

One day Bunche had me busy writing something up and that night my wife said to me, "Who are these people who came in today?" I said, "I don't know. I've been working all day." She said, "Well, they must have been people of some importance because a plane came to drop off just the two of them." So, she went to check with the desk to ask. And one was Sir John Troutbeck, head of the British Middle East office in Cairo, and the other was Colonel Robert MacClintock, the special assistant to General Marshall, who was then Secretary of State. They had come in and I didn't know anything about this. I hadn't been told. Later I was told that on the same plane that had brought them in, Bunche had arranged for all the press people to leave, saying that they could get a free flight to Paris where the General Assembly was going to meet. The newspaper people like free rides. So, as Troutbeck and MacClintock got off one end of the plane all of the press got on the other end. So, they weren't even around.

JK: This is the second part of the interview with William Epstein on the founding of the State of Israel. Today's date is October 23, 1990. We were previously discussing the negotiations at Rhodes and I wanted to ask about a couple of