

المغرب منذ الحرب العالمية الثانية *

MOROCCO SINCE WORLD WAR II

During the war years Morocco became of vital importance to the allies. The Sultan was very co-operative. This attitude saved Morocco from forced annexation. The Sultan even said that the Moroccans and France' best friends during her glorious as well as her black days. And it is the custom of the Muslims not to betray their friends. Previously the Sultan had refused to sign some decrees proposed by the Vichy Government.

In 1943 the Casablanca Conference was attended by President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill in order to discuss some problems pertaining to the conducting of war. The President had the chance to converse with the Sultan, and he was impressed by him. He advised the Sultan to try to keep Morocco's mineral resources intact and not to allow the French to exploit them. In many a time, Churchill tried to divert the topic of conversation. In 1954 when general Guillaume was asked what made the Sultan turn against the French? He retorted: "President Roosevelt" An Egyptian journalist quoted President Roosevelt's son as having said that his father loathed the French for what they had done to Morocco.

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