

" 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, Judaism, and Christianity.

" (the majority of the members of the sub-committee were in favour of the omission of both texts of paragraph 6)

" 7. The Special Committee 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

" (The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the representative of India proposed the addition of the following words to the above: 'including a proposal on the question of establishing without delay the independent democratic state of Palestine')

" 8. The Special Committee's 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."

Attention was directed to completion of the terms of reference, the question of the personnel of the Committee of Inquiry being reserved for later discussion. Further statements and answers to questions were received from the Jewish Agency and from the Arab Higher Committee (attached in Annexes A and B). After two days of debate, during which several further proposals were submitted, the Committee agreed upon the terms of reference in the following form:—

" Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations has been called into Special Session for the purpose of constituting and instructing a Special Committee to prepare for the consideration at the next Regular Session of the Assembly of a report on the question of Palestine,

" THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT :

" 1. A Special Committee be created for the above-mentioned purpose consisting of the representatives of

" 2. The Special Committee shall have the widest powers to ascertain and record facts, and to investigate all questions and issues relevant to the problem of Palestine.

" 3. The Special Committee shall determine its own procedure.

" 4. The Special Committee shall conduct investigations in Palestine, and, wherever it may deem useful, receive and examine written or oral testimony, whichever it may consider appropriate in each case, from the mandatory Power, from representatives of the population of Palestine, from Governments, and from such organizations and individuals as it may deem necessary.

" 5. The Special Committee shall give most careful consideration to the religious interests in Palestine of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

" 6. The Special Committee 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.

" 7. The Special Committee's report shall be communicated to the Secretary-General not later than 1 September, 1947, in order that it may be circulated to the members of the United Nations in time for consideration by the Second Regular Session of the General Assembly."

" The Special Committee shall give most careful consideration to the religious interests in Palestine of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.