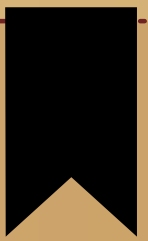


Kruschev and the West



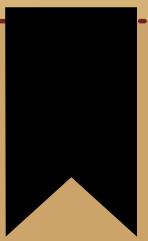
The Geneva Conference



- Took place during era of de-stalinization
- Renewed optimism in East -West relations
- UK, USA, France, USSR attended
- Discussed security, armaments, German unification
- Closer contacts between East and West and friendlier international climate established
- Agreed to end joint occupation of Austria



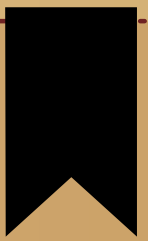
Austrian Peace Treaty: 1955



- 4 powers signed treaty making Austria independent
- Austria bound to permanent neutrality
- Couldn't join any military alliance
- Only peace treaty signed by western nations and USSR
- Showed relaxation of international tension since death of Stalin in 1953



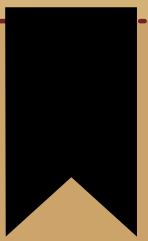
Suez Crisis 1955-56



- 1955 Egypt made a trade agreement with USSR
- Egypt would get arms from Czechoslovakia
- Egyptian president Nasser singled out Israel in propaganda attacks
- Threatened security of Israel
- 1956 USA withdraws financial aid to Egypt to build Aswan Dam
- Nasser nationalizes Suez Canal



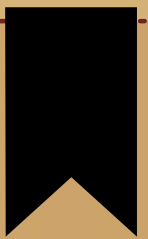
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- 1956 Israelis attacked Egypt and moved toward the Suez Canal
- British and French angered by the nationalization of the canal demanded ceasefire and to occupy key points of the canal.
- Egypt refused so British and French invaded the Suez Canal Zone



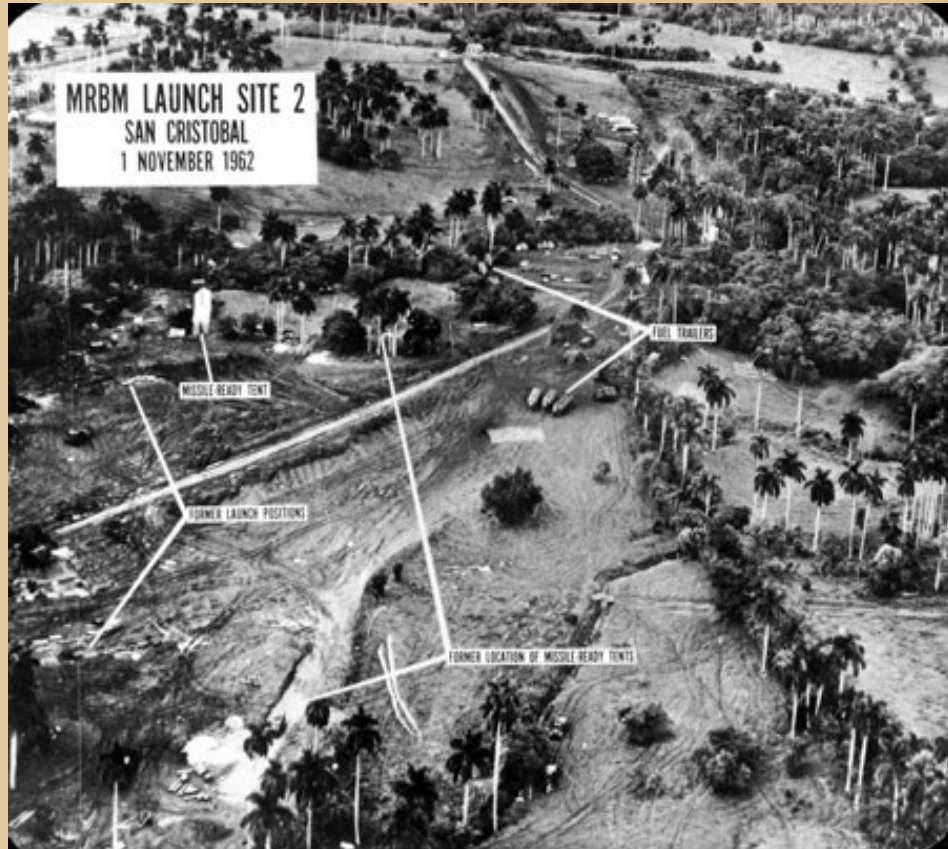
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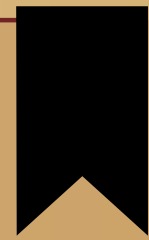
- The UN General Assembly agreed to the creation of United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF)
- UNEF drove out the combatants and kept the peace
- UNEF became known as Peacekeepers and were one of the most successful ventures of the UN
- Since Suez crisis USSR has extended its influence to Syria and Iraq
- Effect - drove Egypt and Nasser closer to the USSR



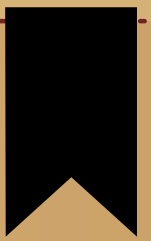
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A Peaceful Co-existence

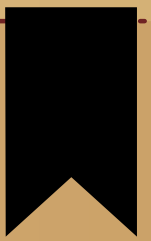


Conflicting interpretations

- Relaxing of tensions within the Cold War
- or
- Speaks of peace but competition might be more aggressive



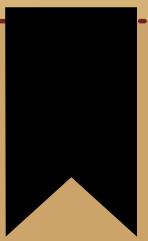
A Peaceful Co-existence



- 1956 Krushchev was ready to peacefully compete with the USA on a global basis
- USA responded with the Eisenhower Doctrine:
“A policy of using US troops if necessary to intervene in the Middle East to help against communist aggression”



Soviet Influence?



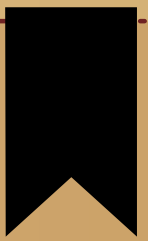
- Krushchev visits India, Afghanistan, and Burma

Why?

- Tries to increase Soviet influence in these areas and build a string of Soviet influenced states



Examples of Competition



- Superiority in Space Race
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Fischer/Spassky Chess Match
- 1972 Summit Hockey Series
- Krushchev's 'We will bury you speech'
- American's cancel Aswan Dam financing, Soviets take advantage
- Soviet aggressiveness in Middle East

