

to do it yourself. There will be no help from the British."

Many people said the British were trying to sabotage the plan. There would be no help from the United Nations because we didn't have the machinery for doing it. Then they submitted the whole thing to the Security Council.

I'll never forget the American Ambassador, Warren Austin, at a meeting of the Security Council. He was talking about the terrible guerrilla fighting that was going on. Jews and Arabs were killing each other. He pounded the table saying, "If only the Jews and Arabs would have a little more Christian spirit, behavior and ideas." That was written right into the record.

JK: Neither being Christian, that was hardly possible.

Epstein: Right, anyway at the end he came up calling for restoration of the mandate. I'll never forget Trygve Lie saying to me, "Epstein, tonight the first born child of the United Nations died." That was when the Security Council said there was nothing we could do to enforce the Partition Plan. Then somebody came up with the idea of appointing a mediator. And they finally agreed on Bernadotte. He was to recommend the best way of proceeding. This was after May the 14th. What happened is that on May the 14th -- and this was a dramatic occasion -- the Assembly was in session at that time.

JK: There was a Second Special Session between April and May,