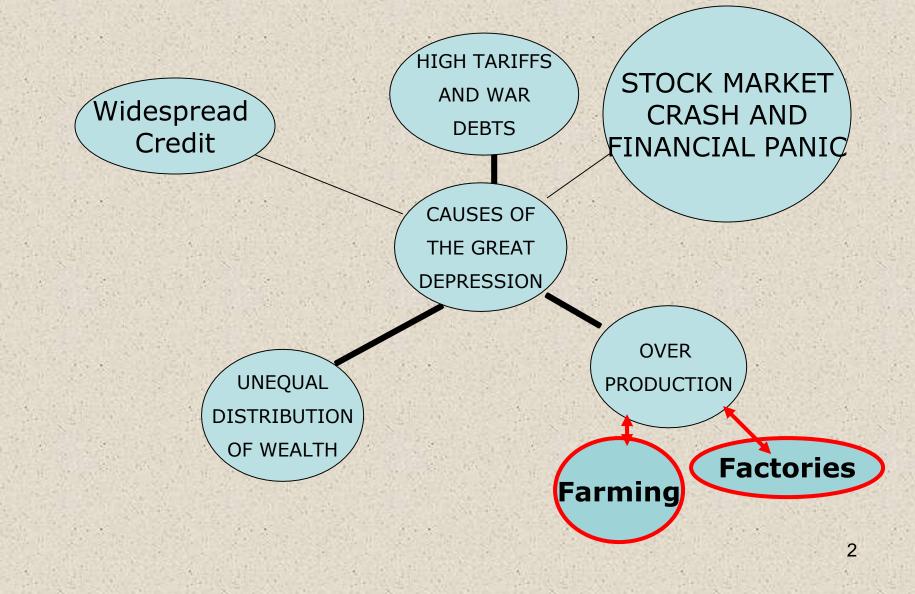
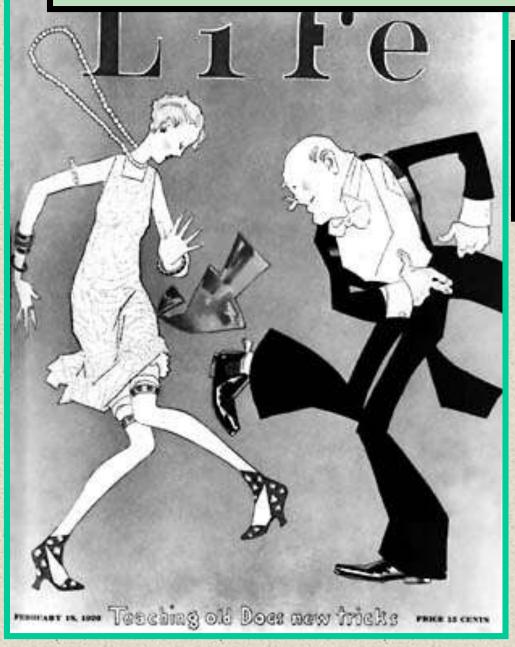


# CAUSES OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION



## **INEQUALITY OF WEALTH**



THE 1920'S WAS A PROSPEROUS TIME BUT THE PROSPERITY WAS NOT SHARED EQUALLY, particularly by farmers.

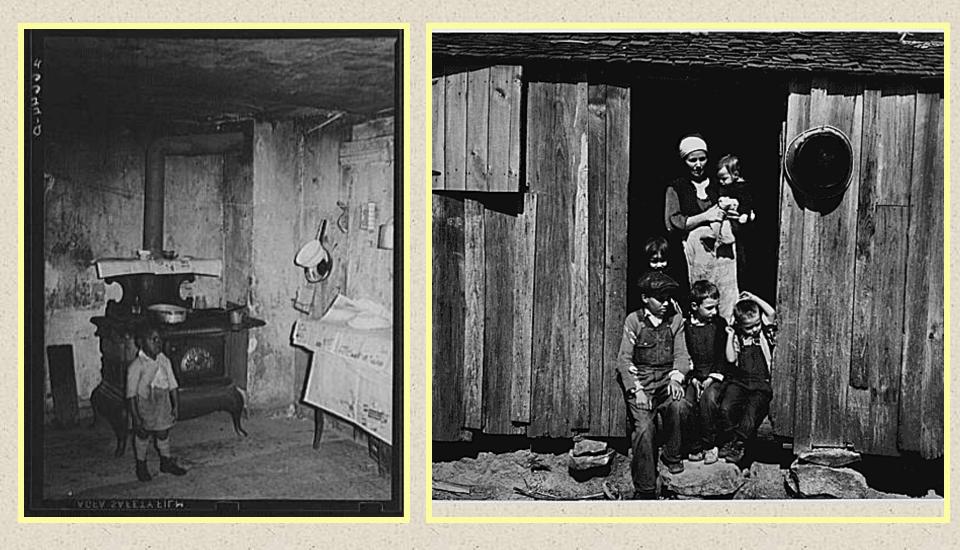
## **UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH**

 The nation's total realized income was not distributed evenly.

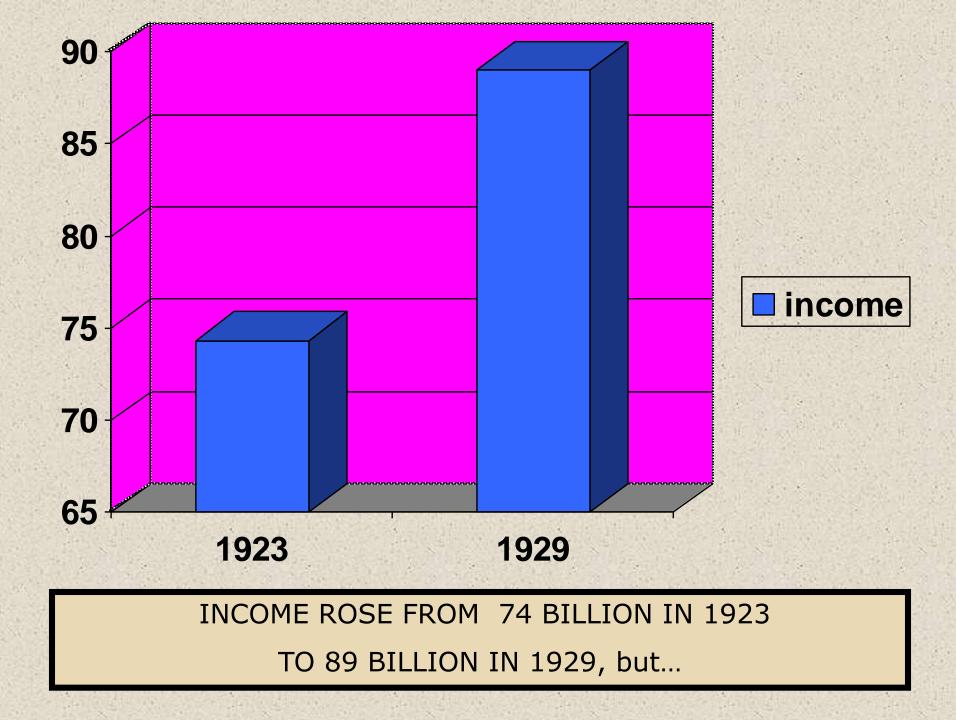
In 1929 the top 0.1% of Americans owned as much as the bottom 42%.

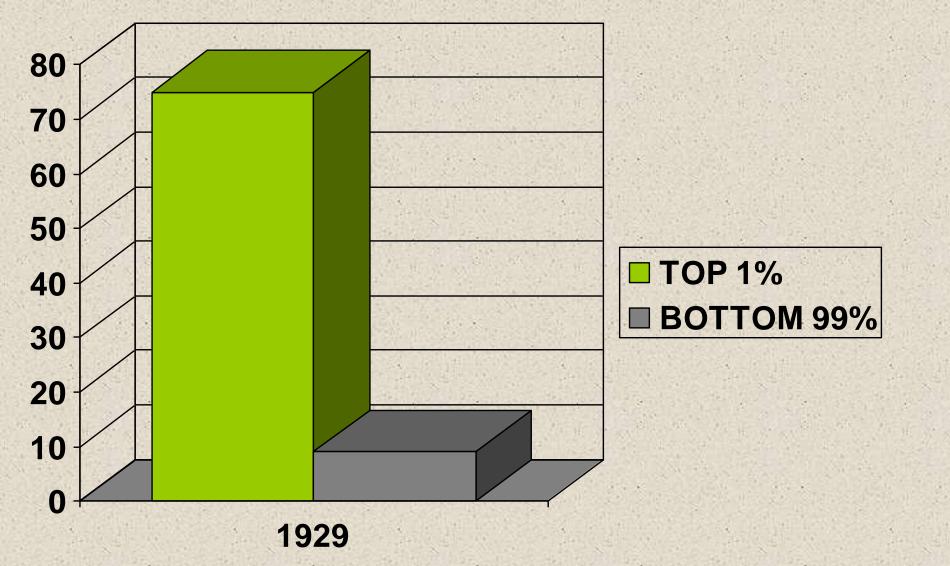
80% of Americans had no savings at all.





