

The Middle East Crisis and US Involvement

Why did the Jews leave their Homeland?



- **The Diaspora** – Jews left their homeland of Palestine for Europe, Africa, other parts of the Middle East when the Roman Empire destroyed their Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD and persecuted the Jewish race.

When did Jews start to return home?



- **The Zionist Movement** – In the 1890's and early 1900's Jewish people started to return to Palestine, their homeland, to re-create an identity and Jewish nation.

Why was the new nation of Israel created in 1948 ?



- After WWII Europe and the US were shocked by the Nazi Holocaust and wanted to provide a home for Jewish people where they would never again be persecuted and suffer genocide.
- So The United Nations organization takes action . . .

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- Islamic Arab countries vote against it.

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- How do you think the Palestinians who lived there felt about losing their land?

Arab States attack Israel

- Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria invade Israel.



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- Israel took more land
- Egypt took Gaza Strip
- Jordan took West Bank
- Palestinians fled to UN refugee camps

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- World pressure forced Israel to give Canal back to Egypt.

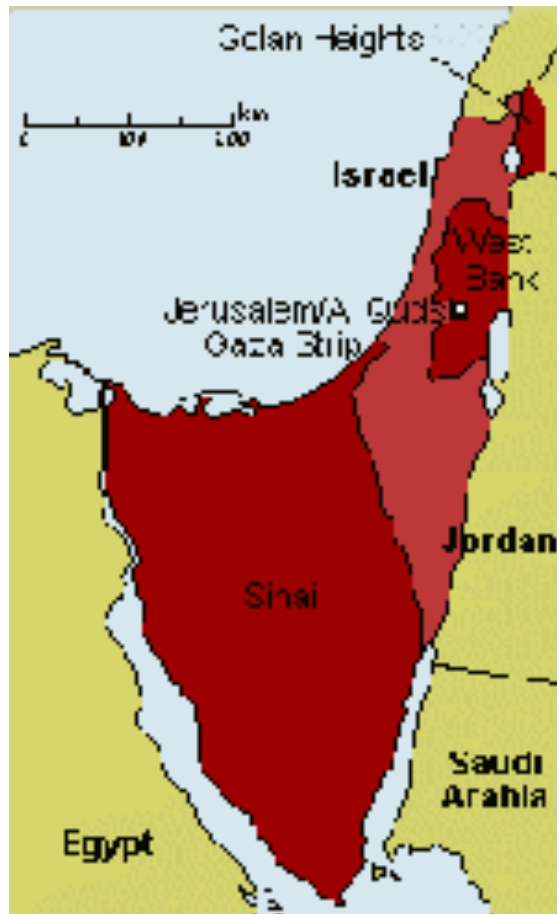


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- Egypt prepared to attack Israel in south at the Red Sea.

