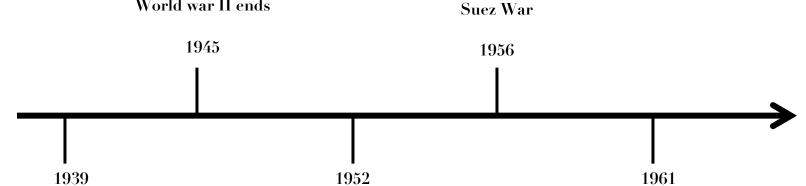


Israel, joined by Britain and France, invaded Egypt in 1956 to regain Western control of the Suez Canal and remove Nasser from power, following Nasser's decision to nationalize the canal on July 26, 1956. Forces were withdrawn from Egypt in 1957, with major involvement of the United States, the Soviet Union, and the United Nations.

World war II ends



World War II begins

World War II began in 1939 and involved the vast majority of the world's nations. Two opposing military alliances were formed: the Allies and the Axis. Italy, under Mussolini and the Axis, attempted to invade British-allied Egypt, but was defeated. Italians were subsequently expelled from Egypt.

Revolution in Egypt

The Revolution in Egypt began on July 23, 1952 with a military coup carried out by the Free Officers and led by General Naguib and Gamal Abdel Nasser. Initially aimed at overthrowing King Farouk, the revolution moved to abolish the constitutional monarch and aristocracy of Egypt and Sudan, establish a republic, end the British occupation of Egypt, and secure the independence of Sudan.

Nationalization of the private sector

On July 23, 1961, Nasser embarked on an unprecedented wave of nationalizations in Syria and Egypt and announced the nationalization of banks, insurance companies, and all heavy industry. Because foreign nationals owned much of the industry, many of these people subsequently returned to their home countries or went elsewhere.

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