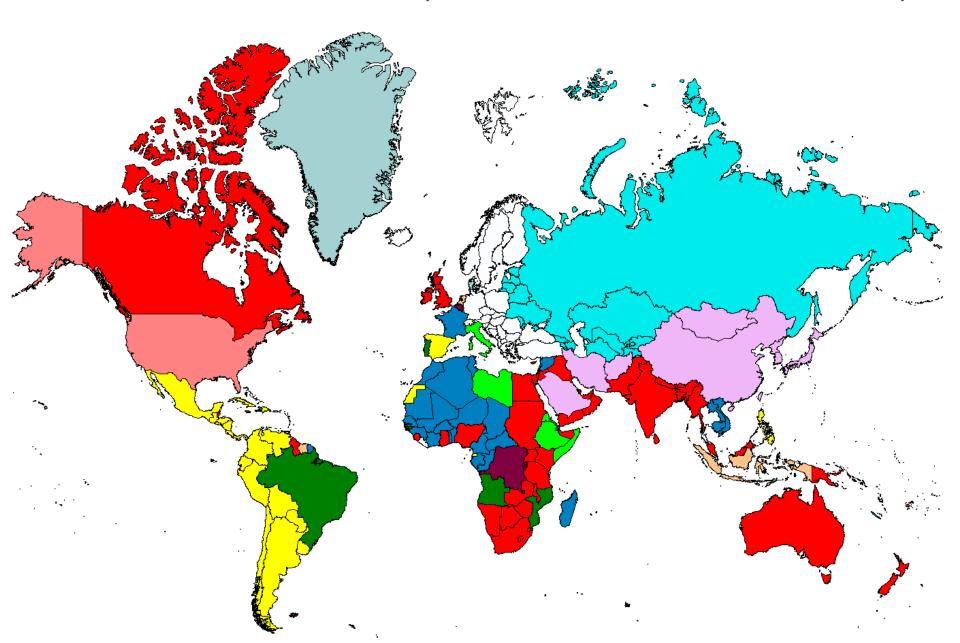


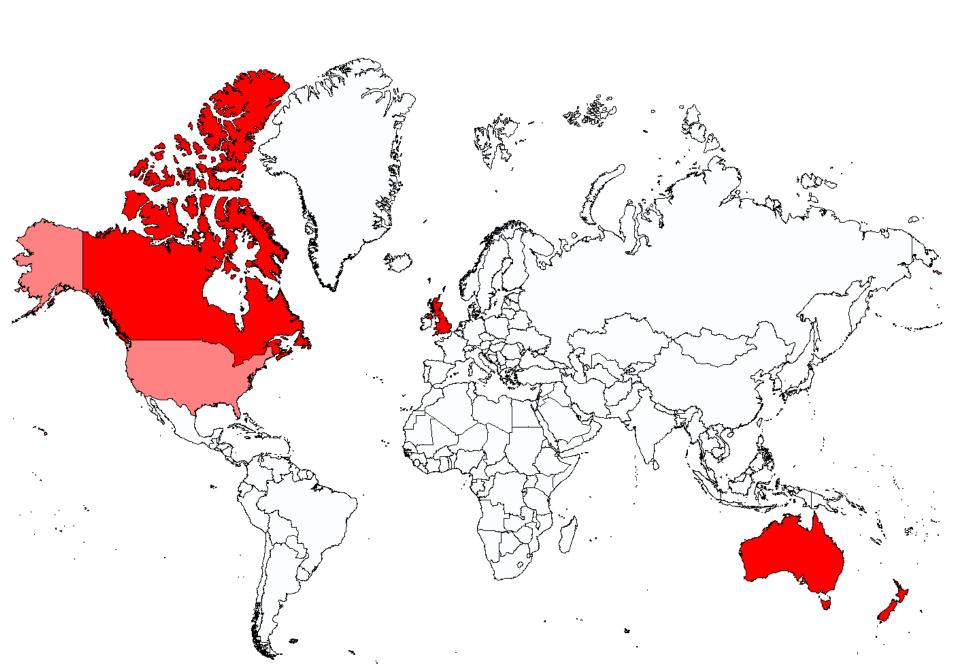
THE 200 OR SO COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, OF WHICH NOT A SINGLE BOUNDARY HAD NOT BEEN DEFINED BY FORCE OF ARMS AND RIGHT OF CONQUEST



