

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

The International Court of Justice resumed the public hearings in the South West Africa cases (Ethiopia v. South Africa; Liberia v. South Africa) at 3 p.m. on Monday, 20 September in the Peace Palace at The Hague.

Opening the hearing, the President expressed the Court's sympathy on the sudden death of Judge Badawi on 4 August. The Court stood for one minute's silence in tribute to his memory.

The forthcoming sittings will initially be devoted to the hearing of witnesses and experts called by South Africa, beginning with Rev. J.S. Gericke, Vice-Chairman of the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa, who on Monday was examined by Dr. P.J. Rabie, S.C., on behalf of South Africa, and cross-examined by Hon. Ernest Gross on behalf of the Applicants.

Proceedings against South Africa were instituted on 4 November 1960 by Applications of Ethiopia and Liberia. On 20 May 1961 the Court made an Order in which it found that Ethiopia and Liberia were in the same interest and joined the proceedings so instituted. South Africa thereafter filed preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court, and the proceedings on the merits were suspended. On 21 December 1962 the Court delivered a Judgment in which it rejected the four preliminary objections raised by South Africa, and upheld its jurisdiction. Written proceedings on the merits of the dispute continued during 1963 and 1964. Oral proceedings opened on 15 March 1965 and were adjourned for the summer on 14 July. During the earlier part of the oral proceedings the Court heard argument by Counsel for both sides, and the evidence of certain witnesses and experts called by South Africa.

As the Court in its regular composition does not include upon the bench judges of the nationalities of the Parties, Ethiopia and Liberia on the one hand and South Africa on the other have respectively chosen to sit as judges ad hoc, in accordance with Article 31 of the Statute of the Court, Sir Louis Nwachukwu Mbanefo, Chief Justice of the Eastern Region of Nigeria, and the Hon. Jacques Theodore van Wyk, Judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa.

The Parties are represented as follows:

The Empire of Ethiopia:

Agents:	H.E. Dr. Tesfaye Gebre-Egzy;
	Hon. Ernest A. Gross, Member of the New York Bar;
Counsel:	Hon. Edward R. Moore, Under Secretary of State of Liberia;
	Mr. Keith Highet, Member of the New York Bar;
	Mr. Frank G. Dawson, Member of the New York Bar.

The Republic of Liberia:

Agents:

H.E. Mr. Nathan Barnes;

Hon. Ernest A. Gross,
Member of the New York Bar;

Agent and
Counsel:

Hon. Edward R. Moore,
Under Secretary of State of Liberia;

Counsel:

Mr. Keith Highet
Member of the New York Bar;

Mr. Frank G. Dawson,
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The Republic of South Africa:

Agents:

Professor J.P. verLoren van Themaat,
S.C., Professor of International Law
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Consultant to the Department of
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Mr. R. McGregor,
Deputy Chief State Attorney;

Mr. R.F. Botha,
Department of Foreign Affairs and
Advocate of the Supreme Court of
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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;

Dr. P.J. Rabie, S.C.,
Member of the South African Bar;

Mr. E.M. Grosskopf,
Member of the South African Bar;

Dr. H.J.O. van Heerden,
Member of the South African Bar;

Mr. P.R. van Rooyen,
Member of the South African Bar;

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Mr. H.J. Allen,
Department of Bantu Administration
and Development;

Mr. H. Heese,
Department of Foreign Affairs and
Advocate of the Supreme Court of
South Africa.

The Hague, 20 September 1965.

Note for the Press

The Press Room is Room 5. There are six telephone booths in the Peace Palace Post Office. The Court will normally hold public sittings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday - Friday. Representatives of the Press may be present at each public sitting and will find copies of the verbatim transcript of the proceedings in the Press Room at the beginning of the morning following the sittings held on Tuesday-Friday, and at the beginning of Tuesday afternoon in the case of sittings held on Monday. Copies will also be available at the International Press Centre "Nieuwspoort", Hofsingel 12, The Hague, in the evening of the day of sittings held from Tuesday to Friday, and at lunchtime on Tuesday in the case of sittings held on Monday. French translations will be available at the same places approximately 24 hours later.

Routine daily communiqués indicating the name of the day's speakers and the time of the next public sitting will not be issued, except that the time of the next public sitting will be given by communiqué whenever it is fixed for a date other than the following working day.

In accordance with the Court's decision authorizing the pleadings and annexed documents in the South West Africa cases to be made accessible to the public, two sets of these documents have been placed in the Press Room. Members of the Press are asked to co-operate in respecting the request stamped on these documents that they should not be removed from the Press Room, as the Registry has not sufficient stocks to replace any missing volumes. Copies have also been placed in the Peace Palace Library.

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