CONFLICTS & CHANGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST



I. The Impact of Geography

A. Connects Europe, Africa, Asia = diversity of religion, peoples, beliefs, cultures

B. Oil rules the region=interests

by rest of world



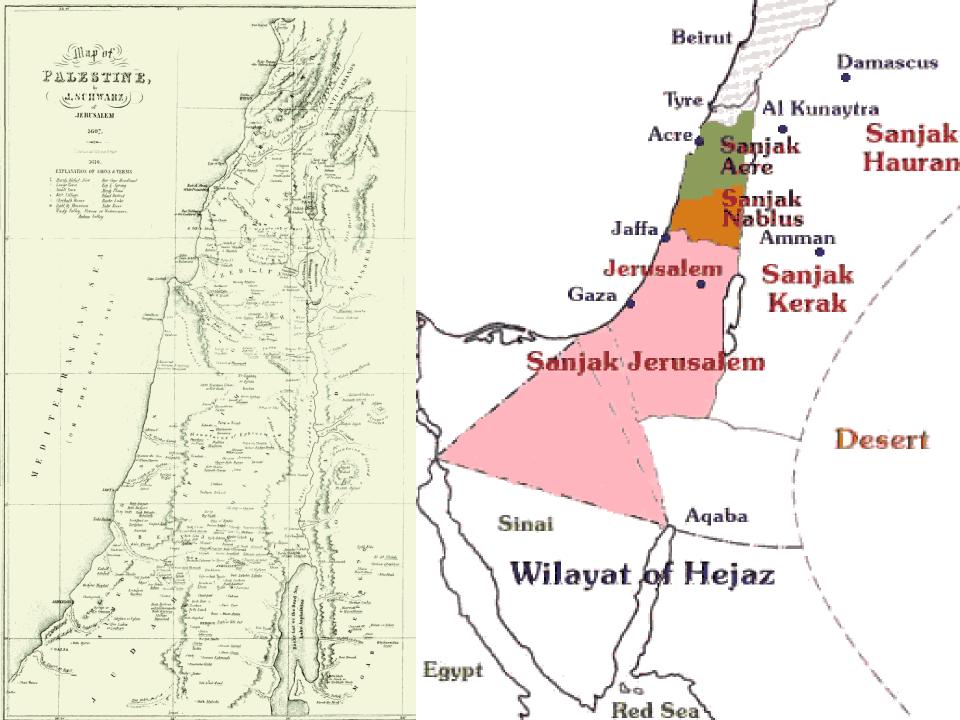


II. A Jewish State Among Arab Nations

- A. Creation of Israel
 - 1. Zionist movement before WWII







- 2. WWII: the Holocaust
 a. Israel=a British colony known as
 Palestine
 - b. Many survivors moved to Israel, but Palestinians already there=home to 2 peoples
- 3. Israel independence: 1948, proclaimed a Jewish state a. 2 million Jews migrated to Israel





B. Palestinians & Arab-Israeli Wars 1. 1st war between the two in 1948 a. =Palestinians lost→ 700,000 Arab refugees

b. Bitter Palestinians as Israel doubled its size





2. PLO: Palestinian Liberation
Organization*a. Led by Yasir Arafat,
represented Palestinians

b. Goal: to regain Palestine for Palestinians (Muslims)