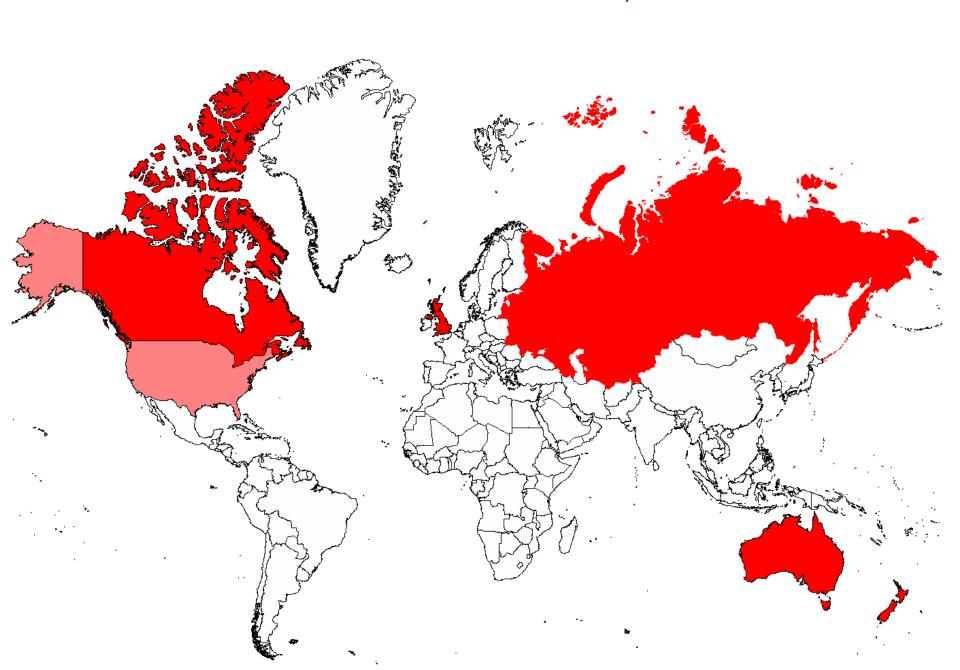
UNTIL THE SECOND WORLD WAR MOST OF THE WORLD WAS RULED BY EUROPEAN IMPERIAL POWERS AND THEIR EXPATRIATED HEIRS (IN LIGHT PURPLE THE SEMI-CONTROLLED COUNTRIES)



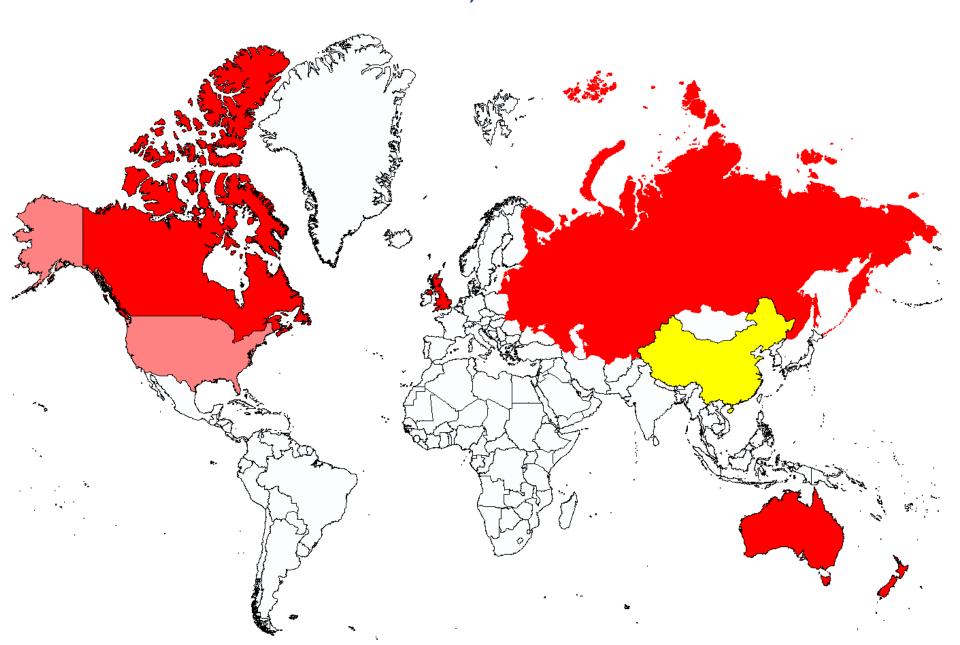
THE WESTERN VICTORS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR WERE THE HEIRS TO THE BRITISH EMPIRE



