



bia, which retaliated by installing the OPEC oil blockade. The United States used the shock waves of the 1973 war to take on a lead role in the peace negotiations following that war, seeking to exclude Moscow from the process

while demonstrating to its estranged Arab allies that its mediation was the only way to force Israel to make concessions. The Camp David Accords, signed by Egypt and Israel in 1979, returned the captured Sinai peninsula to

Egypt in exchange for peace and security guarantees, marking the culmination of that diplomacy and establishing Washington as a hegemonic power in the center of the Middle East—even as the Iranian revolution struck a major