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
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   A. ‘Super-Mac’ and Europe
   B. The Douglas-Home Interregnum
I. The Churchill Government

- 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
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  - “Wab or Hawold?”

Guess who came out on top?
The Suez Invasion
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- 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”
III. The Macmillan Government

- 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