

the psychological problem. The Arabs had been there for two thousand years and had always been a majority while the Jews had been a minority for two thousand years. Then they started coming in with the Nazi expulsion of Jews from Germany. There was a big influx and there were big rows and the British White Paper, which tried to restrict immigration. My colleague said you had to approach this problem from a psychological viewpoint, just summarizing it. According to all the psychological input it was an Arab region or state. The British did a typical British analysis. He said these two people are at each other's throats and we have to hold the ring there. We have to make sure that they don't start butchering each other. But both the Arabs and the Jews at that time thought that the British were playing the other's game and that it was divide and rule and not to suppress the fighting but to encourage it. It is a very strategically located area right at the Suez Canal and a crossroads not just to the Middle East but to Asia, Africa, and Europe. Trygve Lie and the head of the department liked my paper best and then they set up this commission to go there, the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP). Both Saleh Mahmoud and I were chosen to go there as experts, he the Arab expert and I the Jewish expert. At the last minute, however, I don't know who arranged it, but we were both removed. I was informed by Andrew Cordier, the Secretary-General's