

SIXTH SESSION

Saturday, April 28, 1951, 10:00 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

The business session of the American Society of International Law, an unincorporated body, held in the Washington Room of the Washington Hotel, Washington, D. C., Saturday morning, April 28, 1951, convened at 10:00 o'clock a.m., President Manley O. Hudson presiding.

President HUDSON. We are opening this morning, first of all, the business meeting of the Society as an unincorporated body. It will be followed by a business meeting of the Society as an incorporated body. We must adjourn promptly at 12 o'clock because of the meeting of the Executive Council which is to follow shortly afterward.

First of all, we have the sad duty of noting the list of those of our members who have departed us during the past year. I will call on the Secretary to read the list.

In Memoriam

DIONISIO ANZILOTTI, of Pistoia, Italy, former President of the Permanent Court of International Justice, honorary member since 1928, died August 25, 1950.

JULIAN R. CACERES, Ambassador of Honduras at Buenos Aires, Argentina, a member since 1943, died July 18, 1950.

JAMES R. GARFIELD, of Cleveland, Ohio, a member since 1929, died March 24, 1950.

FRANK E. HINCKLEY, of Berkeley, California, a member since 1907, resigned in 1948, died October 29, 1950.

W. T. HOLLIDAY, of Cleveland, Ohio, a member since 1947, died November 7, 1950.

GORDON IRELAND, of Washington, D. C., a member since 1939, died 1950.

ROBERT S. MARCUS, of New York City, a member since 1950, died 1951.

WILLIAM McCLELLAN, of Alexandria, Virginia, a member since 1916, died November 14, 1950.

MALLORY R. SMITH, of Washington, D. C., a member since 1949, died August 31, 1950.

HENRY L. STIMSON, of New York City, former Secretary of State, honorary vice president of the Society since 1929, a member since 1920, died October 21, 1950.

THOMAS D. THACHER, of New York City, a member since 1917, died November 12, 1950.

WILBUR W. WHITE, of Houston, Texas, former President of Toledo University, a member since 1932, died November, 1950.

WEICHIING W. YEN, of Shanghai, China, a member since 1909, life member since 1920, died 1950.

Secretary DUMBAULD. That concludes the roll. May they rest in peace!

President HUDSON. Will you remain standing for a moment? [Those in attendance arose and stood in silent tribute to the memory of the departed members.]

President HUDSON. Mr. Secretary, it seems to me that a Minute should be entered in our records concerning the great Anzilotti. I have no hesitation in saying that Anzilotti was the first man in international law in the world in the first half of this century. Will you read that Minute?

Secretary DUMBAULD. I have the honor, Mr. President, to read the Minute concerning Dionisio Anzilotti, world-famous Italian jurist, who died August 25, 1950.

DIONISIO ANZILOTTI

Dionisio Anzilotti, world-famous Italian jurist, died August 25, 1950. He had been an honorary member of the Society since 1928. As professor, publicist, adviser to his government, and judge of the International Court, he contributed perhaps more than any single person in our time to the development of international law. It has sometimes been said that Judge Anzilotti held on the International Court a position of pre-eminence similar to that of Justice Holmes on the United States Supreme Court. His opinions were marked by vigor of thought and clarity of expression. Personally he was friendly and courteous. Among all who knew him he won affection as well as respect. His magistral treatise was translated into several other languages, for the guidance of those who found other tongues more familiar than the noble speech of Dante.

Through the Italian *Journal of International Law* which he edited, and his work in academic life, he moulded the Italian school of international law, which found its basis in the keen and profound philosophy derived from the jurists who built the glory of the Roman Law rather than in the cynical and brutal Machiavellian *Machtpolitik* which characterized the Italian Government under Fascist domination. That régime had as little sympathy for the doctrines of this most eminent of Italian jurists as its Germanic counterpart had for the accomplishments of the illustrious founder of the Vienna School, Hans Kelsen. But fortunately the world-wide renown of Anzilotti had made him an international functionary, whose continuance in office did not depend on the will of a single government, and his service to the community of nations brought to the country of his birth a luster which its own official acts and policies would not have merited.

Like the poet of his land who fashioned imperishable beauty from the language of that historic soil, we may honor him for having given voice among his people to the universal truths of law and justice in the realm of international life, and may say of our departed member that by his labors he has reared a monument more durable than bronze and loftier than the Pyramids' majestic pile.