

all around the damned Assembly and the bar. I went around looking for John around midnight. Then I suddenly saw him in the corridor just outside the General Assembly hall. I went running towards him and he saw me and started running towards me. I said, "God, John, I've got to talk to you." And he said, "Bill, I've got to talk to you." And I said, "No, I've got to talk to you first." I must have shouted louder than he did. I said, "Look, I've been looking all over for you. Chi and I have been asked to prepare a report on how to go about establishing this emergency force. Since Canada put it forward we thought you might have some ideas about it." He said, "I've been looking all over for you figuring you might have some ideas on how we could set it up."

JK: Because it had to be done very quickly.

Epstein: Yes, and nobody had really thought it through very well. So, poor Chi and I sat around. I was no help to John Holmes and he was no help to me.

JK: Hammarskjöld initially was not very enthusiastic about this proposal.

Epstein: He wasn't, but when Mike Pearson came back with the authorization from the Canadian Cabinet to provide forces for UNEF. He saw that the resolution was going to go through and he had forces to call on. Then he did a quick flip flop and I think that comes out in Brian Urquhart's book on Hammarskjöld. If it doesn't I've said it. Brian came in