

The First Committee, under the chairmanship of the Canadian delegate, held its first meeting on the following morning, the meeting having been moved from Flushing Meadows to Lake Success in order to obtain the advantage of simultaneous translation. The representative of Mexico was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and the representative of Denmark Rapporteur.

The United States delegation introduced a resolution in the following terms :—

“ 1. That arrangements be effected by the Chairman, before this Committee takes final action with regard to the item on the agenda, to give an opportunity to the Jewish Agency for Palestine, as well as to any other organization representative of a considerable element of the population of Palestine, to appear before this Committee and present such views as such organization or organizations may have to offer with regard to what the terms of reference of the Special Committee to be set up by this Session of the Assembly should be.

“ 2. That the recommendations of the delegation of the mandatory be taken into consideration by this Committee in determining whether an organization maintaining that it represents considerable elements of the population of Palestine should be allowed to appear before the Committee.”

*Alternative 2 :* “ That no organization shall be considered to be representative of a considerable element of the population of Palestine and therefore eligible to appear before this Committee unless this Committee receives a statement from the delegation of the mandatory for Palestine to the effect that this organization is representative of a considerable element of the population of Palestine.

“ 3. That no organization be permitted to express its views with regard to the substance of the Palestine problem before this Committee ; that any organization which desires to express views of this character should apply for hearing to the Special Committee which it is the purpose of this Session of the General Assembly to establish.”

The Argentine delegation introduced the following resolution :—

“ Draft resolution concerning the implementation of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly at the seventy-fifth plenary meeting. The First Committee resolves :—

“ 1. To grant a hearing to :

“ (a) The Jewish Agency of Palestine.

“ (b) The representative of the Arab population of Palestine.

“ (c) The representative of the Jewish population of Palestine.

“ 2. All hearings will be about the appointing and instructing a Special Committee of inquiries on the political future of Palestine ; to report to the next regular General Assembly.”

The Chairman announced that he had received a telegram from the Palestine Arab group as follows :—

“ We have the honour to refer to our letter dated 5 May requesting to be heard on the Palestine problem and to convey to you the following. Our request, which was submitted on behalf of the ARAB of Palestine, who constitute the great majority of the population of the country, was sent with other requests to the First Committee