#### RURAL POVERTY IN THE 1920'S

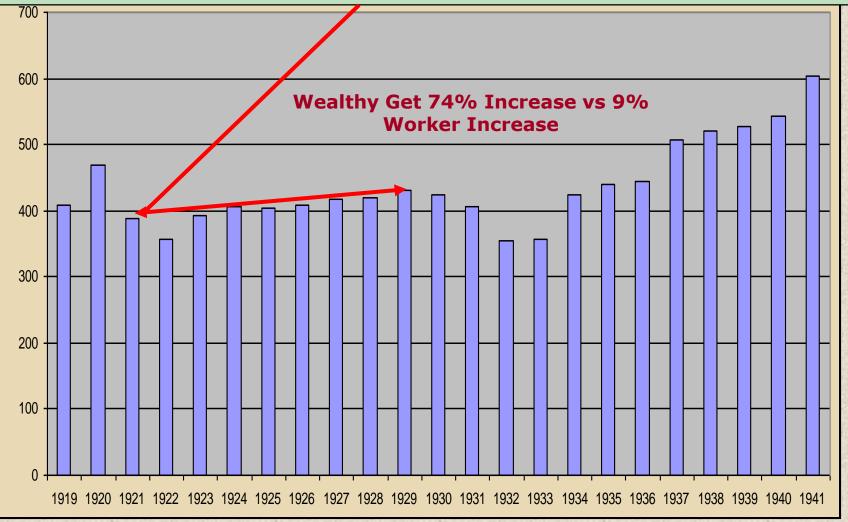




#### THE TOP 1% OF THE POPULATION SAW A 74% INCREASE IN THEIR INCOME WHILE REST OF THE NATION SAW ONLY A 9% INCREASE DURING THE 1920'S.

## WAGES OF UNSKILLED WORKERS

NOTICE HOW LITTLE WORKING CLASS WAGES CHANGED DURING THE SUPPOSED PROSPERITY OF THE 1920'S



## **WWI WAR DEBTS**

AT THE END OF WWI, EUROPEAN NATIONS OWED \$10 BILLION TO THE USA. THEIR ECONOMIES HAD BEEN DEVASTATED BY WAR AND THEY HAD NO WAY OF PAYING THE MONEY BACK.

THIS FORCED THE ALLIES TO DEMAND GERMANY PAY BACK THE **WWI WAR REPARATIONS** AT THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES.

NOW, EUROPE COULD NOT PURCHASE GOODS FROM THE U.S. HELPING CAUSE THE GREAT DEPRESSION. OVERPRODUCTION IN INDUSTRY FACTORIES WERE ROARING BUT WAGES WERE NOT. FEW WORKERS COULD AFFORD TO BUY NEW GOODS. PRODUCTS COULD NOT BE SOLD OVERSEAS DUE TO TARIFFS AND LACK OF MONEY IN EUROPE.



# **FARM OVERPRODUCTION**

DUE TO OVERPRODUCTION FARM INCOMES DROPPED THROUGHOUT THE 1920'S:

•FARM LAND FELL FROM \$69 PER ACRE TO \$31

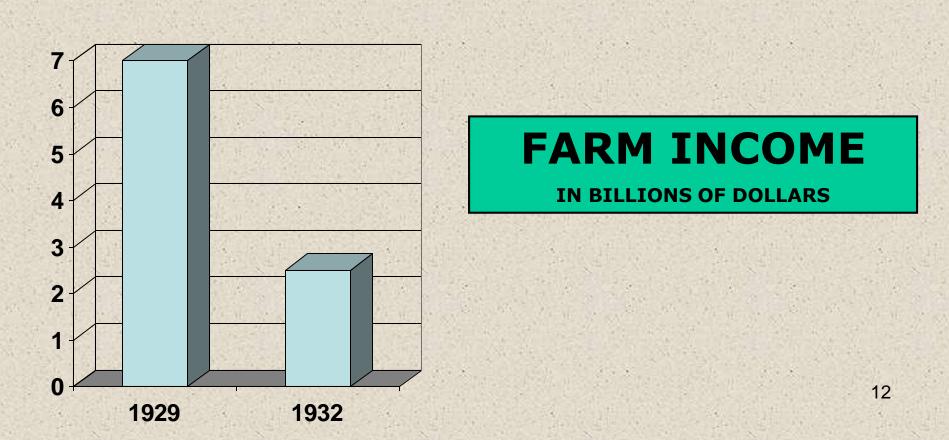
•ANNUAL INCOME FOR AMERICAN FAMILY WAS \$750, BUT FOR FARM FAMILIES IT WAS ONLY \$273.

•30% OF AMERICANS STILL LIVED ON FARMS.

## FARMER'S INCOME FELL from \$7 billion in 1929 to only \$2.5 billion in 1932.

Few farmers had electricity or running water and many lived in primitive and isolated conditions.

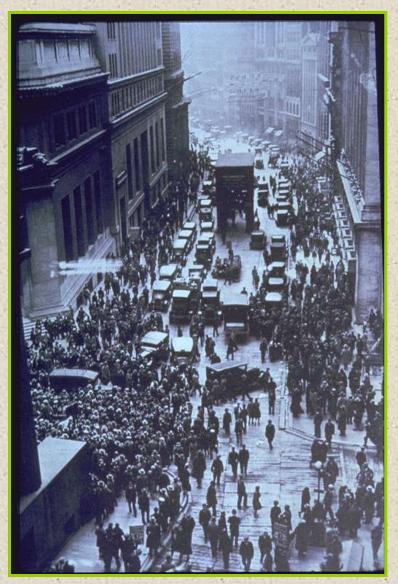
By 1933, banks were foreclosing on some 20,000 farm mortgages monthly.



#### MANY FARMERS LOST THEIR FARMS. BELOW IS ONE OF THOUSANDS OF FARM FORECLOSURE SALES.



## STOCK MARKET CRASH AND FINANCIAL PANIC





#### WALL STREET ON THE DAY OF THE CRASH, OCTOBER 1929



## REASONS FOR THE STOCK MARKET CRASH

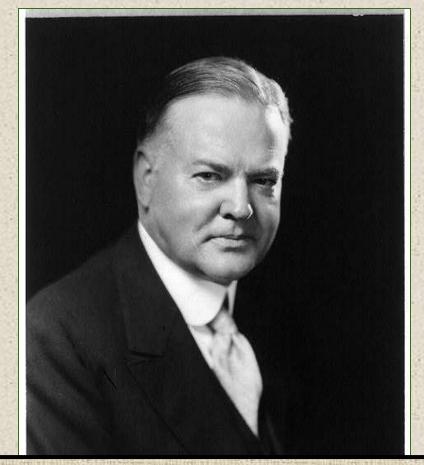
STOCKS WERE OVERPRICED DUE TO SPECULATION

FRAUD (COMPANIES LIE ABOUT EARNINGS)

#### **MARGIN BUYING**

**LOOSE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT** 

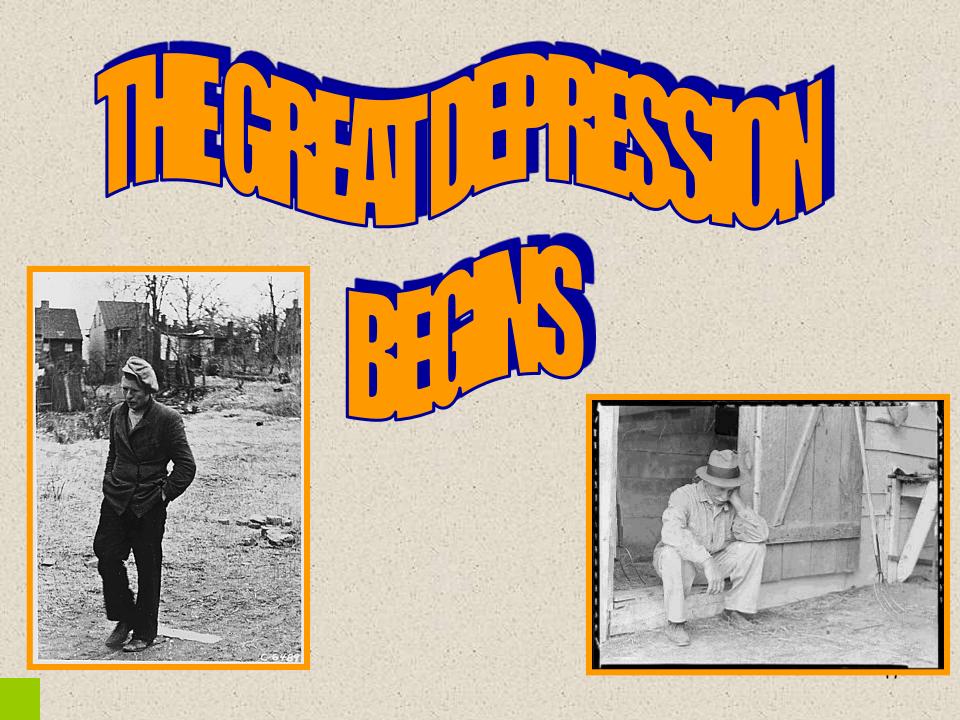
# HERBERT HOOVER ELECTED PRESIDENT, 1928



