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

In the course of four public sittings in the South West Africa cases (Ethiopia v. South Africa; Liberia v. South Africa) from Monday, 24 to Thursday, 27 May 1965 the Court heard Mr. D.P. de Villiers, S.C., commence the oral rejoinder of South Africa.

At the hearing of 24 May the President of the Court paid tribute to the memory of Helge Klaestad, member of the Court from 1946 to 1961 and its President from 1958 to 1961, who died on 23 May. He also announced that the Court had decided that as the Applicants, subject to certain reservations, had concluded their case both on the law and the facts, the Respondent would, after concluding its oral rejoinder on the legal issues, immediately present its case upon the facts, during the course of which it would present its witnesses and experts. The request of the Respondent for an inspection in loco would not be deliberated on by the Court until after all the evidence had been called and the addresses of the Parties concluded.

At the hearing of 27 May the President announced that at the request of the Respondent, the Applicants making no objection, the Court granted an adjournment until Tuesday, 8 June to enable Respondent to consider fully new matter stated to have been introduced by the Applicants late in the course of their oral reply.

The next hearing will accordingly be held on Tuesday, 8 June at 3 p.m., when counsel for South Africa will continue the presentation of the oral rejoinder.

The Hague, 27 May 1965.
