CONCERT BY MEMBERS OF SOVIET BALTIC FLEET.

Arrangements for the two concerts which are-being given at London's Empress Hall to-day (Sunday, October 16th), by a group of Officers and Men from the Soviet Baltic Fleet which is now visiting this country, were finalised only Friday evening last (14th October).

There are approximately eighty Soviet naval men taking part in these performances. They are an official representative group drawn from the six ships of the Soviet Baltic Fleet which leaves for Russian waters at noon tomorrow (Monday, 17th., October).

It is understood that the idea for presenting these concerts emanated from the Senior Officer of the Soviet Baltic Fleet, Admiral Golovko. The arrangements were made by the Admiralty in conjunction with Mr. Peter Daubeny, the London impresario who has presented a number of Russian Artistes in London during recent years; and in association with Mr. Leon Hepper.

Throughout last night workmen were busy at Empress Hall covering the 20,000 square feet of artificial ice which is used in connection with the current Empress Hall ice show, "Wildfire". The Soviet sailors left Portsmouth at 8 a.m., this morning and travelled to London by road, arriving shortly before noon, when they went on a sight-seeing tour of places of interest. After the two performances they will depart for Portsmouth by road at 11 p.m.

It is regretted that no printed programme has been prepared for these performances. This is due to the limited time available for preparations to be made. The programme will comprise of choral singing, musical items and dancing in the traditional Russian style; and is introduced by the British Actor, Mr. Peter Ustinov.

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