Campaign Slogan "A Chicken in Every Pot and a Car in Every Garage". "We in America today are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land. The poorhouse is vanishing from among us." 1928







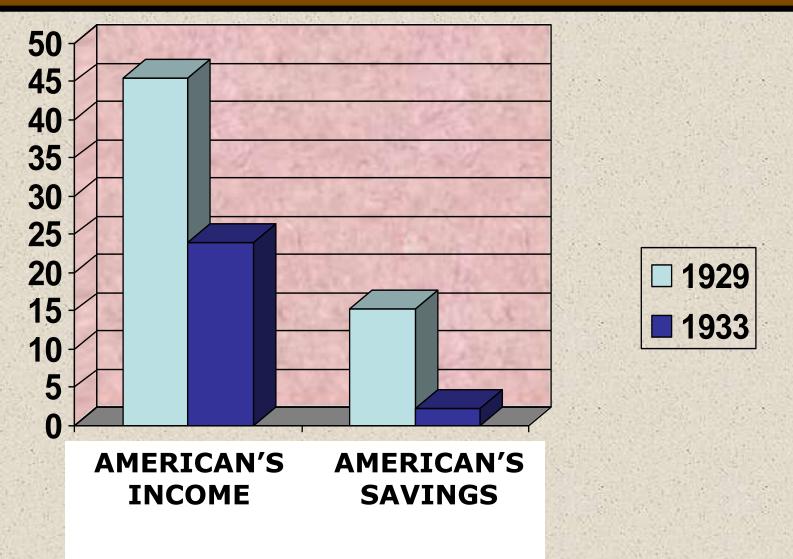
#### **SPENDING FROM 1929 TO 1933** (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS) FOOD HOUSING CLOTHING **AUTO** MEDICAL

## The Depression's impact on the economy

	1929	1933
Banks in operation	25,568	14,771
Prime interest rate	5.03%	0.63%
Volume of stocks sold (NYSE)	1.1 B	0.65 B
Privately earned income	\$45.5B	\$23.9B
Personal and corporate savings	\$15.3B	\$2.3B

Historical Statistics of the United States, pp. 235, 263, 1001, and 1007.

#### THE DEPRESSION CAUSED A DRAMATIC DROP IN INCOME AND SAVINGS (IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)



### HOOVER WAS <u>NOT PREPARED</u> FOR THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

HE MADE ONLY LAME ATTEMPTS TO END THE ECONOMIC CRISIS.

#### "ECONOMIC DEPRESSION CANNOT BE CURED BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION OR EXECUTIVE PRONOUNCEMENT. ECONOMIC WOUNDS MUST BE HEALED BY ... THE PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS THEMSELVES"

### (IN OTHER WORDS, STOP WHINING AND GO FIND A JOB, YA LAZY BUMS.)

**HERBERT HOOVER** 

HOOVER'S RESPONSE TO THE GREAT DEPRESSION

• RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM (Hard Work) • EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC CHARITY •RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE **CORPORATION (RFC)**  INCREASED PUBLIC WORKS SPENDING CRUSHING THE BONUS MARCH

# TIMELINE OF HOOVER'S ATTEMPTS AT ENDING THE GREAT DEPRESSION

## 1930

SMOOT - HAWLEY TARIFF - PROTECT U.S. BUSINESS FROM FOREIGN COMPETITION. RESULT=MADE CONDITIONS WORSE

## 1931 NOTHING

## **1932 EVENTS**

**Magnetic Stress Stress Stress** THE DEPRESSION WORSENS

STOCK PRICES DOWN 80% SINCE 1930

10,000 BANKS FAIL LOSING OVER TWO BILLION DOLLARS

OVER 13 MILLION WORKERS LOSE THEIR JOBS

🚾 OVERSEAS TRADE DECLINED BY 66%

## **LEGISLATION PASSED IN 1932**

**E**RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

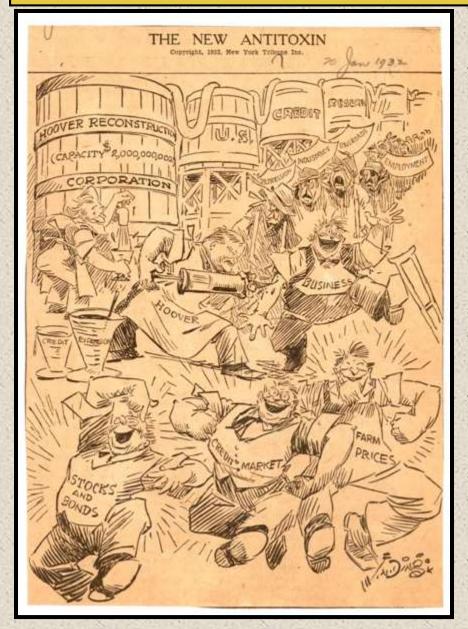
Not enough money to make a difference

# HOOVER'S LAME RESPONSE

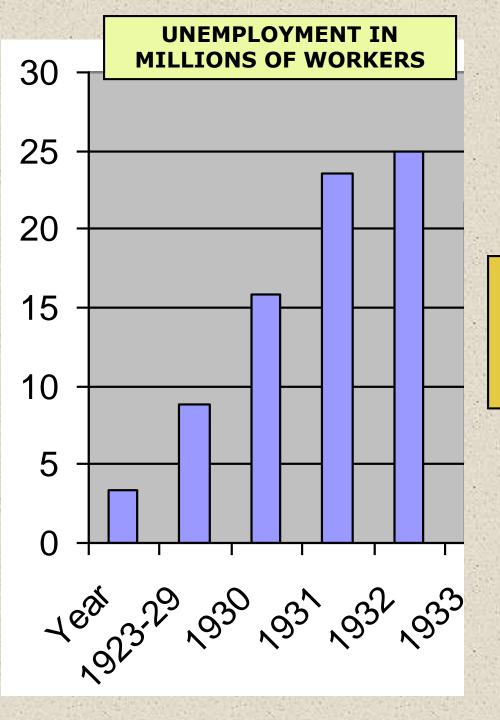
HOOVER'S SOLUTIONS TO THE GREAT DEPRESSION:

- •CREATE A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE TO TALK ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT
- •CREATION OF THE RFC
- RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM
- ENCOURAGED PRIVATE CHARITIES
- PROMISED DEPRESSION WOULD CURE ITSELF LIKE BEFORE

### RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION (RFC)

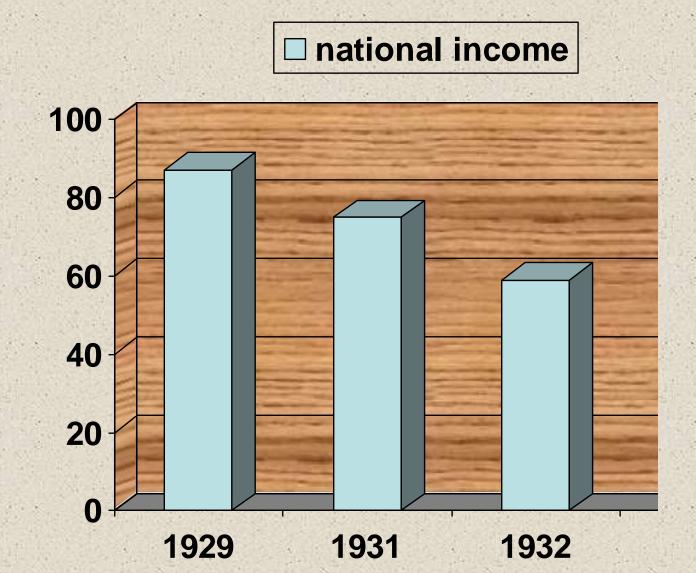


THE RFC MADE LOANS TO BANKS AND CORPORATIONS TO HELP THEM WEATHER THE "SHORT DOWNTURN".