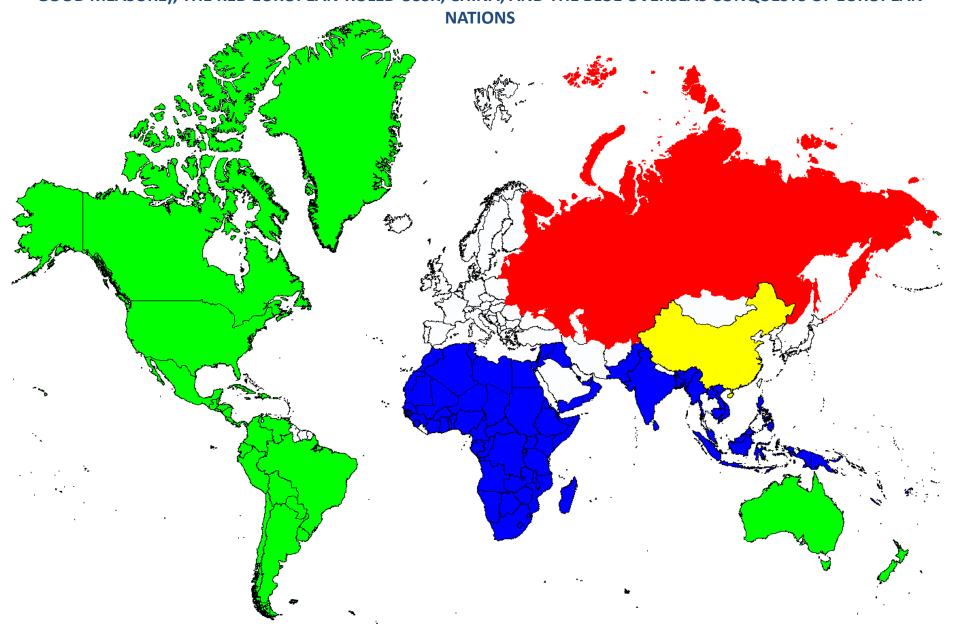
THE EASTERN VICTOR OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS THE USSR, FORMERLY THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE



