

trip, but he didn't. He had some other function. We had little branch offices in Haifa, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem. In Jerusalem we had the headquarters for the Truce Supervision Organization in the old government house which is still there and the Truce Supervision heads are still there, too. One of my jobs assigned by Trygve Lie and Sobolev was to be the Jewish expert and liaison with the Jews, find out their thinking, explain our thinking to them, etc. One of the nicest things that has ever happened to me in my life was on May 14th, 1949, a year later, when I got a letter from Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish State, expressing his thanks to me for all the help I had been to them during the days when the question was being considered at the United Nations. I thought it was a very nice gesture. I showed it to people around the UN.

JK: Was Count Bernadotte considered to be neutral or impartial?

Epstein: He was on the whole neutral and impartial. (Oh, I've got to tell you another story, a real cute story. I mustn't forget that one.) He had come up with the idea in one of his earlier proposals that Jerusalem should belong to Jordan, the Arab state.

JK: The entire city?

Epstein: Yes, the entire city, an international city, would belong to Jordan, at least all of the holy places, the old city not the new city. The old city was where all the