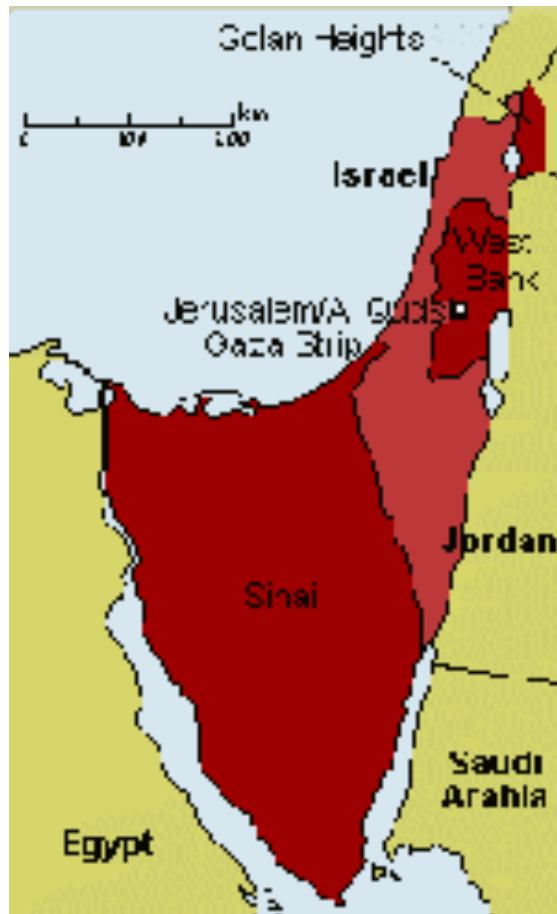


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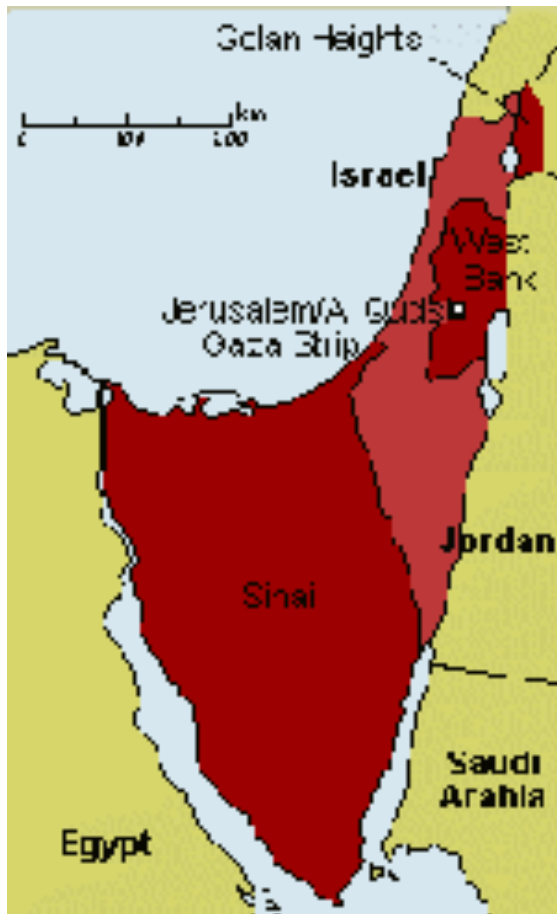
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YOUR RESPONSE !

- How do you think the other Arab nations felt about the U.S. always helping Israel with weapons and money?



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Jimmy Carter, President of the U.S.
Anwar Sadat, President of Egypt
Menachem Begin , Prime Minister of Israel
- 2. What was the agreement?
- Egypt recognizes Israel as a legitimate state.
- Israel gives the Sinai Peninsula back to Egypt.

U.S. Involvement in Iran



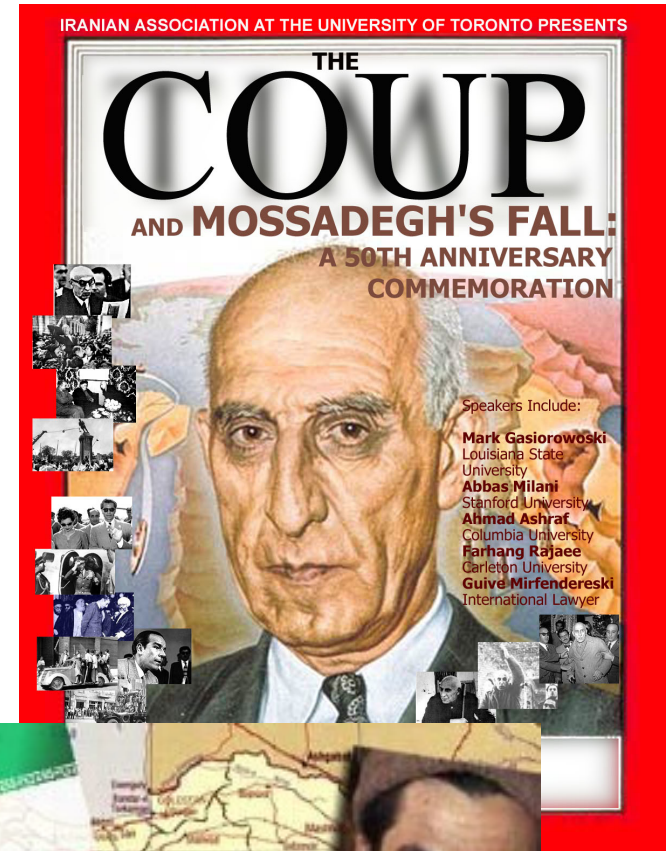
Iran takes Oil Fields

- 1951 – Iran's Prime Minister Mossadeqh took the oil fields owned by Britain and nationalized them for Iran
- Britain stops buying oil from Iran. US fears that Iran might turn to the Soviets for aid.



