

could do about it. The General then added that "we send over Arabs from Israel to steal the property back again". In concluding, he said that if it should develop that there is no prospect for peace for some time, Israel must make an attempt to seal its borders.

The discussion then turned to Mt. Scopus. Mr. Byroade said he was concerned at Israel's defiance of the United Nations. He mentioned General Bennike's attempt to inspect the installations on Mt. Scopus and the disregard of Bennike's decision regarding the Banat Ya'qub project. He said that we cannot stand idly by and watch the United Nations machinery fall apart. He then said that we will support Israel in things in which we believe Israel to be right and that no matter what the General might hear to the contrary, we have no intention of endeavoring to win the friendship of the Arabs at the expense of Israel.

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Water Development.
II. Israel-Jordan Relations—Security Council Draft
Resolution on Qibya.

Participants: Ambassador Eban of Israel
Minister Shiloah, Israel Embassy
NEA—Mr. Byroade
UNP—Mr. Ludlow
NE—Mr. Waller

I. Ambassador Eban opened the conversation by saying that his first topic was water. During the five years he has represented his government in the United Nations he has never known the balance of an argument to be so much in one direction, since there appears to be very little support for the Syrian complaint regarding Israel's Jordan River diversion project in the Demilitarized Zone.

He said that Israel does not doubt the authority of the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization to make decisions regarding development in the Demilitarized Zone and to obtain adequate guarantees. All water schemes for Palestine

¹ Drafted also by Ludlow.