

# The Fleet Six Crisis: A Pivotal Moment in Post-War American Foreign Policy

The Fleet Six Crisis was a major diplomatic standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union that took place in the Mediterranean Sea in June 1967. The crisis was triggered by the deployment of the American Sixth Fleet to the Mediterranean in response to the Six-Day War between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The Soviet Union responded by sending a squadron of warships to the Mediterranean, leading to a tense standoff between the two superpowers.

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## **Background**

The Fleet Six Crisis was the culmination of a series of events that began with the Six-Day War in June 1967. The war was a major victory for Israel, which defeated its Arab neighbors in a matter of days. The war also led to the occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Sinai Peninsula by Israel.

The United States was concerned about the implications of the Six-Day War for the Middle East. The war had led to a major shift in the balance of power in the region, and the United States was concerned that the Soviet Union would take advantage of the situation to expand its influence in the Middle East.

In response to the Six-Day War, the United States deployed the Sixth Fleet to the Mediterranean. The Sixth Fleet was a powerful force, and its deployment was a clear signal to the Soviet Union that the United States was prepared to defend its interests in the Middle East.

## **The Crisis**

The Soviet Union responded to the deployment of the Sixth Fleet by sending a squadron of warships to the Mediterranean. The Soviet squadron was led by the cruiser Moskva, and it was accompanied by several destroyers and submarines. The Soviet squadron arrived in the Mediterranean on June 10, 1967, and it immediately began to shadow the Sixth Fleet.

The standoff between the two fleets created a tense situation in the Mediterranean. The United States and the Soviet Union were on the brink of war, and the world held its breath.

The crisis was eventually resolved through a combination of diplomacy and brinkmanship. The United States and the Soviet Union agreed to a ceasefire, and the Soviet squadron withdrew from the Mediterranean.

## **Aftermath**

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The Fleet Six Crisis is often seen as a watershed moment in the Cold War. It was the first time that the United States and the Soviet Union had come to the brink of war since the Cuban Missile Crisis. The crisis also showed that the United States was willing to use its military power to defend its interests in the Middle East.

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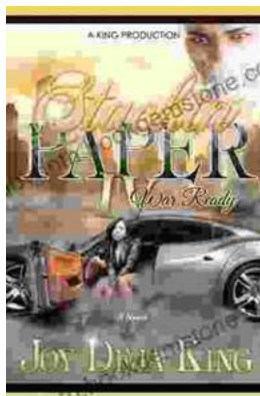
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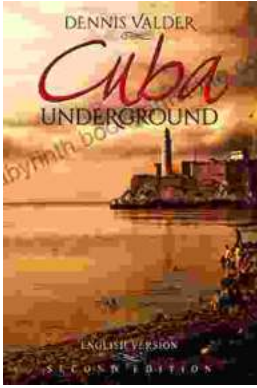
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