c. =terrorism: 1972 Olympic games in Munich
11 Israeli athletes killed

3. =series of wars ever since

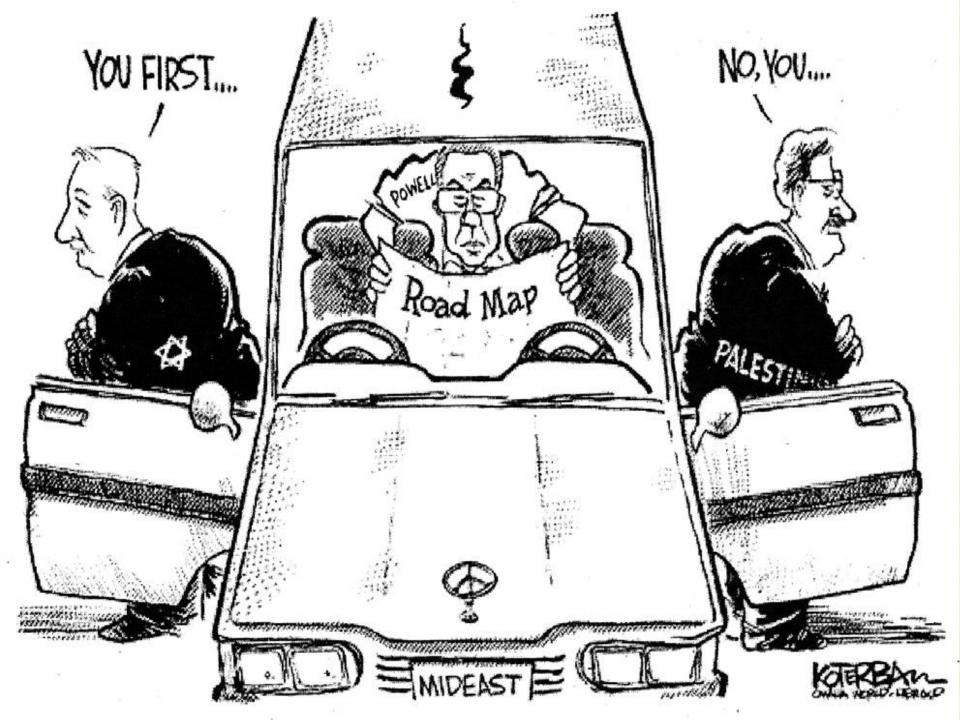




4. Camp David Accords* 1979 a. Egypt & Israel signed a peace agreement

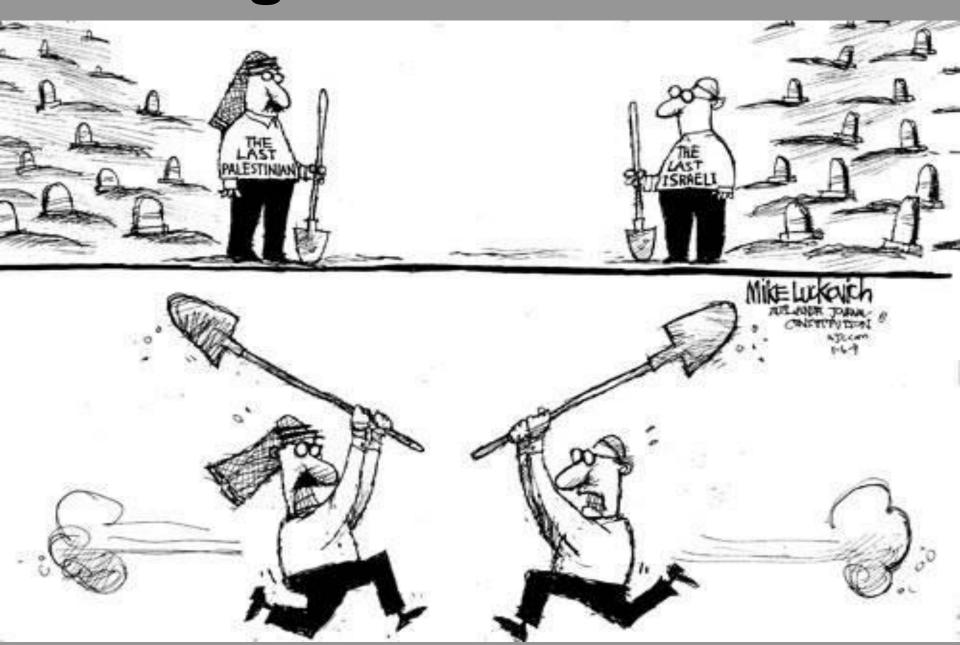


- 5. Intifada*: Palestinian uprising, = more terrorism by PLO
- 6. 1993 Peace Talks between PLO & Israel:
 - a. Ytizhak Rabin (Israeli Prime Minister) agreed to give Palestinians land in the Gaza Strip & Jericho, but not self-rule
 - b. Peace with Jordan also





"Fight to the Finish"

