

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

Beginning 26th September, 1950, the International Court of Justice will hold a series of public sittings in order to hear statements by the Agents and Counsel of the Republic of Colombia and the Republic of Peru in the case concerning the right of asylum.

The case arose out of a dispute between these two States, Colombia having granted asylum in the Colombian Embassy at Lima to M.. Haya de la Torre, a writer and the head of a political party.

According to the Peruvian Government, the granting of asylum to Mr. Haya de la Torre is not in accordance with the terms of the Convention on Asylum signed at Havana in 1928.

The Parties have filed a number of Memorials and documents in the written proceedings. Their respective submissions are as follows:

Colombia: "I. That the Republic of Colombia, as the country granting asylum, is competent to qualify the offence for the purpose of said asylum, within the limits of the obligations resulting in particular from the Bolivarian Agreement on Extradition of 18th July, 1911, and the Convention on Asylum of 20th February, 1928 and of American international law in general;

"II. That the Republic of Peru, as the territorial State, is bound in the case now before the Court, to give the guarantees necessary for the departure of M. Victor Raul Haya de la Torre from the country, with due regard to the inviolability of his person."

Peru: "as a Counter-claim, under Article 63 of the Rules of Court, and in the same decision, that the asylum granted by the Colombian Ambassador at Lima to Victor Raul Haya de la Torre was contrary to Article 1, paragraph 1 and Article 2, paragraph 2, Item 1 (inciso primero) of the Convention on Asylum signed at Havana in 1928."

Since the Court includes upon the Bench no Judge of the nationality of the Parties in this case, the two Governments have availed themselves of the right conferred upon them under Article 31 of the Statute and have designated as Judges ad hoc

Colombia: M.. José Joaquin Caicedo Castilla

Peru: M.. Luis Alayza y Paz Soldan

The two parties shall be represented at the hearings by the following:

Colombia: Professor J. M. Yepes, Minister Plenipotentiary, Legal Adviser to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at Bogota, as Agent.
Me Alfredo Vasquez, Minister Plenipotentiary, Secretary-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, as Advocate.

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Peru: M. Carlos Sayan Alvarez, Advocate, former Minister,
former President of the Peruvian Chamber of
Deputies, as Agent.

M. Felipe Tudela y Barrera, Advocate, Professor of
Constitutional Law at Lima,

M. Fernando Morales Macedo R., Parliamentary interpreter.

M. Juan José Calle y Calle, Secretary of Embassy.

M. Georges Scelle, Hon. Professor at the University of Paris.

M. Julio Lopez Olivan, Ambassador.

The Hague, 25th September, 1950.
