

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

Today, October 12th, 1957, the International Court of Justice held two sittings devoted to the request for interim measures of protection submitted by the Swiss Government in the case of Interhandel (Switzerland v. United States of America). The Presidency of the Court was exercised by its Vice-President, M. Badawi, as the President of the Court, Mr. Hackworth, is a national of one of the Parties to the case (United States of America).

After opening the proceedings and recalling that the Application instituting proceedings had been filed with the Registry on October 2nd, 1957, and the request for the indication of interim measures on October 3rd, the President said that on October 10th the United States of America, referring to Article 62 of the Rules of Court, had submitted a Preliminary Objection to the proceedings instituted by the Application and reserved to itself the right to raise other Objections at a later date.

The President next proceeded to install M. Paul Carry, Professor in the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, who was appointed by the Swiss Government as Judge ad hoc, and noted the presence of representatives of the two Parties. He announced that the Court, acting in application of Article 51 of the Rules, had decided to hear first the Agent of the Swiss Government, Professor Paul Guggenheim, Professor of International Law in the Law Faculty in the University of Geneva and of the Graduate Institute of International Study.

Professor Guggenheim expounded the case for the Swiss Government for the whole of the morning's sitting and for a part of the afternoon's sitting, after which the Honorable Loftus Becker, Legal Adviser of the Department of State, and the Honorable Dallas S. Townsend, Assistant Attorney-General, respectively the Agent and Co-Agent of the United States, put the case for their Government.

The Agent of the Swiss Government then asked to reply to the Observations they had made. He will be invited to speak at the next sitting of the Court, which will be at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, October 14th.

The Hague, October 12th, 1957.