

Mr. Ludlow pointed out that, practically speaking, the only course of action likely to give Israel a substantial measure of what she seeks is prompt compliance. The longer Israel delays in withdrawing its forces, the more difficult it will be to put into effect the only measures open to us to meet most of Israel's demands.

Mr. Wilcox then read to Mr. Shiloah the text of the two draft resolutions under consideration in New York.² He pointed out that they expressed the prevailing view in the Assembly that there must not be a return to the conditions which helped bring about the recent hostilities. He expressed the strong hope that the Government of Israel would find it possible to work with the Secretary General in achieving the promptest possible implementation of the measures set forth in his report.

² See Document 51.

50. Editorial Note

King Saud, accompanied by Ambassador Wadsworth and a large royal party, arrived in the United States on January 29 for an official State visit. The King and his advisers held several meetings with President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles between January 30 when he arrived in Washington and February 8 when he left the United States. For documentation on his visit, see volume XIII, pages 413 ff.

In a meeting on February 1 with Secretary Dulles, Saudi Royal Counselors Shaikh Yusuf Yasin and Jamal Bey Al-Hussaini emphasized Saudi concern over the draft resolutions before the General Assembly. The Counselors urged a return to the status quo ante, particularly in regard to Gaza and the Gulf of Aqaba, and cautioned that if there were any change while King Saud was visiting Washington, it would appear that the United States had repudiated the King, and his influence in the Arab world would decline. Dulles in turn noted that the draft resolution was acceptable to Egypt and the Arab states and objectionable to Israel, and that it would be impossible to delay consideration since the draft had already been introduced in the General Assembly. (Memorandum of conversation by Dulles, February 1; Department of State, Conference Files: Lot 62 D 181, CF 833)