



Trouble in the Suez

Background

- **Suez Canal** opened in 1869 by UK; last major colonial possession; mainly carried oil
- **Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936** – UK gets control of canal
- **1948** – EGY & ISR armistice → ISR had pushed into Sinai.
- **1949** – EGY closes canal to ISR shipping
- **1951** – EGY eases up, but declares 1936 treaty null and void
- **1952** – **Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser** leads successful coup against **King Farouk**
 - Goal: to expel UK/FRA from N. Africa & Middle East



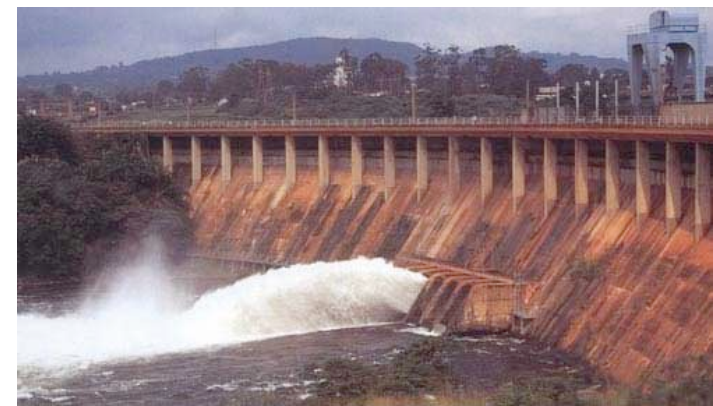
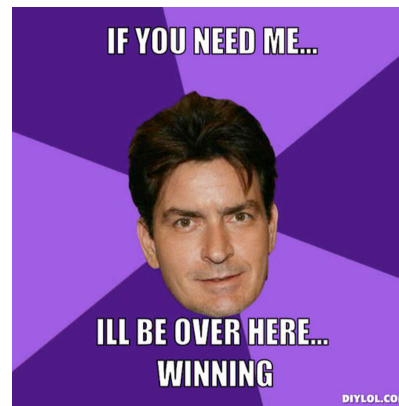
US & UK Failings (Kissinger)

- HST & Ike condemn UK for military action in ME b/c it should be a UN issue, but really b/c British Empire is untenable
- Instead of isolating GAN & making his demands useless, UK/US were too conciliatory in beginning & he gains confidence
- **1954** – UK promises withdrawal from Suez military base after US pressure by '56



Baghdad Pact

- Military Coalition of TUR, SYR, IRQ, PAK (527)
 - **KISS**: Flawed because of differing goals/strengths
 - Nasser wanted to wreck it
- US/UK court Nasser diplomatically
 - Peace w/ ISR & helping build **Aswan High Dam**
 - **KISS**: GAN couldn't make peace w/ ISR b/c he'd lose respect from Arab world
 - **KISS**: Instead of taking dam funds, took advantage of importance US/UK gave him → recognized Mao (preview)



1956

- **7/26** – GAN give a speech in Alexandria which served as a signal to troops to seize canal (530)
 - UK under new PM Eden want to punish EGY, as did FRA → Compare GAN to Hitler (*sigh*)
 - Ike/Dulles didn't want to upset long-term relations in ME, so they only cranked up rhetoric
- **KISS**: USSR gets upper hand b/c of fracture in W.



Dulles's Solutions? (532-536)

- Dulles – International control of Suez?
- **Maritime Conference** – 24 nations (not GAN) to take de facto control of Suez
 - Dulles relies on moral values & public opinion to enforce
 - Result: Useless and rejected by GAN anyway
- **Users Assoc.** – Int'l. coalition of ships stationed outside Suez to collect duties
 - KISS: Might have worked, but Dulles refuses to use force to implement



I'm still kinda ok
not doing anything.

UK & France Plan (539-41)

- Appeal to UN (“final hurdle”) → **Six Principles**
- UN: Egyptian **Operating Board** & Supervisory **Board of Users** resolve disputes through arbitration
 - Result: Security Council accepts it *but* USSR veto
 - US could’ve pressured USSR to remove veto, didn’t want to make waves (Where was brinkmanship?)
- UK/FRA come up w/ dumb & obvious plan that accomplishes the opposite of its intent & hurts ALL
 - KISS: Admit weakness by using ISR



Crisis Averted

- US responds to UNSC by ordering ISR withdrawal, but did not condemn EGY terrorist campaigns
 - Vetoed by UK/FRA → UNGA demanded an end to hostility 64-5 & est. UN Peacekeeping force
- 11/5 – While crushing Hungarian Uprising, USSR's **Bulganin** acts as enforcer; sends messages:
 - UK: Stop or we'll A-Bomb you
 - ISR: Stop or you'll cease to exist
- USSR proposes joint US/USSR military action; hints at WWII
 - US doesn't agree to this
 - UK/FRA remove forces in 48hrs. → Eden accepts cease-fire (11/6)



Don't worry, John.
I'll take care of it
- Bulganin

Kissinger's Faults in US Diplomacy

- US didn't have to force UN to act so swiftly
- US should have condemned EGY's aggression
- US should have condemned USSR's suppression of HUN as well as UK/FRA action (544)



Kissinger's Long-Term Results

- GAN didn't moderate policy toward West or Arab allies → supported overthrow of Western gov. in IRQ
- GAN → Arab hero b/c he stood up to W. and won
- Nonaligned nations realized that if pressure is applied to US, they will return w/ goodwill, while pressuring USSR is risky
- UK & FRA no longer world powers



Eisenhower Doctrine (548-49)

- **1/5/1957** – ME program of econ aid, military aid & protection vs. communist aggression (extends to whole world in SOTU)
- **KISS**: US disassociated itself w/rest of world so has to fight communism unilaterally

