

saying, "We just had an unmitigated disaster, Sir." He told him loud enough that we could hear. The meeting was over. He said, "We just lost the resolution and now everything is open. They contented themselves with establishing the Palestine Conciliation Commission which was supposed to carry on the work of conciliation.

In January, Bunche got a cable from the Egyptians that they were ready now for establishing some kind of peace or truce.

So, he went to the Island of Rhodes and called the Egyptians in and he represented the Secretary-General. I didn't go back. He produced the first truce agreement. The next one was I think with Jordan. And the third one with Lebanon. I remember he gave all of them these big platters that had been made by the potters up on the hill in Rhodes. He told us a joke that he had told both the Egyptian and the Israeli delegations who were meeting with him there that if they didn't agree with him on this truce he was going to break these plates over their heads. If they did agree he was going to present them with these plates as presents. That was a wisecrack, of course. That was the breakthrough, the direct contact under Bunche. It became the Truce Supervision Agreement. This was with Egypt. Then they worked one out with Jordan and Lebanon and finally with Syria. Syria didn't have one till months later. They were tough. This all happened fairly quickly because they had to do something to