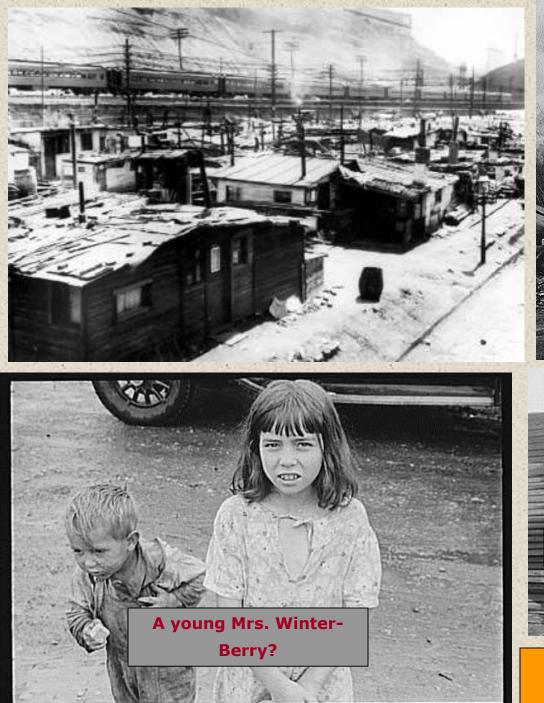


#### UNEMPLOYMENT WORSENS THROUGHOUT HOOVER'S PRESIDENCY: 1929-1933

#### THE DROP IN NATIONAL INCOME (IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)



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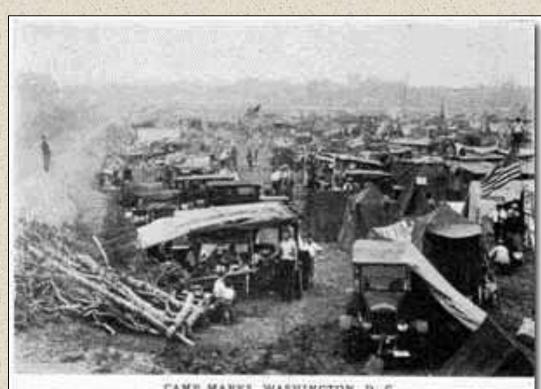


#### "Hoovervilles", homeless camps

THE BONUS MARCH

#### **MAY – JULY 1932**

THE BONUS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE WAS A GROUP OF WWI VETERANS WHO HAD BEEN DENIED EARLY BONUS PAYMENTS FOR SERVICE IN WWI. THEY ORGANIZED A **PROTEST MARCH ON WASHINGTON IN 1932. TWENTY THOUSAND MEN SET UP A** TENT CITY, VOWING TO STAY UNTIL THEY GOT THEIR MONEY.



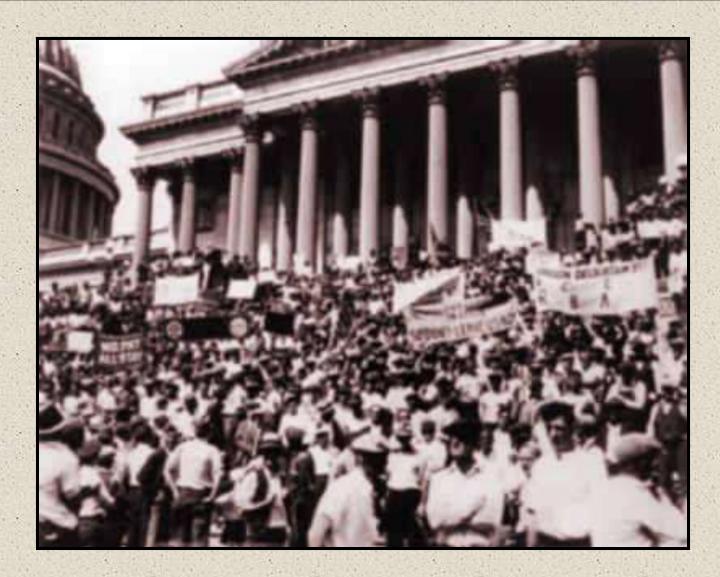
ARKS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

**BONUS MARCHERS** SET UP CAMP IN WASHINGTON D.C.

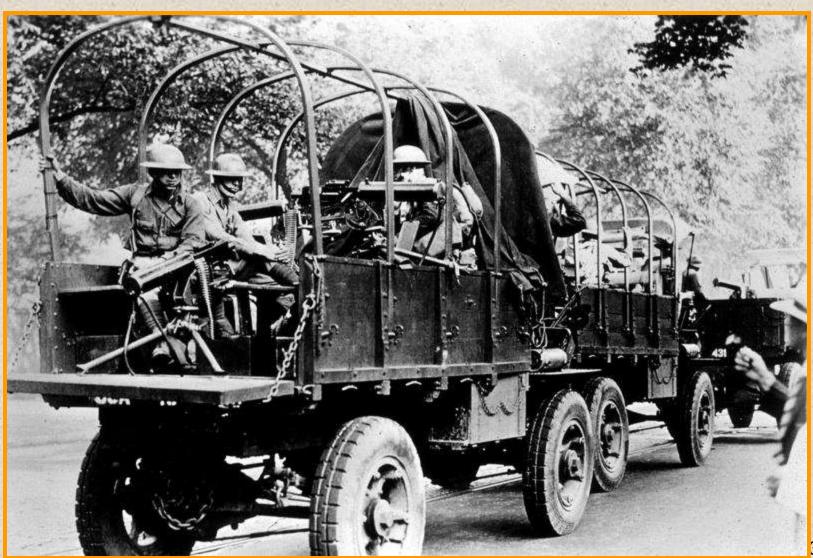
#### SOME BONUS MARCHERS BROUGHT THEIR FAMILIES



## BONUS MARCHERS RALLY AT THE CAPITOL STEPS



#### BUT... PRESIDENT HOOVER SENT THE ARMY TO DISPERSE THE BONUS MARCHERS

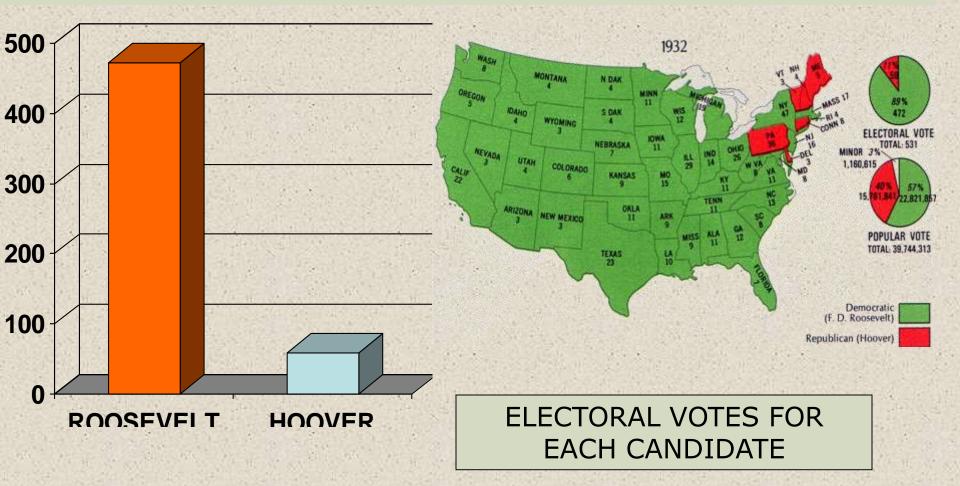


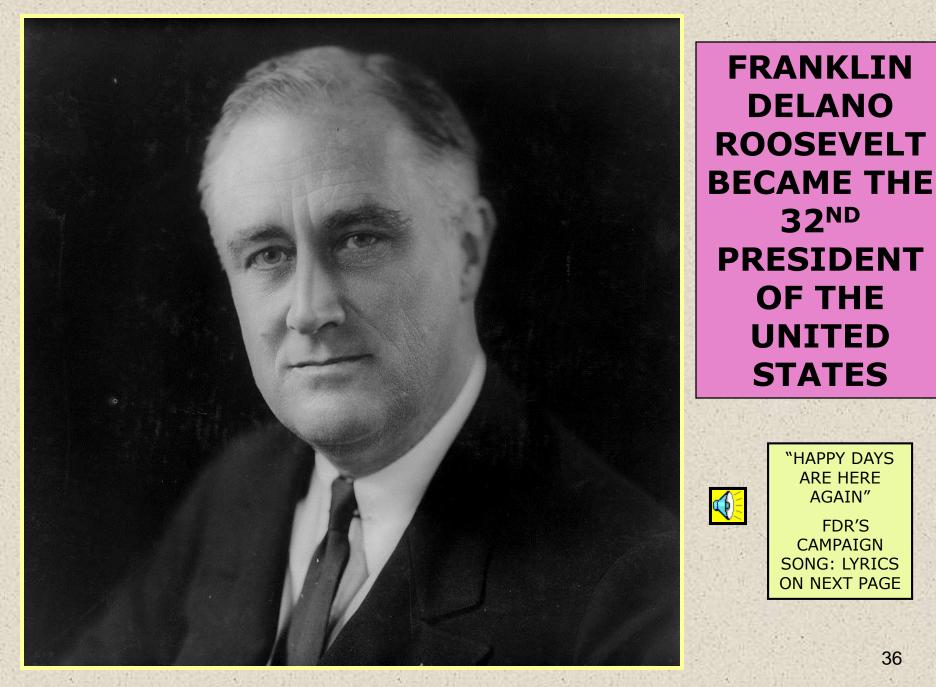
#### ONE VETERAN KILLED, 50 PROTESTORS AND POLICE INJURED. THE MARCHERS DISPERSED. PRESIDENT HOOVER WAS WIDELY CRITICIZED FOR HIS CRUELTY.



