

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

On May 26th, 1951, the Government of the United Kingdom filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice an Application instituting proceedings against the Imperial Government of Iran in connection with the application of the Convention dated April 29th, 1933, between Iran and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The United Kingdom Government's submissions are formulated as follows in its Application:

The Court is asked :

- (a) To declare that the Imperial Government of Iran are under a duty to submit the dispute between themselves and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Limited, to arbitration under the provisions of Article 22 of the Convention concluded on the 29th April, 1933, between the Imperial Government of Persia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, Limited, and to accept and carry out any Award issued as a result of such arbitration.
- (b) Alternatively,
 - (i) To declare that the putting into effect of the Iranian Oil Nationalisation Act of the 1st May, 1951, in so far as it purports to effect a unilateral annulment, or alteration of the terms, of the Convention concluded on the 29th April, 1933, between the Imperial Government of Persia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, Limited, contrary to Articles 21 and 26 thereof, would be an act contrary to international law for which the Imperial Government of Iran would be internationally responsible:
 - (ii) To declare that Article 22 of the aforesaid Convention continues to be legally binding on the Imperial Government of Iran and that, by denying to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Limited, the exclusive legal remedy provided in Article 22 of the aforesaid Convention, the Imperial Government have committed a denial of justice contrary to international law:
 - (iii) To declare that the aforesaid Convention cannot lawfully be annulled, or its terms altered, by the Imperial Government of Iran, otherwise than as the result of agreement with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Limited, or under the conditions provided in Article 26 of the Convention:
 - (iv) To adjudge that the Imperial Government of Iran should give full satisfaction and indemnity for all acts committed in relation to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Limited, which are contrary to international law of the aforesaid Agreement, and to determine the manner of such satisfaction and indemnity.

The Application was immediately communicated to the Iranian Government.

The Hague, May 28th, 1951.