

Otherwise, in raising the question the result would be "lots of sound and fury" and nothing more.

Mr. Byroade told the Ambassador that he had not been informed of the latest thinking in the Department on the subject but that he was certain the Department does not have a resolution to introduce. He said that there are UN resolutions on the books and he believed it advisable to devise a workable solution, if possible.

Ambassador Eban said that he understood that US support for the resolution two years ago (not passed) was fully compatible with Israel's having its Foreign Office in Jerusalem. Mr. Byroade said that the announcement of plans to move the Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem was most unfortunate since it gave the Arabs an issue which they picked up with great glee and are making the most of it. The Arabs apparently feel that if the new city of Jerusalem should become Israel's capital it would be only a question of time before the whole city would be included in Jerusalem's orbit. He realized that this approach was largely emotional but it was nevertheless real and had to be taken into consideration. The over-all result is that it is not in our interests for Israel to move its Foreign Office at the present time. Ambassador Eban quickly replied that Israel has no interest in Arab Jerusalem even though some Jewish Holy Places are located there. Israel believes that if a UN supervisor of the Holy Places should be set up it would be in the interest of both Israel and Jordan, since Israel has Holy Places on the Arab side and the Arabs would no doubt find interest in certain Holy Places on the Jewish side.

Ambassador Eban said that if the US should decide to raise the Jerusalem question in the next GA or if the US decides to support some other country that might desire to raise the question, Israel would be glad to cooperate in order to work out a solution. Mr. Byroade thanked the Ambassador for this offer and said it would be kept in mind.

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