SHACKS OF THE BONUS ARMY AFTER THEY WERE FORCED OUT

# THE ELECTION OF 1932 HOOVER GETS HAMMERED BY FDR!!!











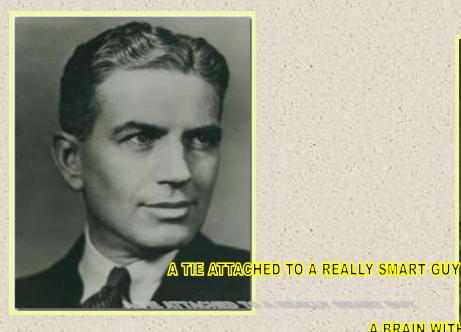
## **THE FDR INAUGURATION, MARCH** 4, 1933

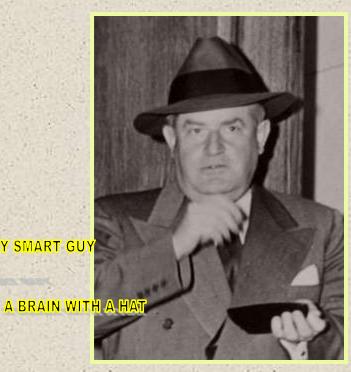
SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE HE HAD NARROWLY ESCAPED AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WHERE THE MAYOR OF CHICAGO WAS KILLED

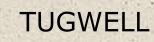
# FDR AND THE NEW DEAL

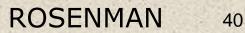
- •FDR'S BRAIN TRUST
- **•THE HUNDRED DAYS**
- **•BANK HOLIDAY**
- •FIRESIDE CHATS
- •NEW DEAL PROGRAMS: AAA, NRA, PWA, FERA, CCC, TVA, CWA, HOLC, MARKET REFORM
- •ATTACKS ON ROOSEVELT BY LEFT AND RIGHT

#### **FDR'S BRAIN TRUST** BRILLIANT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ADVISORS TO PULL THE NATION OUT OF THE DEPRESSION. (MANY IDEAS CAME FROM THE BRITISH ECONOMIST JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES)









# **100 DAYS MARCH 9-JUNE 13TH**

**ROOSEVELT AND HIS BRAIN TRUST WERE A** WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY.

LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED AT A FURIOUS PACE AND CONGRESS ACTED AS A RUBBER STAMP.

HE ASKED FOR EXECUTIVE (PRESIDENTIAL) POWER TO WAGE WAR AGAINST POVERTY.

# WHAT FDR DID IN THE 100 DAYS IN 1933

■MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> "BANK HOLIDAY"

■MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> EMERGENCY BANKING RELIEF ACT INTRODUCED, PASSED, SIGNED IN ONE DAY

**FIRST "FIRESIDE CHAT" USING RADIO** 

**AAA-AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT** 

**NRA-NAT'L RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION** 

**PWA-PUBLIC WORKS ADMISTRATION** 

**CCC-CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORP.** 

**FERA-FED. EMERGENCY RELIEF ACT** 

**TVA-TENN. VALLEY AUTHORITY** 



#### FDR USED THE RADIO GIVING "FIRESIDE CHATS" TO EXPLAIN HIS PROGRAMS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



FDR CLOSED THE BANKS FOR SEVERAL DAYS, A "BANK HOLIDAY" TO AVOID PANIC. THEY OPENED A FEW DAYS LATER AFTER THE SITUATION HAD CALMED.

AFTER THE HOLIDAY, AMERICANS RETURNED SOME OF THEIR SAVINGS TO THE BANKS.

# AAA: AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT

**LOANED \$100 MILLION TO HELP FARMERS** IMMEDIATELY.

AAA PAID \$100 MILLION TO DESTROY 1/4 OF THE CROPS PLANTED IN 1933. THIS HELPED RAISE THE PRICE OF FARM GOODS.

HOGS WERE KILLED TO RAISE PORK PRICES FOR FARMERS. (5 MILLION BABY PIGS AND 200,000 SOWS).

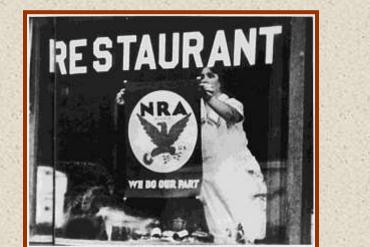
THE RESULTS: BY 1936 FARM INCOME WAS UP 50%

## **NRA: NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION**

BUSINESSES WERE ASKED TO VOLUNTARILY FOLLOW CODES TO REGULATE WAGES, HOURS, PRICES
40-HOUR WORK WEEK, 40-CENT MINIMUM WAGE
BLUE EAGLE SYMBOL OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE
PROTECTED THE RIGHT OF WORKERS TO UNIONIZE
DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY THE SUPREME COURT TWO YEARS LATER IN 1935







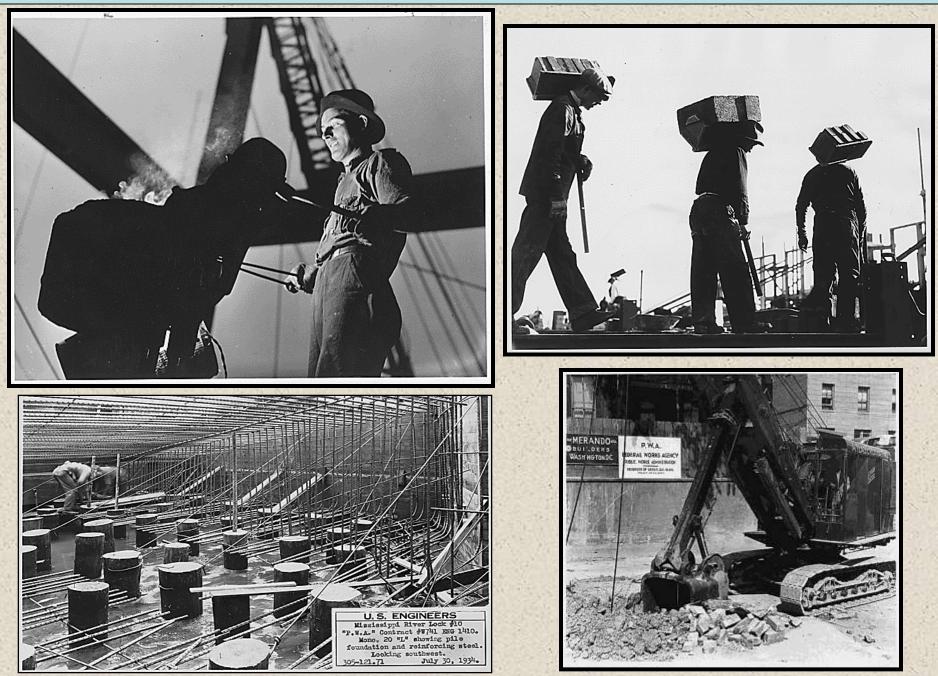


## **PWA: PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION**

#### SPENT \$3.3 BILLION ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS TO GET THE ECONOMY MOVING



#### **PWA GAVE CONSTRUCTION JOBS TO THE UNEMPLOYED**



### **PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION DAM IN OREGON**



#### UNDER CONSTRUCTION



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# MORE PWA BUILDING STUFF

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION (FERA)

EMERGENCY CHECKS DIRECTLY TO UNEMPLOYED PERSONS TO SURVIVE THE WINTER INCLUDING UNEMPLOYED WOMEN.





