

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

On November 5th, 1958, at 10.30 a.m., the public hearings will begin in the Interhandel case (Switzerland v. United States of America). These hearings will be devoted to the Preliminary Objections to the Court's jurisdiction which have been raised by the Government of the United States of America.

It will be recalled that proceedings in this case were instituted by an Application filed by the Swiss Government on October 2nd, 1957 (see Communiqué 57/29), followed on October 3rd, 1957, by a request for the indication of interim measures of protection, likewise filed by the Swiss Government (see Communiqué 57/31). By an Order of October 24th, 1957, the Court found that there was no need to indicate interim measures of protection.

The Memorial of the Swiss Government was filed on March 13th, 1958; on June 16th, 1958, the Government of the United States of America filed in the Registry certain Preliminary Objections to the jurisdiction of the Court, and on September 22nd, 1958, the Swiss Government filed its Observations and Submissions on these Objections. Since that date the case has been ready for hearing in so far as the Objections are concerned.

Since the Court does not include upon the Bench a judge of Swiss nationality, the Swiss Government has designated M. Paul Carry, Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, to sit as judge ad hoc.

The Parties have informed the Registry that they will be represented before the Court as follows:

for the Swiss Government:

- M. Georges Sauser-Hall, Professor emeritus of the Universities of Geneva and Neuchatel, as Agent;
- M. Paul Guggenheim, Professor of the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva and of the Graduate Institute of International Studies, as Co-Agent;
- M. Henri Theyenaz, Professor of International Law at the University of Neuchatel, as Counsel and Expert;

and M. Michael Gelzer, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Laws, and
M. Hans Miesch, Doctor of Laws, First Secretary of Embassy,
for the Federal Political Department, as experts.

for the Government of the United States of America:

- The Honourable Loftus Becker, Legal Adviser of the Department of State, as Agent;

assisted by:

- Mr. Stanley D. Metzger, Assistant Legal Adviser for Economic Affairs, Department of State, and
- Mr. Sidney B. Jacoby, Professor of Law, Georgetown University,
as Counsel

The Hague, November 4th, 1958