

## **ALBANIA OF THE 20-es (1921-1923) AND ITS FUTURE ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS**

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### **Abstract**

After the First World War, during which Albania was transformed into a fighting battle between foreigners, the postwar period was very important for the new state, not only to redefine its juridical status and borders, but also to demonstrate its capabilities for self-governing and national coherence. Albania was accepted as member of League of Nations on 17 December 1920, and after almost one year, November 1921, the Conference of Ambassadors decided on the status and borders of the Albanian state. Considering League of Nations as an impartial international institution to protect and support the new small states, the Albanian government submitted several requests to League of Nations to help Albania for the implementation of the Conference's decisions in 1921, to set up the state institutions in the western style, to regulate its relations with neighbor states, as well as to help Albanian economy with an international loan. Before answering to these requests of the Albanian government, on November 1921 the Council of League of Nations gave a mandate to a Commission of Enquiry to go to Albania and to stay there as long as necessary in order to report to the Council in full for the internal situation in Albania, the foreign policy of the Albanian governments, the relations with neighboring countries, the capabilities for self-governing, economic resources, social and political organization, constitutional problem etc. The Commission of Enquiry came several times in Albania from November 1921 – March 1923, a period when Albania was passing through many political crises. The Commission gathered many facts, made excellent analysis for what was going on in Albania and the main causes for its problems. The Commission gave also to the Council of League of Nations recommendations and concrete proposals for the future of Albania, its role in the region, and the relations with the League of Nations. These recommendations made by impartial international experts on that time are very actual to be taken into considerations by the Albanian politics and international factors even nowadays.

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