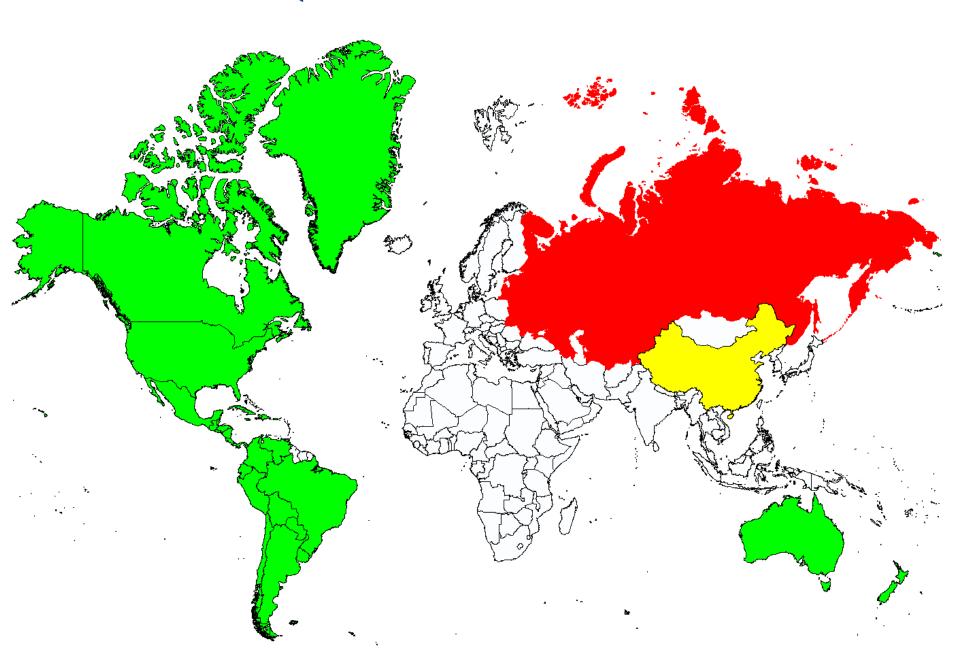
THE ORIGINAL 1942 UNITED NATIONS WERE BRITAIN AND HER DOMINIONS, THE UNITED STATES, THE USSR, AND CHINA



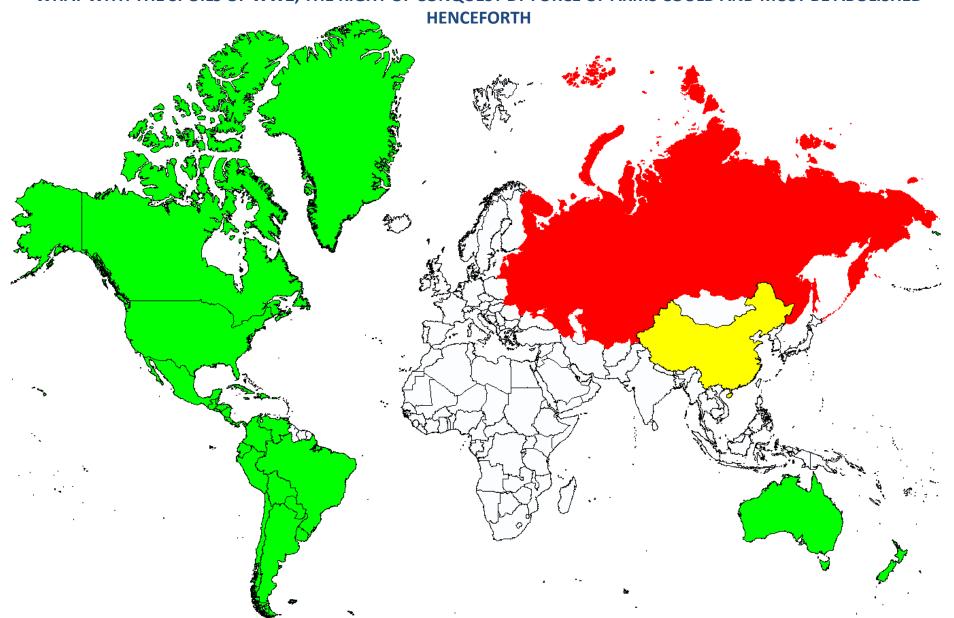
RIGHT AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, OUTSIDE EUROPE THE WORLD CONSISTED OF THE GREEN NATIONS, WHERE EXPATRIATED EUROPEAN CONQUERORS HAD DECLARED INDEPENDENCE FOR THEMSELVES (GREENLAND ADDED FOR GOOD MEASURE), THE RED EUROPEAN-RULED USSR, CHINA, AND THE BLUE OVERSEAS CONQUESTS OF EUROPEAN



