

governments were trying to overthrow it by force. Therefore, there was no way that they could go and implement the plan. Let me get back to what I was saying about Berndotte's assassination. I and my wife were there. Vigier, a French Roman Catholic although not all that religious, and his wife were also there. One of us confirmed that he had been assassinated and two others with him. We would all have a drink before going into dinner. When we walked into dinner there were many anti-Semitic remarks, "Those God damned Jews," etc. It was enough to curl your hair. We usually went over and joined everybody, but they were so busy damning not just the assassins but all Jews and Israelis and anybody in the world who had any Jewish connection. So, we decided to go over to our own little table and have a drink. Vigier and his wife came into the room right after us and they saw what was going on and so, they asked if they could come and join us. I thought that was a nice gesture. He was an older person. He had been in the League of Nations. He was the oldest person around and a man of considerable stature and prestige.

JK: It was a difficult time for you.

Epstein: I couldn't believe that he had been assassinated for a while. They attributed it to the Stern gang. In Israel there was the Jewish Agency and their military was called the Hagannah. They had the revisionists which became the Likud.