

disarmament, and I was the Jewish expert whose paper had been taken as the basis for the partition paper, which had been taken as the partition approach. Garcia Robles was the secretary of UNSCOP and Ralph Bunche was there as one of the senior advisors because he was a director in the Trusteeship Department. They took care of the mandated territories. Although Garcia Robles was the principal secretary, he was the head of the Political Division and I was the acting chief of the Middle East section. I was the author of the partition plan that was accepted by the Secretary-General and it was obviously circulated to the members of UNSCOP. There were no summary records. So, I'm the only person alive that has a record of what went on there. I just kept notes. If they needed factual information I could advise them. But they all had their own advisors.

You had the big two, the US and the Soviet Union, which favored it, Canada who supported it strongly, and Garcia Granadas of Guatemala. He represented the Latin Americans. In those days we had 21 Latin American countries out of the 60 UN members.

JK: The Jewish Agency was here in New York.

Epstein: The Jewish Agency had been created by the mandate and they were the spokesmen for the Jewish case for the ad hoc committee on the Jewish question.

JK: What was the Jewish Agency's view of partition?