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PALESTINE COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS

(AM) TAKE #1

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.

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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.

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

Ad Hoc Committee on Palestinian
Question
1st meeting

TAKE #1
PALESTINE

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

Dr. Oswald Aranba (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 be occupied by a Representative of one of the Members of the British Commonwealth.

As, however, no other opposition was expressed, Dr. Oswaldo Aranba 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.

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