

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

The International Court of Justice to-day (February 10th, 1955) held two public sittings at the Peace Palace in The Hague.

The first sitting, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, was devoted to the seating of the four new Judges elected by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations in November 1954. The President paid a tribute to the retiring Judges and welcomed the newly-elected Judges to the Court.

The Court sat again at 4.30 in the afternoon for a hearing in the Nottebohm case brought by the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein against Guatemala. This case is one in which a judgment has already been given, for on November 18th, 1953 the Court held that it had jurisdiction when it rejected a Preliminary Objection raised by the Government of Guatemala; written proceedings on the Merits took place in the course of 1954.

The President opened the hearing to-day by calling upon the Judges ad hoc appointed by both Parties to make their solemn declaration before being formally installed on the Bench. The two Judges ad hoc are: Professor Paul Guggenheim, Professor of Public International Law at the Institut des Hautes Etudes internationales at Geneva, appointed by Liechtenstein, and Dr. Carlos Garcia Bauer, Professor in the University of San Carlos, appointed by Guatemala. The President took note of the presence in Court of the Agents, Counsel and Advocates of the Parties. They were:

For the Government of Liechtenstein:

Dr. Erwin H. Loewenfeld, LL.B., Agent;

M. Georges Sauser-Hall, Professor of International Law
at the University of Geneva;

Mr. James E.S. Fawcett, D.S.C., Member of the English Bar,

and

Mr. Kurt Lipstein, Ph.D., Member of the English Bar,
Counsel.

For the Government of Guatemala:

M. Victor Salomon Pinto-Juarez, Minister, Plenipotentiary,
Agent;

M. Henri Rolin, Professor of Law in the Free University
of Brussels, and

Dr. Adolfo Molina Orantes, Dean of the Faculty of Juris-
prudence of the University of Guatemala, Counsel;

M. A. Dupont-Willemin, Member of the Geneva Bar,
Secretary.

The President then announced that after the closure of the written proceedings, the Government of Guatemala had filed a number of new documents and that Liechtenstein had objected to their admission. In these circumstances, in accordance with Article 48 of the Rules, it was for the Court, after hearing the Parties, to reach a decision. The President therefore called upon the Agent of

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the Government of Liechtenstein who stated the case of Liechtenstein on this point.

The President then called upon the Agent for the Government of Guatemala who requested Professor Henri Rolin, Counsel, to present the case of Guatemala.

The President asked the Agent for the Government of Liechtenstein whether he wished to reply and the Agent said that he would like to reply at length at the next sitting of the Court.

The Court rose at 6.15 p.m.

The next hearing will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, February 11th, 1955.

The Hague, February 10th, 1955.
