

6-Day War – Another example of superpowers trying to cause problems for each other in another region

- USSR telling Egypt that Israel was massing troops along the Sinai and Syrian borders = Egypt found it was false
 - o Knew US was in trouble in Vietnam, Soviets would gain influence in M.E. if Egypt won
- Egypt under Nasser had cut all trade links for Israel, Syria was bombarding them from the Golan Heights = forced Israel to war, but US said they wouldn't help them
- USSR told Egypt to not be the aggressor (would not support them)
- Arab nations 1st time threatened to cut oil if countries supported Israel
- Israel knew only a first strike would allow them to survive = June 5, 1967 – 180 Israeli planes struck Egypt, attack Egyptian air force while on the ground = destroyed 300/340 in 3 hours.
- Sinai, Egypt had 3X the tanks, but no air cover, Israel moved quickly forcing Egypt back, 935 Egyptian tanks, 820 destroyed, 15000 Egyptian soldiers dead, compared to 338 for Israel
- USSR had to help Syria @ Golan Heights, fearing Arab allies would be routed, backed off when the US moved the a Battle Fleet into the Mediterranean, 50 minutes away from the action
- Israel was in a strong position to negotiate, Arabs, especially Egypt refused as they did not recognize them as a state.