

Change and Consensus: The Conservative Fifties

I. The Churchill Government

A. The Postwar Consensus and Summitry

II. The Eden Government

A. The Fiasco of Suez

III. The Macmillan Government

A. 'Super-Mac' and Europe

B. The Douglas-Home Interregnum



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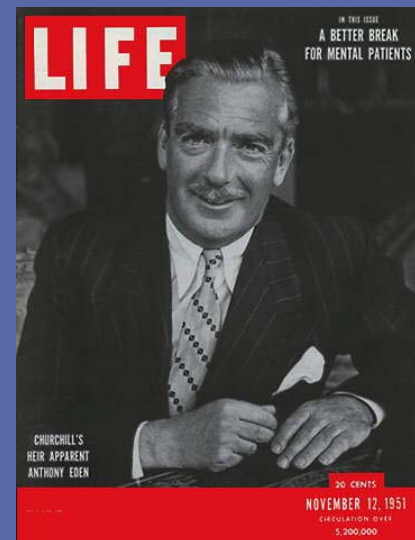
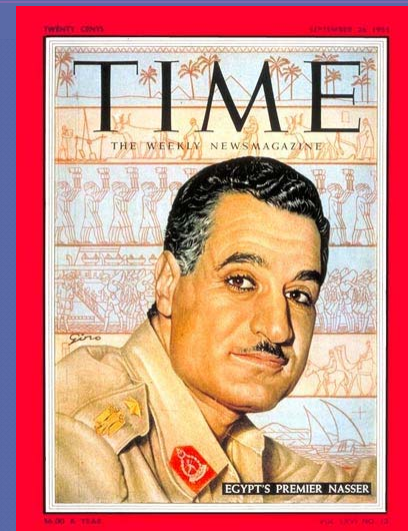
- The Postwar Consensus
 - De-rationing and de-nationalization
 - ‘Butskellism’
- Churchill’s Last Stab at Statesmanship
 - The Hydrogen Bomb and the Cold War
 - Churchill’s Bid at Summit Diplomacy
- And Eden waits...

J.F. Dulles, Churchill,
Eisenhower, and Eden



II. The Eden Government

- The Suez Fiasco
 - Britain in Egypt
 - Gamal Abdul Nasser
 - The Aswan High Dam
 - Nasser Nationalizes the Canal
- The Plan and the War
 - America Steps In
 - Britain Stands Down
- Eden Steps Down
 - “Wab or Hawold?”

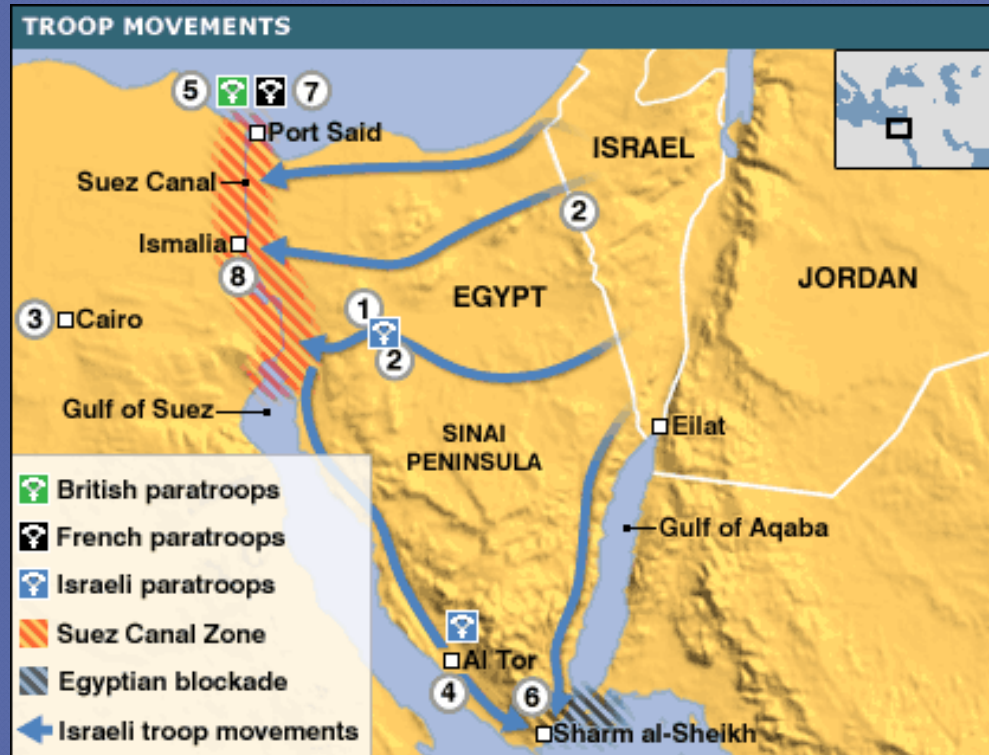


Guess who came
out on top?

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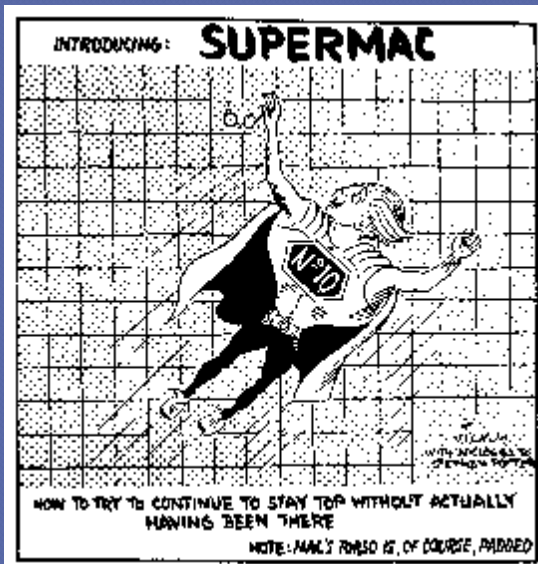
The Suez Invasion



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III. The Macmillan Government



- Macmillan the Consummate Politician
 - The Advent of 'Super-Mac'
- Making up With America
 - Buying American Nukes
- The 1959 Election
 - Budget battles and a “little local difficulty”
 - “You’ve never had it so good”

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De Gaulle and Macmillan

○ Britain and the Empire

- The 'Winds of Change' Speech (1960)

○ Britain and Europe

- Messina and the EEC
- The EFTA Alternative
- The General says 'non'

○ The Conservative Anti-Climax

- The National Economy Development Council
- Profumo Affair
- The Douglas-Home Interregnum