#### UNEMPLOYED WOMEN'S CAMP

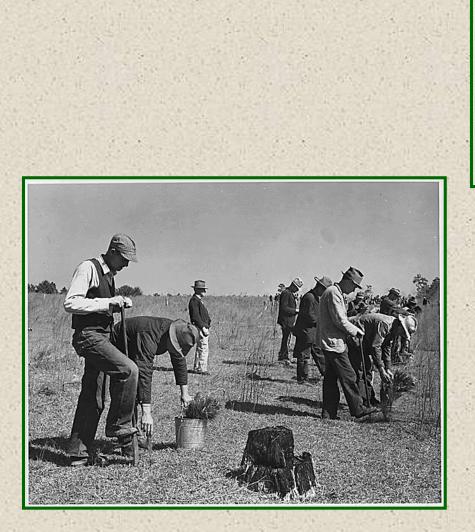
#### CAMPS FOR UNEMPLOYED WOMEN IN MAINE

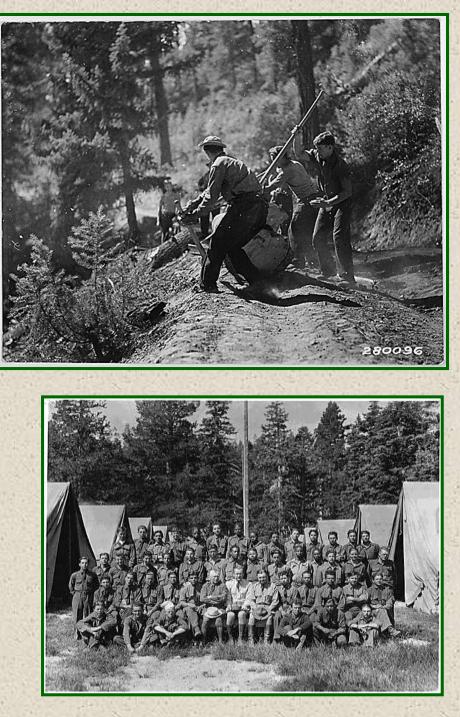
# CCC: CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

CREATED SEMI-MILITARY JOBS FOR YOUTHS 18-25. OVER 2 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE WERE ENROLLED BY 1941. THEIR FAMILIES WERE PAID \$30 A MONTH.

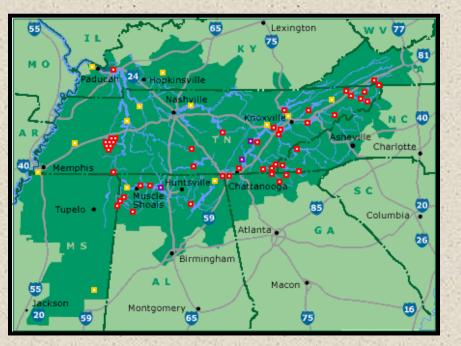


## THE CCC HELPED THE ENVIRONMENT/PARK SYSTEM





# TVA: TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



THE TVA WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, BRINGING CHEAP ELECTRIC POWER, AND INDUSTRY TO THE TENN VALLEY.

THE TVA IS STILL THE NUMBER ONE PRODUCER OF ELECTRICITY IN THE U.S.



## HOME OWNERS LOAN CORPORATION (HOLC) 1933-1936

■BY THE EARLY 1930'S HOMEOWNERS WERE LOSING THEIR HOMES DUE TO FORECLOSURES AT THE RATE OF 1,000 A DAY.

□ HOLC REFINANCED MORTGAGES AT LOW RATES THAT ALLOWED HOMEOWNERS TO KEEP THEIR HOMES.

HOLC SAVED 20% OF HOMEOWNERS FROM LOSING THEIR HOMES DURING THE DEPRESSION



# BANKING AND STOCK MARKET REGULATIONS

**\$**GLASS-STEAGALL BANKING ACT:

1) ILLEGAL FOR BANKS TO PLAY IN THE STOCK MARKET

2) SET UP THE **FDIC**.

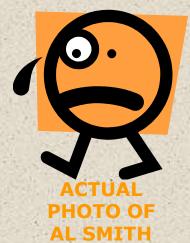
**FDIC: FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION** GUARANTEED INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS AND REBUILT CONFIDENCE IN BANKS

**STHE SECURITIES ACT AND THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)** CURBED ABUSES IN THE STOCK MARKET.

**FOR KILLED THE GOLD STANDARD.** THE GOVERNMENT PRINTED ADDITIONAL DOLLARS AND ENCOURAGED INFLATION

# BUT NOT EVERYONE THOUGHT FDR WAS DOING ENOUGH...

 CONSERVATIVES LIKE AL SMITH CRITICIZED FDR FOR OVERSTEPPING TRADITIONAL ROLE OF GOVERNMENT



## HUEY LONG'S SHARE OUR WEALTH PROGRAM

HE WANTED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONFISCATE ALL INCOMES OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND USE THE MONEY TO GIVE EACH FAMILY A HOME AND AN INCOME OF \$2000 A YEAR.

HE WAS EXTREMELY POPULAR AND RAN FOR PRESIDENT FOR THE 1936 ELECTION.





# BUT HUEY LONG WAS MURDERED IN SEPTEMBER OF 1935 AND HIS MOVEMENT COLLAPSED.



## SECOND WAVE OF NEW DEAL PROGRAMS 1934-1936

IN THE 1934 ELECTIONS, DEMOCRATS INCREASED THEIR MAJORITIES, PROOF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BACKED THE NEW DEAL. THIS ENCOURAGED A SECOND WAVE OF PROGRAMS.

- FHA: FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
- WPA: WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
- **NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION**
- **SOCIAL SECURITY**
- FARM PROGRAMS: RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION, FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
- **RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION**
- WAGNER ACT: LABOR UNIONS
- THE REVENUE ACT OF 1935

# FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION (FHA), 1934





# **ENCOURAGE BANKS TO MAKE LOANS TO POOR FAMILIES.**

IF THE HOMEOWNERS DEFAULTED THE FHA WOULD PAY THE BANK OFF.

## WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION (WPA), 1935

"GIVE A MAN A (HANDOUT) AND YOU SAVE HIS BODY BUT DESTROY HIS SPIRIT. GIVE HIM A JOB AND YOU SAVE BOTH BODY AND SPIRIT"

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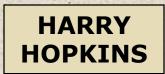
WPA SUPPORTED THOUSANDS OF ARTISTS, LEADING TO THE **CREATION OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS.** 

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WPA EMPLOYED MORE THAN 8 MILLION PEOPLE FOR AN AVERAGE SALARY OF \$41.57 A MONTH





#### **WPA PROJECTS**



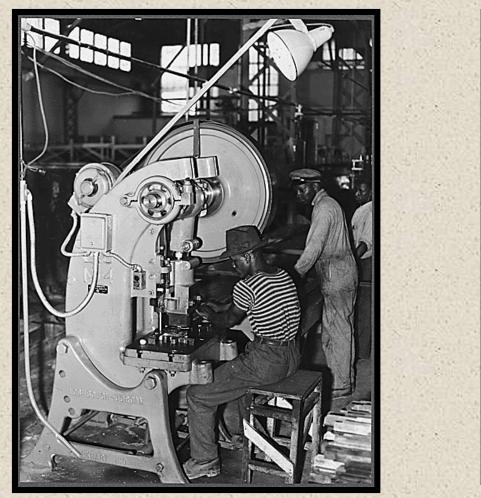




WPA HEAVY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND DAMS

#### THE <u>NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION</u> HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE 16 TO 25 WHO WERE GIVEN PART TIME JOBS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION.

#### **MORE THAN 700,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED.**





# **SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1935**



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR LAID OFF WORKERS



COMPENSATION TO DISABLED WORKERS



PAYMENTS TO THE WIVES AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED WORKERS



OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

## WHICH DO YOU CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT?

### **FRANCIS PERKINS & THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**



IN 1933, FDR APPOINTED MS. PERKINS AS SECRETARY OF LABOR, A POSITION SHE LONGER THAN ANY OTHER, THE FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD A CABINET POSITION IN THE UNITED STATES.

AS SECRETARY OF LABOR SHE HELPED PASS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1935.

## MORE SECURITY FOR THE AMERICAN FAMILY

THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AS AMENDED OFFERS GREATER OLD-AGE INSURANCE PROTECTION TO PEOPLE NOW NEARING RETIREMENT AGE.

