

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

To-day, June 10th, hearings were opened before the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the Effect of decisions of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal awarding compensation; this case was transmitted to the Court for an Advisory Opinion by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Court held two public sittings. At the opening of the morning sitting, the President stated that, in conformity with Article 66, paragraph 2, of the Statute, the request for an Opinion had been communicated to the Members of the United Nations and to the International Labour Organisation, considered as likely to be able to furnish information on the question; that written Statements had been received from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, from the International Labour Organisation and from the Governments of the States mentioned below (in order of the dates of reception): France, Sweden, the Netherlands, Greece, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the Philippines, Mexico, Chile, Irak, China, Guatemala, Turkey, and Ecuador; and that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Governments of the United States of America, France, the Netherlands, Greece and the United Kingdom had designated representatives to take part in the oral proceedings.

The President noted that the representatives mentioned below were present in Court:

For the Secretary-General of the United Nations:

Mr. Constantin Stavropoulos, Principal Director in charge of
the Legal Department

For the United States of America:

The Honorable Herman Phleger, Legal Adviser to the State
Department .

For the French Republic:

Professor Paul Reuter, Assistant Legal Adviser to the Ministry
for Foreign Affairs

For Greece:

Professor Jean Spiropoulos, Legal Adviser to the Royal Ministry
for Foreign Affairs of Greece

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

The Right Honorable Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, Q.C., M.P.,
Solicitor-General

assisted by: Mr. F.A. Vallat, Deputy Legal Adviser to the
Foreign Office

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For the Netherlands:

Professor A.J.P. Tammes, of the University of Amsterdam

assisted by: Dr. W. Riphagen, Legal Adviser to the Ministry
for Foreign Affairs,
as Counsel

Mr. J.J. Fekkes, of the Department of Inter-
national Organisations of
the Ministry

Dr. C.W. van Santen, Assistant Legal Adviser
to the Ministry for Foreign
Affairs
as Expert Counsel.

The President next called on M. Stavropoulos, representative of the Secretary-General, to address the Court.

M. Stavropoulos began his statement at the morning sitting and concluded it during the afternoon sitting.

The next speaker was Mr. Herman Phleger, representative of the United States of America.

The next sitting of the Court will open to-morrow, June 11th, at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Herman Phleger will then continue his statement.

The Hague, June 10th, 1954.
