

was a breach of the truce. Bunche was going to criticize the Israelis over the issue but I warned him that I'd understood from contacts with the Israelis that they had had Paul Moan's permission. They had a copy of the letter telling the Egyptians that they had the right to go through and help feed and bring water to these settlements. Nothing came of it but, it was tense for a few days.

There was another very interesting story. There were all of these refugees in the Egyptian occupied parts and the West Bank, Jordanian occupied, and Lebanon. I don't know if there were any in Syria or not. There was a real problem with this and a big strain on these governments. They were in camps. They didn't let them blend into the country. They kept them in camps. Bunche decided that we ought to set up a temporary relief organization, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Middle East. He had a team of senior advisors that met with him from time to time. And he had this meeting with Dean Rusk, who was then head of the African or Asia section of the State Department. He wasn't Secretary of State until much later. Bunche proposed this and he needed the American backing. Nothing would work in those days without American backing. An American once said to me, "Every resolution adopted by the United Nations is an American resolution." This was a bit arrogant but it really was the truth in those days. With 51 odd members the