

historical places were. I'd have to look this up. Maybe he wanted the whole corpus separatum to belong to Jordan or maybe it was only the holy places. That idea he came up with sometime in June. Then they thought he was being very anti-resolution, anti-Jewish. I wrote a memo when I got there saying that this was the worst conceivable thing that could happen because the Jews wanted to implement the Partition Plan as a whole including the provisions on Jerusalem. For him to depart from that was a big mistake. That made an impression on him because when he came out with the final Bernadotte report he went back to the idea of internationalization.

JK: But this was a public statement that he had made?

Epstein: Oh yes, they were proposals to the Jews and the Arabs how he visualized the solution. He wanted to cut down the Jewish territory a little bit and increase the Arab territory a little bit and give them the old city because his thinking, as I had it explained to me by Bunche and by himself, was, "Look, the Jewish support we have for the Partition Plan. We have to attract Arab support. So, we have to give them something because they are the ones who are putting up the fight against the Partition Plan." The Palestine Commission in their final report to the Security Council said that the Jews had accepted the Partition Plan and wanted it implemented, whereas, the Arabs of Palestine and the Arab