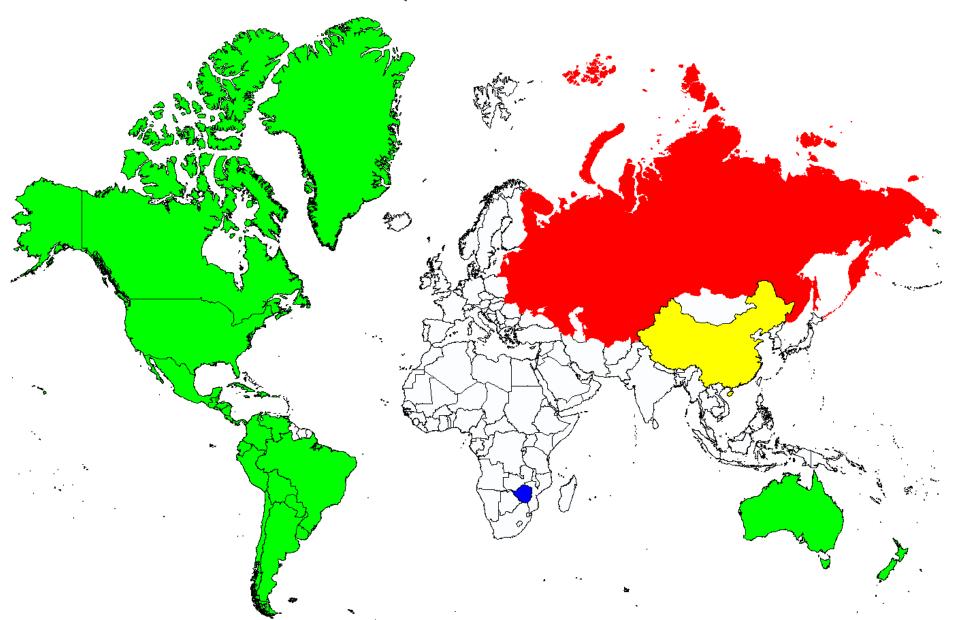
THE UNITED NATIONS RULED IN 1945 THAT, CONTRARY TO THE GREEN AND RED NATIONS, THE BLUE EUROPEAN CONQUESTS MUST BE DEVOLVED TO NATIVE POPULATIONS



AT THAT POINT, THE EXPATRIATED NATIONS OF BOTH COLORS, WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED EXCLUSIVELY BY RIGHT OF CONQUEST AND FORCE OF ARMS, AGREED THAT, SINCE THEY HAD NOW REACHED THE APEX OF THEIR CONQUESTS, WHAT WITH THE SPOILS OF WW2, THE RIGHT OF CONQUEST BY FORCE OF ARMS COULD AND MUST BE ABOLISHED



INTERESTINGLY, BETWEEN 1964 AND 1975, TRYING TO EMULATE THEIR GREEN PREDECESSORS, EXPATRIATED BRITISH COLONISTS ESTABLISHED INDEPENDENCE FOR THEMSELVES IN BLUE RHODESIA, BUT WERE EVENTUALLY FORCED TO RELINQUISH POWER TO NATIVE POPULATIONS

