

Court of Arbitration or by "national groups" similarly appointed. A position on the bench fell vacant in August 1965 with the death of Judge Abdel Hamid Badawi of the United Arab Republic and in November Mr. Fouad Ammoun of Lebanon was elected to the Court until February 1967 to complete the unexpired portion of Judge Badawi's term. There are no Canadians serving on the Court at the present time, although Judge John E. Read of Canada was a member from 1946 to 1958.¹

Cases

The only cases still pending before the Court during 1965 were the Barcelona Traction case and the South West Africa cases, and no applications were made to the Court during the year to hear new cases.

The *Barcelona Traction Case*, instituted by Belgium against Spain, concerns the Barcelona Light and Power Company Limited, a company registered under Canadian law. The dispute relates to certain acts of Spain by virtue of which the company was declared bankrupt and its property liquidated.² Following the Court's judgment of July 1964 on the preliminary objection to its jurisdiction, the time-limit for filing the counter-memorial of Spain was fixed for July 1965. At the request of the Spanish Government, this time-limit was extended to December 1965.

The *South West Africa cases* are concerned with the proceedings instituted in November 1960 against South Africa with regard to the continued existence of its mandate for South West Africa and its performance of its duties as the mandatory power.¹ The written pleadings in the case were completed in December 1964 and the oral proceedings commenced in March 1965, with the Court first rejecting an application by South Africa concerning the composition of the Court. The Court then announced that it would take no decision before the closure of oral proceedings on another application by South Africa for an inspection *in loco*. The parties presented their oral arguments on questions of law and called witnesses and experts during the course of the proceedings, which continued from March to July and recommenced in September 1965. In November, the President declared the oral proceedings closed subject to the request that the Agents hold themselves at the disposal of the Court to furnish any additional information which the Court might require, and subject to any order or direction which the Court might subsequently make.

¹For a list of the judges of the Court, see Appendix II-6.

²See *Canada and the United Nations 1964*, Page 43.