

assistant at the time, that they were not going to have either an Arab expert or a Jewish expert on the commission because that might give the impression that there was some bias one way or another. I remember Sobolev was very annoyed by that. He said, "What you are doing is taking away the experts who are both UN civil servants sworn to be impartial in their actions and behavior. We had already had our shots and it hit the newspapers at the time that we had been kicked off on the grounds that we might be biased and knew too much.

We were very annoyed.

UNSCOP came up with the plan of partition with economic union. That was the only new element over the royal commission, which had come up with partition years earlier. Another commission had suggested a bi-national state. That may have been the joint Anglo-American commission at the end of the war in 1946. The British rejected that. They rejected all the reports of all the commissions. The majority of the UNSCOP members proposed partition, the Jewish state and the Arab state with economic union. They came up with a very clever idea in which you could have crossover points, the strip along the Sea of Galilee, the valley of Jezreel, the coastal strip. The coastal strip was all Jewish whereas the Sea of Galilee, the West Bank, and a large part of the Negev were not. They came up with this brilliant idea of having crossover points so that each of the three Jewish