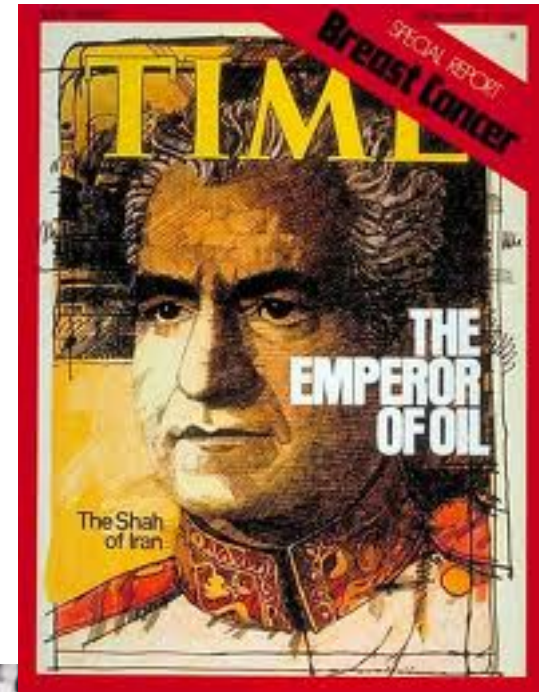
US/C.I.A. in Iran

- Result: In 1953 the C.I.A. gave money to anti-Mossadegh supporters to kick him out of government.



US supports the Shah

- US then puts in power the Shah, king of Iran.
- The Shah was pro-American and he gave the oil fields back to Britain.



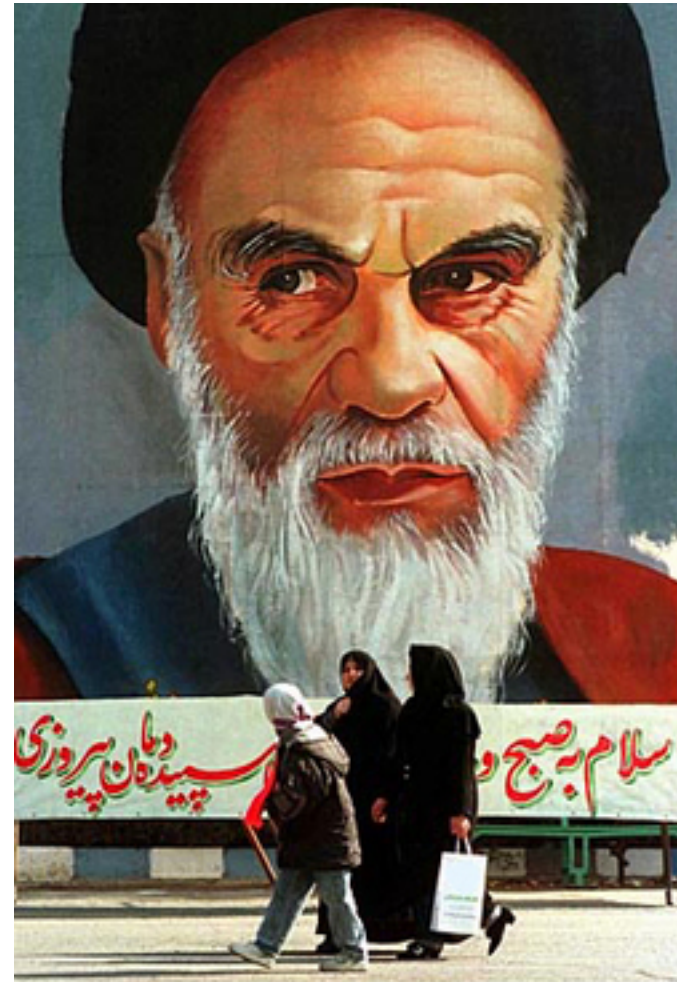
Shah's Secret Police

- The Shah ruled with a brutal and oppressive secret police.
- Iran's people hated the Shah's tactics.
- And many hated the US for supporting the Shah.



Jan. 1979 – Iranian Revolution

- A muslim religious leader, Khomeini, led rebels to overthrow the Shah and created a strict religious state based on the Koran, sacred book of Islam.



Nov. 1979 - The Iran Hostage Crisis

- Iranian students take over US Embassy in Tehran, Iran and hold 52 Americans hostage for 444 days.
- What did they want?
How did it end?
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1. What was the change in power in Iran in 1979?

Revolution broke out and the Ayatollah Khomeini led rebels in overthrowing the Shah and establishing a religious state based on the Koran.

2. Why did it happen and what did the students want?

Carter allowed the Shah to come to the US for cancer treatment, but the students wanted the Shah returned to Iran for trial in exchange for the American hostages.

3. How did it end?

Carter refused to negotiate, and after 444 days the hostages were returned when Reagan became President.

