

Resolution. The Russians had always said that the Uniting for Peace Resolution was absolutely illegal and contrary to the Charter and so does Kelson, the author of that big book on the law of the United Nations. But this time they went along. First, you could transfer by a vote of seven members from the Security Council to the Assembly and call a special session.

JK: That was considered a matter of procedure.

Epstein: Yes, but then they also agreed that the General Assembly could deal with the matter because no action was possible in the Security Council. The Russians, therefore, bought the whole Uniting for Peace procedure under the Suez Crisis.

JK: Was this the first time that this had been implemented?

Epstein: Yes, they had tried other things. There was a little assembly that they had tried to set up. There was a peace observation group. There was a collective measures committee that was set up and I was the chairman of that committee. They didn't do much. They would meet formally but, they didn't do much. The Russians boycotted all of them saying it was all illegal under the Uniting for Peace Resolution. But here, without saying it was illegal, they went along. They wanted to get the Israelis and, even more so, the British and the French out.

Then George Ivan Smith was head of our DPI. He had an