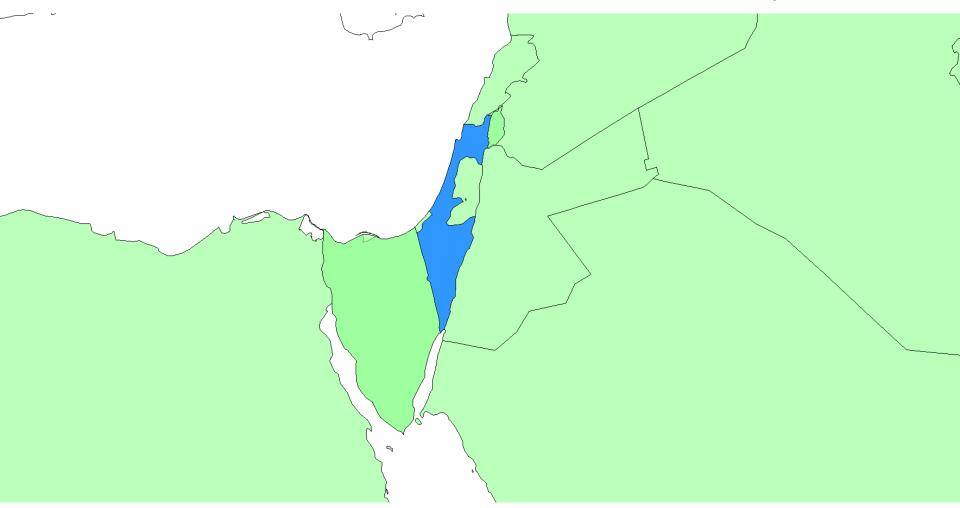


MEANWHILE, IN A TEENY TINY REGION OF THE WORLD THE RIGHT OF CONQUEST WAS FIRST GRANTED, AND THEN DENIED



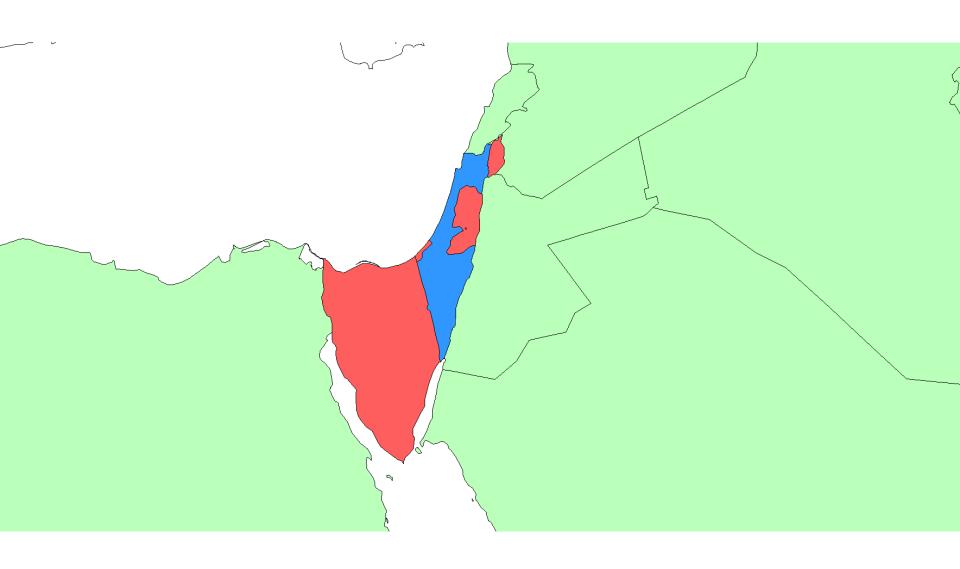
IN 1948 A NEW NATION WAS ESTABLISHED* (BLUE) IN THE MIDST OF A REGION WHICH HAD BEEN CONQUERED BY EUROPEAN POWERS BY FORCE OF ARMS AND RIGHT OF CONQUEST

