

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

To-day, March 23rd, 1953, the International Court of Justice held a public hearing to examine, in its second phase, the dispute between Greece and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning damage alleged to have been suffered by a Greek national, M. Ambatielos, as a result of measures taken by the British authorities. This case, in respect of which proceedings had been instituted in April, 1951, by an Application by the Hellenic Government, was the subject of a Judgment delivered on July 1st, 1952, on a preliminary Objection lodged by the United Kingdom; in this Judgment the Court found that it had jurisdiction.

The Court sat under the presidency of its Vice-President, M. J.G. Guerrero, since its President, Sir Arnold McNair, is a national of one of the Parties in the case. Three Members of the Court were not present at to-day's sitting: MM. Zoricic and Golunsky, who had informed the President that their state of health prevented them from taking part in the case, and Sir Benegal Rau who was confined to his room owing to an indisposition. Professor Spiropoulos, chosen as Judge ad hoc by the Hellenic Government, who had already sat in the first phase of the case was present on the Bench.

The Royal Hellenic Government was represented before the Court by its Assistant Agent, M. Verghis, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Greece at The Hague, and by the following Counsel: The Right Hon. Sir Frank Soskice, Q.C., M.P., former Attorney-General of the United Kingdom, M. C. John Colombos, Q.C., LL.D., and Professor Henri Rolin, of the University of Brussels, former President of the Belgian Senate.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was represented by its Agent, Mr. W.V.J. Evans, Assistant Legal Adviser, Foreign Office, by the following Counsel: Mr. G.G. Fitzmaurice, C.M.G., Second Legal Adviser to the Foreign Office, Mr. J.E.S. Fawcett, D.S.C., Member of the English Bar, and Mr. D.H.N. Johnson, Assistant Legal Adviser, Foreign Office.

President Guerrero called upon Me. Henri Rolin, who began his statement of the Hellenic Government's case.

Me. Henri Rolin will continue his speech at the sitting which will begin to-morrow, March 24th, at 10.30 a.m.

The Hague, March 23rd, 1953.

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