRETARY—GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION IN PROTEST AGAINST THE VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE PRA IN THE CORFU CHANNEL BY WARSHIPS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND AGAINST THE ENTRY OF WARSHIPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PORT OF DURRËS WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PRA**

November 11, 1946

TO HIS EXCELLENCY TRYGVE LIE, SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION

*New York*

On November 10, 1946, the British government, through its embassy in Belgrade, advised our government that it had decided to clear the Corfu Channel on the 12th of November, according to the decision taken on this matter by the Central Committee for Mine Dredging.

In a note dated October 31, we notified the British government that, excluding Albanian territorial waters, the government of our Republic had no objections to the waters being cleared, but that any incursion by foreign ships into our territorial waters without the authorization of our government would be considered as an unfriendly act and would violate the sovereignty of Albania.

Through its note, the British government wanted to present Albania with an accomplished fact, and we therefore protest energetically to the United Nations Organization over this unilateral act.

We do not recognize the Central Committee for Mine Dredging which has usurped all rights and has not deigned to consult the Albanian government in undertaking the work of clearing the channel, in which Albania has incontestable rights. Only a commission emerging from the UNO, and functioning with the participation of Albania, can determine the extent of our territorial waters in the Corfu Channel.

Second, we protest energetically to the UNO over the insistence with which the American mission in Albania demands entry to the port of Durrës for two warships to take aboard this mission on its departure from Albania. We have authorized the American mission to bring a civil or merchant ship to our port, and we have given permission, if they wish, for one or two aeroplanes to land at Tirana airport to transport the personnel of this mission.

The Chairman of  
the Government of the PRA

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