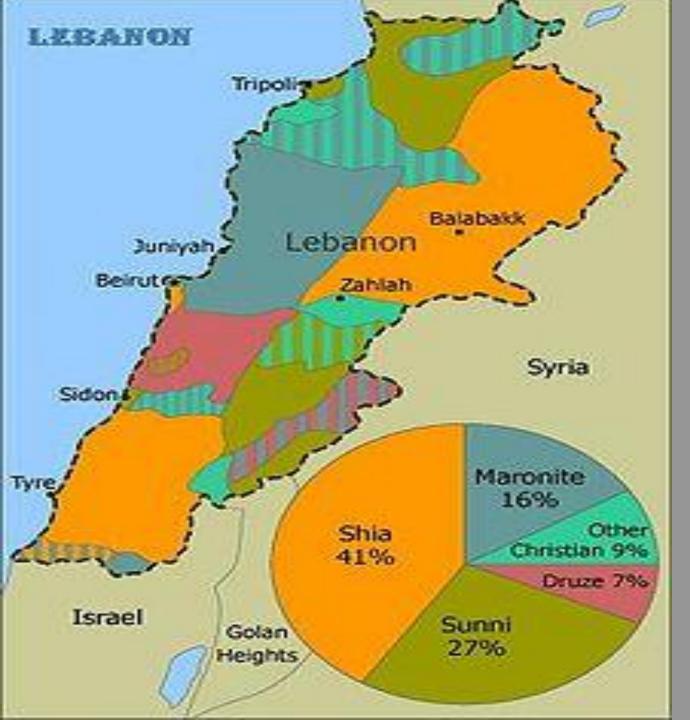


III. Civil War in Lebanon

- A. Independence form France after WWII
- B. Diverse Population:
 Christians, Muslims lived in peace until Palestinian refugees moved there in 1967



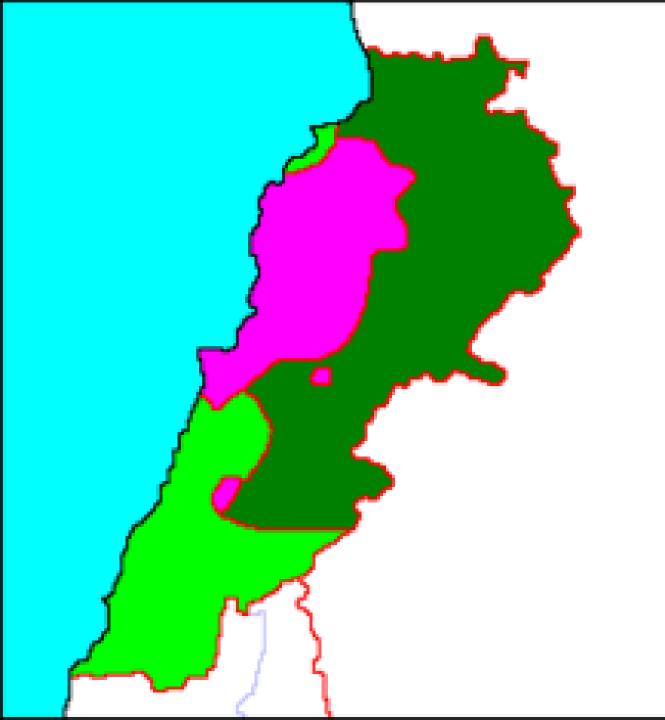




Lebanon today

2. Now: ?





Map showing power balance in Lebanon, 1976:

Dark green - controlled by Syria,

purple - controlled by Christian militias,

controlled by Palestinian militias

IV. Results of the

Collapse of

Colonialism:

1. Economic Collapse for the Colony

a. Reliance on one product
 (ex. Tea, coffee, oil)
 i. When that price goes
 down, so does entire
 economy

2. Civil Wars: a. Religious i. India, Middle East b. Or Govt

(democracy v. communism)

4. <u>Debt of those Govts</u> =loans from powerful countries

5. <u>Lack of education, technology</u> a. = cycle of poverty

6. Genocides:

- a. Africa:
 - i. Rwanda, Nigeria, Uganda, South Africa
 - b. Asia:
 - i. China, Cambodia