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"FACE THE NATION"

During his April visit to this country Hussein I of Jordan appeared on the CBS interview program "Face the Nation," impressing many viewers with his reasonableness on Palestine problems. The comparison, of course, must be made with other Arab leaders, and not with Westerners, but this qualification adds to the young monarch's credit rather than diminishes it. For those readers who missed the program, or who saw it but would like to refresh their memories, we should now like to quote at some length from the transcript.*

Hope For An Early Solution

MR. PIERPOINT (Bob Pierpoint - CBS News): Your Majesty, if you feel somewhat encouraged that there may be a lessening of tension as a result of these summit talks between East and West, do you feel that there might also be a chance for lessening of tension along the Arab-Israeli borders, with some sort of negotiations between yourselves and the Israelis?

KING HUSSEIN: As far as the borders of Jordan and Israel are concerned, as well as all the frontiers of Arab countries with Israel, the United Nations has the responsibility to try to keep these borders free of complications and problems. And I think that, as far as the future is concerned, no individual Arab country is in a position to enter into negotiations to try to solve the Palestine question. We feel that this is not Jordan's individual responsibility, but the responsibility of all the Arabs and the Palestinian people themselves, and, for that matter, of the United Nations and all the world, to try to find a just solution to the Palestine question.

MR. TAYLOR (Henry N. Taylor - Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance): Your Majesty, on this matter of a just solution, the United Nations has patrolled and policed the borders to prevent incidents, but they have not made much progress toward any permanent solution to the problem. Is it possible for the Arabs together to take it upon themselves, all of the Arab nations, to negotiate with the Israelis? And if so, what proposals would you hope the Israelis might accept to settle this problem permanently?

KING HUSSEIN: As I have replied, I think it is a question for all the Arabs. I don't know whether such a situation would come within the very near future. However, we all hope that this question could be settled at the earliest possible time in a just manner, and I think that the United Nations has quite a responsibility, which it should be able to stand up to