FOR INFORMATION WRITE OR CALL AT THE NEAREST FIELD OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

## MORE SECURITY FOR THE AMERICAN FAMILY

THE WIDOW OF A QUALIFIED WORKER WILL RECEIVE MONTHLY BENEFITS AT AGE 65. IN CERTAIN CASES, AN AGED DEPENDENT PARENT MAY GET BENEFITS.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY NURSE VISITING A DESTITUTE FAMILY



### RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (REA) 1935

#### THE REA MADE LOANS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES TO BUILD ELECTRICAL UTILITIES.

#### **IN 1935 = 10% OF FARMS HAD ELECTRICITY.**

#### **BY 1941 = 40% OF FARMS HAD ELECTRICITY.**



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## **FDR AND UNIONS**

#### **THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY ACT GUARANTEED** WORKERS THE RIGHT TO JOIN UNIONS

UNION MEMBERSHIP JUMPED FROM 2.8 MILLION IN 1933 TO **11 MILLION IN 1941.** 

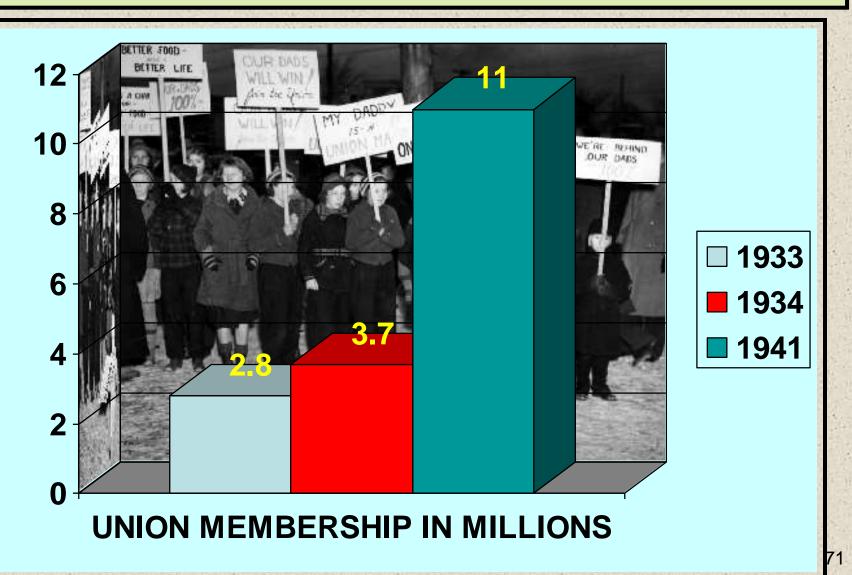


MANY EMPLOYERS IGNORED IT BUT THE NATIONAL LABOR **RELATIONS ACT (WAGNER ACT) GAVE ENFORCEMENT POWERS TO** THE NLRB.





## GROWTH IN UNION MEMBERSHIP UNDER FDR



#### **CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS (CIO)**

"It's a good thing to join the union. It's a fine place to go. It's a good thing to join the union And march with the CIO. Hello union pay"



AFL = A POLICY OF ADMITTING ONLY SKILLED WORKERS. CIO = UNSKILLED WORKERS IN ONE LARGE UNION.

### **OTHER EVENTS THAT HELPED UNIONS...**



#### ACTUAL PHOTOS OF THE BATTLE OF THE OVERPASS

UNION LEADERS BEATEN WHILE AIDING WOMEN.

THEY WERE ATTACKED BY THUGS AND CRIMINALS HIRED BY HENRY FORD, AN ANTI-UNION INDUSTRIALIST.

THESE PICTURES GAINED MUCH SUPPORT FOR UNIONS...





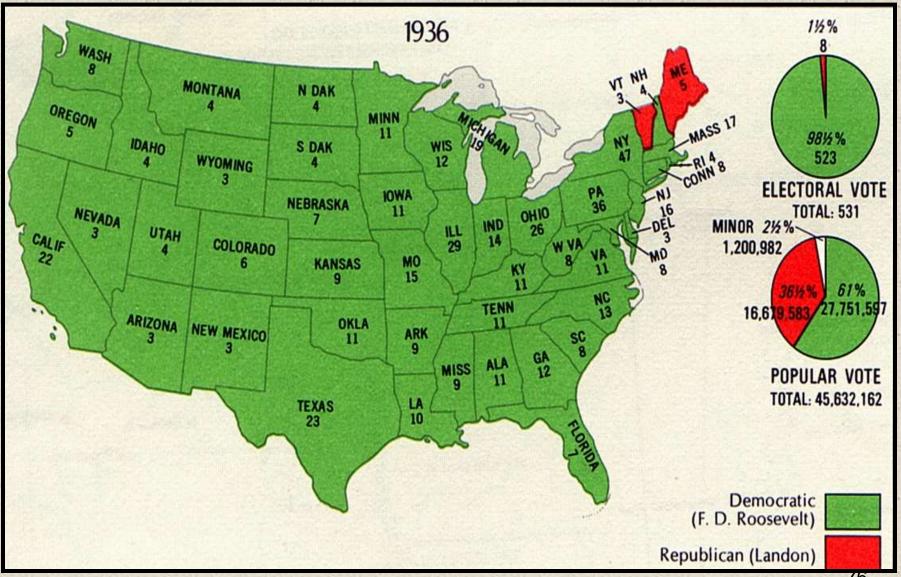


# ALL OF THIS BRINGS US TO THE 1936 ELECTION...

- THE DEPRESSION STILL PERSISTS...
- FARMS ARE STILL SUFFERING...
- LABOR AND INDUSTRY CLASH...

## • BUT AMERICANS LIKE THAT FDR IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO HELP

### **ELECTION OF 1936**





FDR HAD DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

CONGRESS WOULD OBEY FDR'S DEMANDS.

FDR DECIDED TO TRY TO FORCE THE SUPREME COURT TO STOP DECLARING THE NEW PROGRAMS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

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## FDR AND THE SUPREME COURT: 1937 "COURT PACKING SCHEME"

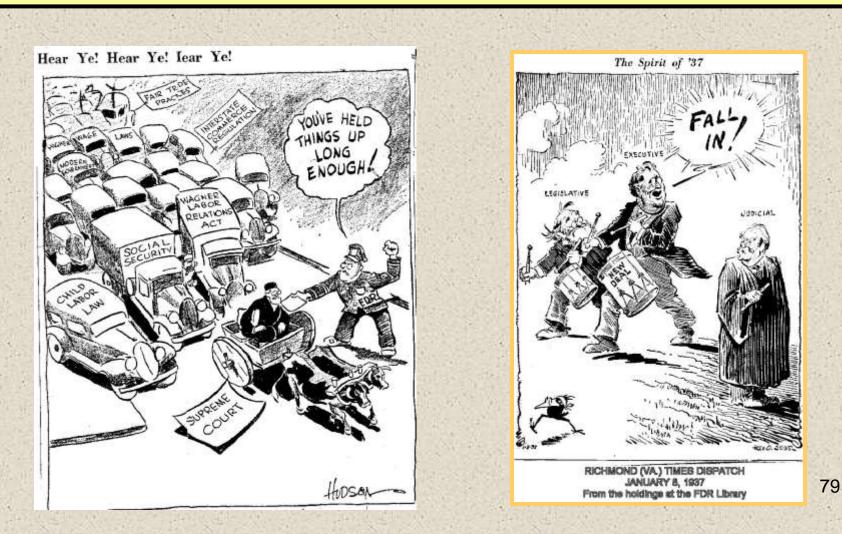
- THE SUPREME COURT DECLARED 9 NEW DEAL PROGRAMS UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN 1935 AND 1936!!!
- FDR SAW THE SUPREME COURT AS AN ENEMY OF HIS ATTEMPTS TO END THE DEPRESSION.
- TO COUNTER THE SUPREME COURT'S NEGATIVE RULINGS HE PROPOSED A "COURT PACKING SCHEME" - A PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FRIENDLY JUSTICES ON THE SUPREME COURT.
- FDR'S STRUGGLED TO BRING THE COURT UNDER HIS CONTROL AND REACHED AN UNSPOKEN COMPROMISE.



#### **ROOSEVELT PROPOSED A JUDICIARY "REORGANIZATION".**

IT WOULD ALLOW THE PRESIDENT TO APPOINT ONE NEW JUSTICE TO THE SUPREME COURT FOR EVERY CURRENT JUSTICE WHO HAD REACHED 70 YEARS OF AGE AND FAILED TO RETIRE. UNDER ROOSEVELT'S PLAN THE SUPREME COURT COULD HAVE AS MANY AS 15 JUSTICES.

MANY CONSERVATIVES SAW HIS "COURT PACKING SCHEME" AS PROOF THAT FDR WANTED TO BE A DICTATOR.



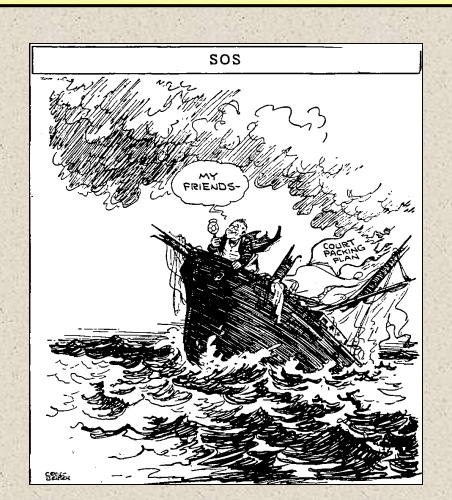


#### **CARTOONS WARNING OF THE DANGERS OF "COURT PACKING"**

#### THE Court Packing BILL WAS FDR'S FIRST MAJOR POLITICAL DEFEAT.

## BUT SEVERAL JUSTICES BEGAN REVERSING THEIR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND ALLOWED THE NEW DEAL CONTINUED.

