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

The International Court of Justice will hold a public sitting on Tuesday, 2 October 1962 at 4 p.m. in the Peace Palace at The Hague.

The sitting will be the first in the oral hearings in the South West Africa cases brought before the Court on 4 November 1960 by Applications of the Governments of Ethiopia and Liberia against the Government of the Republic of South Africa.

On 30 November 1961 a document setting out certain Preliminary Objections to the jurisdiction of the Court was filed by the Government of the Republic of South Africa. The Observations and Submissions of the Governments of Ethiopia and Liberia in regard to these Objections were filed on 1 March 1962.

During the coming hearings, the Court will deal with the Preliminary Objections.

The sitting will be devoted first to the installation of Sir Louis Nwachukwu Mbanefo, Chief Justice of the High Court, Eastern region of Nigeria, and of the Honourable Jacques Theodore van Wyk, Judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa, who, in accordance with Article 31 of the Statute of the Court, have been designated by the Governments of Ethiopia and Liberia and the Government of the Republic of South Africa, respectively, to sit as judges ad hoc in this case. Biographies of these judges ad hoc are appended hereto.

The Parties will be represented as follows:

The Government of the Republic of South Africa:

Dr. J.P. verLoren van Themaat, Law Adviser to the Department of Foreign Affairs,

as Agent;

Mr. Ross McGregor, Deputy State Attorney,

as Additional Agent;

Mr. D.P. de Villiers, S.C., Member of the South African Bar,

Mr. G. van R. Muller, S.C., Member of the South African Bar,

as Counsel;

Mr. J.S.F. Botha, Department of Foreign Affairs,

as Adviser;

Mr. F.D. Tothill, Department of Foreign Affairs,

as Secretary.

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The Governments of Ethiopia and Liberia:

The Honourable Ernest A. Gross, Member of the New York Bar,

as Agent and Counsel;

Mr. Edward R. Moore, Assistant Attorney General of Liberia,

Mr. Leonard S. Sandweiss, Member of the New York Bar,

as Counsel.

The Hague, 25 September 1962

CURRICULUM VITAE

JACQUES THEODORE VAN WYK, born on 15 June 1913 at Vanrhynsdorp, Cape Province, South Africa;

Matriculated in 1930 : Vanrhynsdorp High School;

Obtained Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Cape Town in 1934;

Obtained Bachelor of Laws Degree at the University of Cape Town in 1935;

Admitted to the Bar in January, 1936, and appointed Registrar to the Judge President of the Cape Provincial Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa the same year;

Commenced private practice at the Bar in Cape Town in January, 1937.

Appointed King's Counsel in 1949.

Served as Acting Judge of the Supreme Court in 1951, 1952 and 1953.

Appointed Judge of the Supreme Court (Cape Provincial Division) in 1955.

Held Acting Appointment as Judge of Appeal in 1959;

Appointed as Judge in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in 1961.

Up until 1955 was also a director of a large life insurance company. Has also served on the Council of the University of Cape Town and is Chairman of the Table Mountain Preservation Board. Farms in partnership with his brother.

Married to Maria Magdalena Louw in 1942 and has four sons.

CURRICULUM VITAE

SIR LOUIS **N**WACHUKWU MBANEFO: Chief Justice of Eastern Nigeria;

Sir Louis Mbanefo was born at Onitsha, Eastern Nigeria on 13 May, 1911. Son of Chief Mbanefo, the Odu of Onitsha, he attended King's College, Lagos, before proceeding to the University College, London, study law. He received the LL.B. Degree of the University of London in 1935 and later proceeded to King's College, Cambridge University, where he obtained the B.A. (Hons.) in 1937.

In the same year he returned to Nigeria and set up a legal practice in his home town of Onitsha. He served as a Legislater in the Eastern House of Assembly from 1950-52, and for part of the period (1950-51) he was also a member of the Nigerian Legislative Council - the central law-making body in Nigeria at the time.

In 1952 he was designated a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, a position he held until 1956 when he was assigned to the Judiciary of Eastern Nigeria. In December 1959 he was appointed to his present post of Chief Justice of Eastern Nigeria.

Sir Louis is married to Elizabeth Bona Coker and has three sons.