

" 2. That it shall receive testimony, by whatever means it considers appropriate in each case, from the mandatory Power, from representatives of the population of Palestine, and from such other Governments, non-governmental organizations, and individuals as it may wish to consult,

" 3. That the Committee shall bear in mind the principle that independence for the population of Palestine should be the ultimate purpose of any plan for the future of that country,

" 4. That it shall prepare a report to the General Assembly and shall submit such proposals as it may consider appropriate for the solution of the problem of Palestine.

" 5. That its report shall be communicated to the Secretary-General if possible by 15 August, 1947, but in any event not later than 1 September, 1947, in order that it may be circulated to the member States of the United Nations in time for consideration by the Second Regular Session of the General Assembly.

" 6. That the Special Committee shall give most careful consideration to the interests of all the inhabitants of Palestine and also to the religious interests in Palestine of Islam, Jewry, and Christendom."

The paper prepared by the sub-committee had no sooner been submitted when the Soviet delegation submitted an alternative paper, and eventually several other papers were also produced—by India, by the Philippines, by Iraq, and by Poland—and an endeavour was made to resolve the differences between the texts, which are as follows :—

" DELEGATION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS :
AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEE 6
CONCERNING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A COMMITTEE OF
INQUIRY ON PALESTINE (Document A/C.1/166)

" The first, second, and third paragraphs of the Sub-committee's draft resolution should be replaced by the following text :

" 1. To study in detail the situation in Palestine by carrying out investigation on the spot,

" 2. To assemble, to analyse, and collate all data relating to the question ; to receive written and verbal testimony from interested Governments and such non-governmental organizations and individuals who will wish to give the testimony and whom the Commission will deem appropriate to grant a hearing ; to study various other issues connected with the problem of Palestine,

" 3. To prepare and submit to the next Regular Session of the General Assembly proposals on the solution of the problem of Palestine which the Commission will consider useful, including a proposal on the question of establishing without delay the Independent State of Palestine."

" DELEGATION OF INDIA : PROPOSAL FOR INCORPORATING RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE AS AGREED BY SUB-COMMITTEE 6 FOR DISCUSSION BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE (A/C.1/165, DATED 9 MAY), WITH AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUGGESTED BY U.S.S.R. DELEGATION (A/C.1/166), (Document A/C.1/167)

" Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations has been called into a Special Session for the purpose of constituting and