

saying, "How can we prevent a nation from assigning bankruptcy?" In other words, how can you force a nation to do something it cannot do?

JK: So, the commission reported to the General Assembly.

Epstein: They drafted the dates of everything. On the 14th of May the plan was to go into effect. In the meantime they set up a Palestine Commission of five members with a Czech as chairman. There was a Philippine, a Dane, a Czech, and someone from Latin America. Bunche was selected as its secretary and I was selected as the senior officer from the Political Department. Their job was to implement it as soon as the Resolution was adopted. And, boy, that was a tough job, adopting the partition plan.

JK: This was the General Assembly Resolution.

Epstein: Yes, adopting the plan of partition with economic union. All of the Arabs were against it. Nearly all of the Western countries plus the whole Soviet block were for it. This was one of the few times that you found the Americans and the Soviets together on a political question. It was a matter for notice that the superpowers were joining together here and the British getting kicked out. There was one of the Arabs during the Special Session, Hussini, a representative of the Arab Higher Committee, who gave evidence to the Session just as the Jewish Agency did. They were not governments but they were the representatives of the