* Whether said establishment was or not judicious is another issue

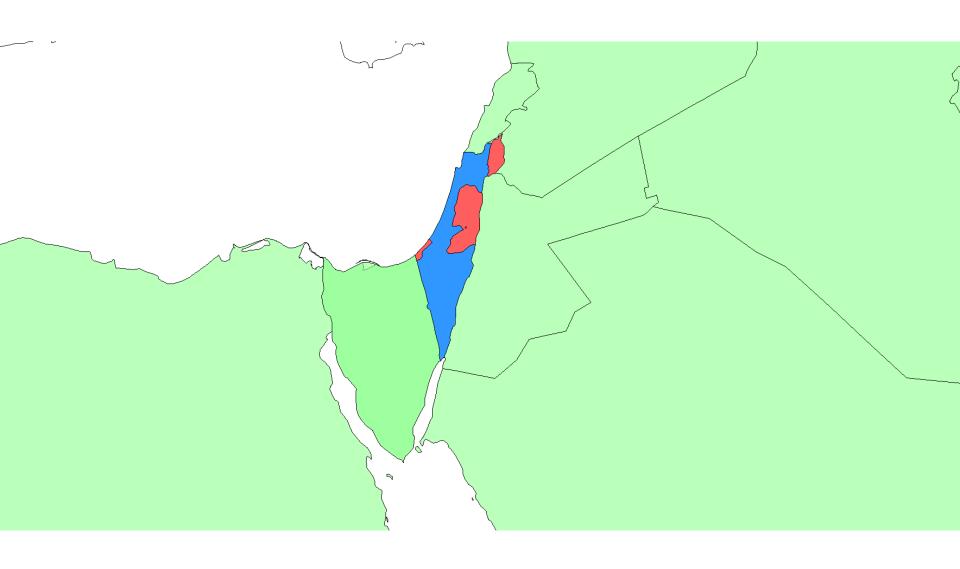


HOWEVER, AFTER A SERIES OF CONFLICTS, A MAJOR WAR ERUPTED IN 1967 BETWEEN VIRTUALLY ALL THE GREEN NATIONS ON ONE HAND AND THE BLUE LAND ON THE OTHER. THE AVOWED PURPOSE OF THE WAR WAS FOR THE GREENS TO INVADE AND ERADICATE BLUE BY FORCE OF ARMS AND RIGHT OF CONQUEST

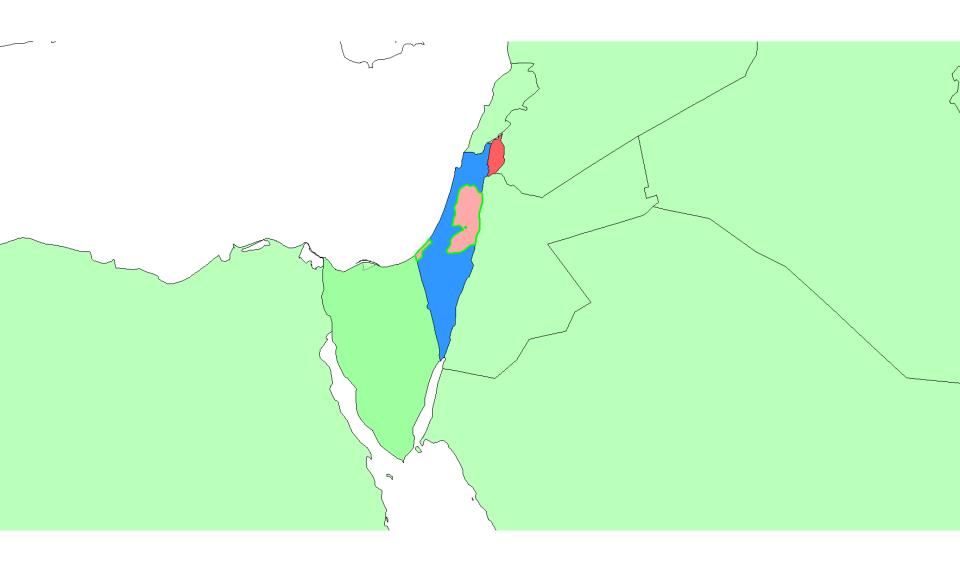
EVENTS DID NOT PLAY IN FAVOR OF THE GREENS AND BLUE CONQUERED BY FORCE OF ARMS SOME RED AREAS



