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SUMMARY
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OCTOBER 29 SUGGESTED DEAD-LINE FOR
SUBMISSION OF SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS ON
PALESTINE

Following the establishment at yesterday's meeting of the Sub-Committees on Conciliation, the Majority Report and the Arab proposals, the Ad Hoc Committee this morning decided:

(1) to entrust the task of conciliation/^{not} to a formal sub-committee but to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the Committee;

(2) to authorize the Chairman to appoint representatives on Sub-Committee I (on the UNSCOP Majority Plan for Palestine) and on Sub-Committee II (on Arab proposals for an independent unitary Palestine).

October 29 was suggested as the date for the completion of the work of the two Sub-Committees.

(For a chronological and more detailed account of this meeting, see Takes #1-2 following this summary.)

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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE -- (AM) TAKE # 1.

The Chairman, Dr. Herbert V. Evatt (Australia) called the Committee to order at 11.15 a.m. and immediately turned to the task of the composition of the three Sub-Committees whose creation was approved at yesterday's meeting.

The Committee decided to entrust the task of conciliation not to a formal Sub-Committee, but to the Chairman, Dr. Herbert V. Evatt (Australia), the Vice-Chairman, Prince SubhasVasti S'Wastivat (Siam) and the Rapporteur, Mr. Thor Thors (Iceland) who would be designated as "The Conciliators."

The Committee rejected by 32 votes to 6, with 10 abstentions, a Soviet proposal that all eleven members of the Security Council be included, together with some other delegates, in the Sub-Committee which is to study the Majority Plan of the UNSCOP Report.

The Committee then authorized the Chairman, by 40 votes to 6, with 4 abstentions, to appoint representatives on this Sub-Committee and also on the Sub-Committee which is to study the Iraqi, Saudi Arabian and Syrian proposal for the establishment of an independent unitary Palestine.

The Committee further decided that the work of these two Sub-Committees should be completed by 29 October, with the possibility of an extension of this time limit.

(END OF TAKE # 1.)

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Dr. Evatt said that the US and US-Swedish proposals, plus those of Guatemala and Uruguay regarding the majority report would come before Sub-Committee I (on the Majority Report).

The El Salvador and Netherlands proposals, he said, on conciliation would be handled by the conciliating group.

The Syrian proposal, together with those offered to the General Assembly by Saudi Arabia and Iraq, would be handled by Sub-Committee 2.

Since proposals dealing with displaced persons and refugees, along with the Yugoslav proposal to have the Cyprus internees immediately allowed into Palestine, and the Uruguay proposal for the immediate admission of 30,000 Jewish children and pregnant women were within the competence of both Sub-Committees, they would, he said, be dealt with after the Sub-Committees' reports.

The Egyptian, Syrian and Iraq proposals questioning the legality of certain matters, as well as the question of asking for a decision by the International Court of Justice, said Dr. Evatt, should wait for the Sub-Committees' findings.

The Lebanese proposal against illegal immigration into Palestine and assistance rendered to the immigration would probably be dealt with in both sub-committees and included in their reports.

The Committee decided by 19 votes to 7, with 10 abstentions, not to give immediate consideration to a proposal of Mr. Gonzalez Fernandez (Colombia) for the establishment of a Sub-Committee to study the parts of the UNSCOP Report relating to the problem of Jewish displaced persons in Europe and to prepare proposals as to the manner in which Members of the UN could contribute to the solution of that problem.

The meeting adjourned and the date of its next meeting is to be announced.

(END OF TAKE #2 and of PRESS RELEASE GA/PAL/23)