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1st Meeting

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PALESTINE COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Palestinian Question, appointed by the General Assembly, met briefly for the first time this morning to elect its officers.

Dr. Herbert V. Evatt of Australia was elected Chairman.

Prince Subhasvasti Svastivat of Siam was elected Vice-Chairman and Mr. Thor Thors of Iceland was elected Rapporteur.

The Committee will meet tomorrow at 11:00 AM when it will hear a statement by a Representative of the United Kingdom as the Mandatory Power for Palestine.

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(A fuller account of the meeting is given in Take #1 which follows this summary.)

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PALESTINE

The Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine held its first meeting this morning at 11:20 a m at Lake Success.

Dr Oswaldo Aranha (Brazil) President of the Assembly, took the chair, and invited nominations for the Chairmanship of the Committee.

Mr Guillermo BELT (Cuba) proposed Dr. H. V. Evatt (Australia). The nomination was seconded by the representatives of Belgium and France.

Mr. Vladimir Simic (Yugoslavia) opposed this nomination on the grounds that the Chair should not be occupied by a Representative of one of the Members of the British Commonwealth.

As, however, no other opposition was expressed, Dr Oswaldo Aranha called upon Dr. H. V. Evatt to take the Chair.

Dr. Evatt then invited nominations for the vice-chairmanship.

Mr. Henrik Kauffman (Denmark) proposed Prince Subhasvasti SVASTIVAT (Siam) and Mr. C. Setalvad (India) seconded the nomination.

Prince Svastivat was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman next invited nominations for the office of Rapporteur.

Mr. Hernan SANTA CRUZ (Chile) proposed Mr. THOR THORS (Iceland), and Mr. M.R. SCHEYVEN (Belgium) seconded this nomination.

Mr. Thor Thors was unanimously elected.

The Committee then decided to hear at tomorrow's meeting a statement from the Representative of the Mandatory Power for Palestine, the United Kingdom. The Committee will reconvene tomorrow, Friday, at 11 a.m.

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(End of Take #1 and end of Press Release GA/PAL/1)