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The following further biographical notes have been received from the Greek National Group on Professor Jean Spiropoulos.

GREEK CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

M. JEAN SPIROPOULOS, Professor of International Law in the University of Athens, Director of the Legal Department of the Greek Foreign Office, Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

Born in Greece, M. Jean Spiropoulos has spent the greater part of his life abroad in various European countries, where he pursued his scholastic and university studies.

In 1928 he returned to his native country, having been appointed Professor of Public International Law in the University of Salonica. He was, for three years, Dean of the Law Faculty of this University.

In 1939 he left the University of Salonica, having been appointed Professor of International Law in the University of Athens.

During the period 1939-1940 he was Dean of the Law Faculty of this University.

Apart from International Public Law, he was for many years a teacher of International Private Law and Constitutional Law.

He has represented his country at several International conferences.

In 1930 he represented Greece at the Conference for the Codification of International Law. As Greek delegate he took part in the first Balkan Conference (Athens 1930), the second Balkan Conference (Constantinople 1931), the third Balkan Conference (Bucarest 1932), and the fourth Balkan Conference (Salonica 1933).

He was a member of the Council of Balkan Conferences from 1930 to 1933.

He prepared for the Balkan Conferences the preliminary draft of the Balkan Pact of non-aggression, arbitration and mutual assistance, adopted by the third Balkan Conference, and was its rapporteur at the Balkan Conferences.

In 1945 he represented Greece at the Committee of Jurists in Washington, convened to prepare the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

He took part in the San Francisco Conference as legal adviser to the Greek delegation at that Conference.

He is a member of many Learned Societies and International Commissions.

Since the liberation of Greece, he has been appointed a member of several Greek State Commissions responsible for the settlement of problems arising out of the enemy occupation of Greece. Thus he was the member of the Commission which dealt with the validity of legal documents published in Greece during the occupation. He is at present a member of the Commission dealing with the repeal of legal agreements reached with the occupation authorities and enemy subjects, the Commission dealing with the sequestration of enemy property, the War Crimes Commission, etc.....

It may be added in conclusion that, from his long residence in the main European countries, M. Spiropoulos speaks English, German, French and Italian fluently. He has also some knowledge of Spanish and Dutch.

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