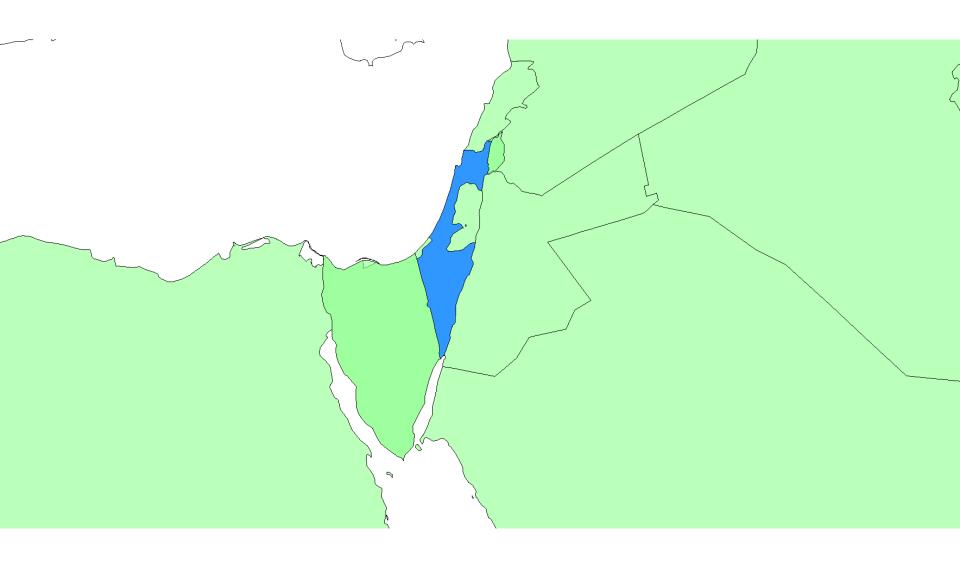
ONLY TO RELINQUISH THE SOUTHERN CONQUEST IN 1982 UNDER THE TERMS OF A PEACE TREATY CONCLUDED IN 1979



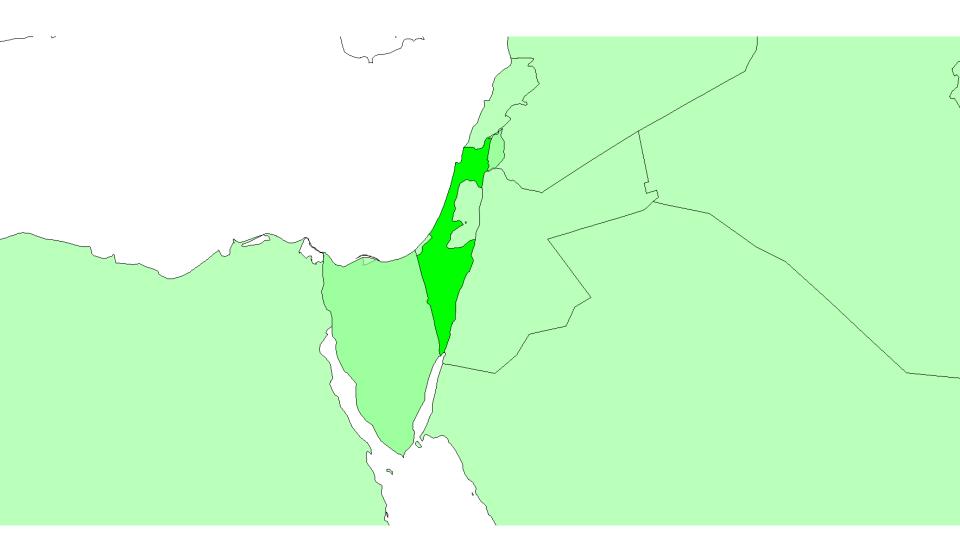
THE OTHER CONQUERED TERRITORIES TRANSITIONED TO A TEMPORARY, HARD TO MAINTAIN, STATUS



IT SEEMS TO BE THE POLICY OF THE GREEN NATIONS TO CONFINE BLUE TO THE GEOGRAPHICALLY CONSTRICTED NOOSE IN WHICH SHE FINDS HERSELF, SURROUNDED IN MOST PART BY REPORTEDLY QUITE HOSTILE NEIGHBOURS



THE POLICY OF SOME OTHER OF THE GREEN NATIONS IS APPARENTLY TO ERADICATE BLUE ALTOGETHER, ALTHOUGH WHETHER OR NOT BY RIGHT OF CONQUEST AND FORCE OF ARMS IS ANYONE'S GUESS



WHEN RULES AND MORAL STANDARDS CHANGE IN THE COURSE OF THE HUMAN HISTORY GAME, ABSURDITY AND CHAOS DO ENSUE