#### EVENTUALLY, SEVERAL JUSTICES RETIRED AND FDR APPOINTED NEW MEN MORE FAVORABLE TO HIS POLICIES.



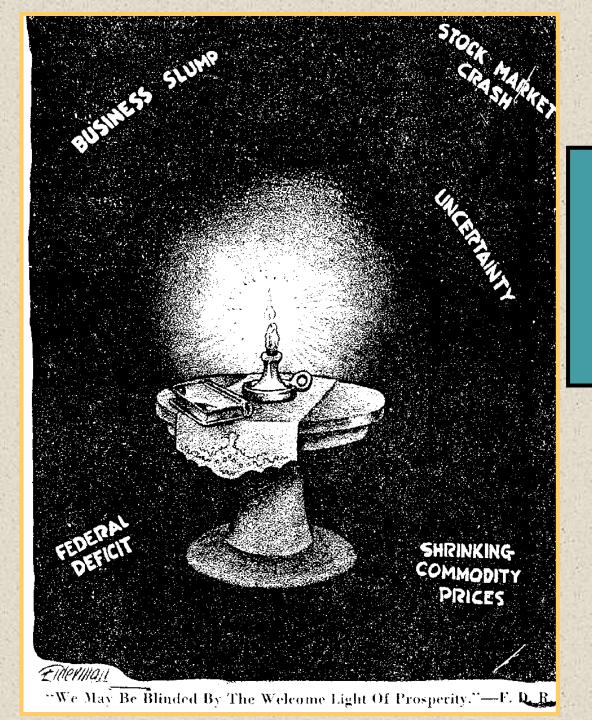
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### **RECESSION IN THE FALL OF 1937**





FDR WAS FORCED TO QUICKLY POUR MONEY BACK INTO PROGRAMS SUCH AS CCC AND WPA



FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY THE 1937 RECESSION CAUSED

## SOCIAL TRENDS IN THE 1930'S

- **DROUGHT AND THE DUST BOWL**
- MINORITIES: BLACKS, HISPANICS, INDIANS
- WRITERS AND ARTISTS
   POPULAR CULTURE, MOVIES, RADIO

### **DUST BOWL**

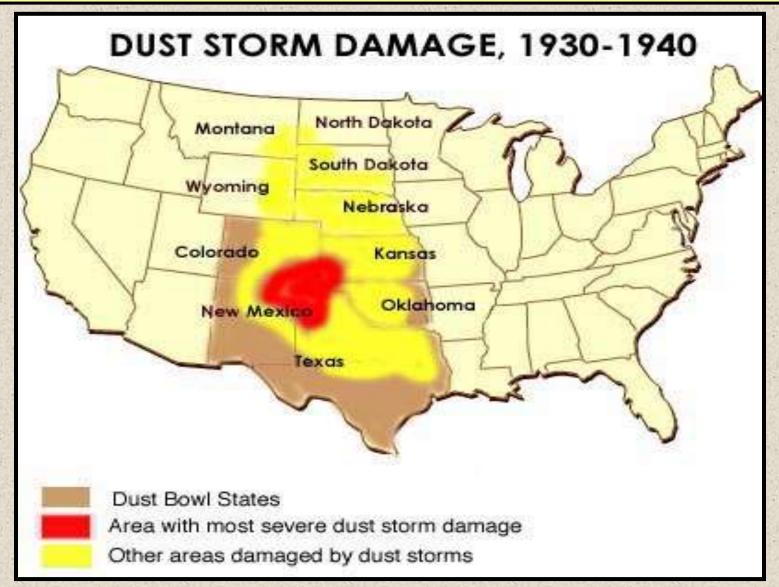
**\*** THE DUST BOWL REFERS TO THE CLOUDS OF TOPSOIL THAT RESEMBLED DARK STORM CLOUDS

# **W** IT WAS CAUSED BY POOR FARMING PRACTICES AND DROUGHT THAT DESTROYED NATURAL GRASSES.

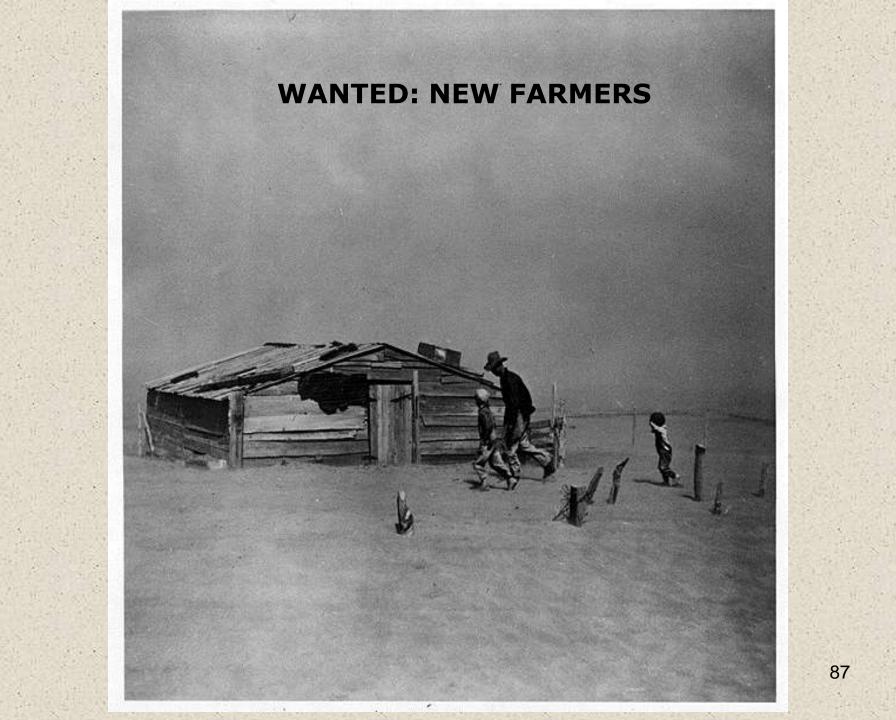
### THE SOIL BLEW AWAY IN CLOUDS OF "DUST".



## WHERE DID THE DUSTBOWL TAKE PLACE ?



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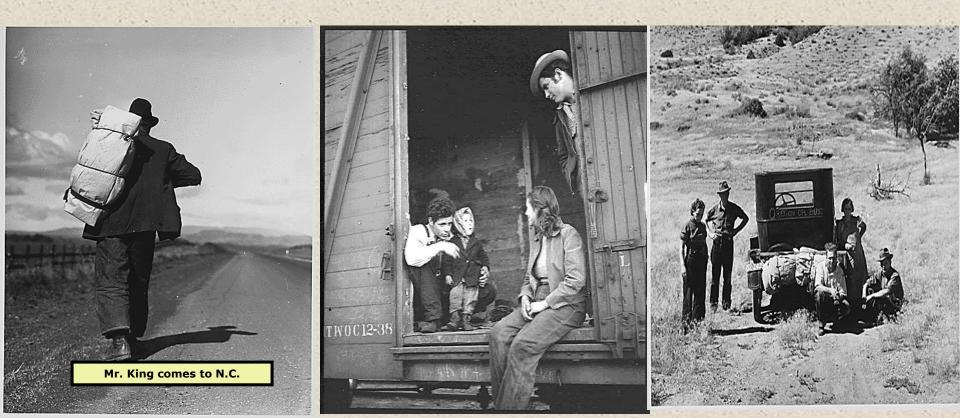




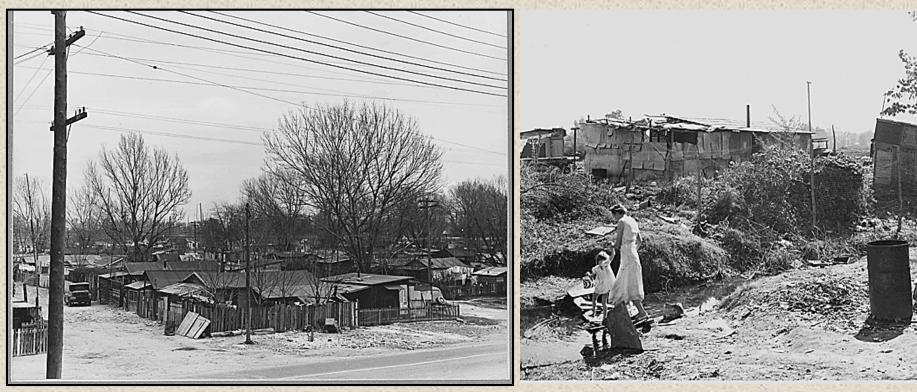
## HOW DID IT AFFECT THE FARMERS IN THE REGION?

MANY FARMERS PACKED UP AND LEFT THEIR DROUGHT STRICKEN FARMS TO HEAD FOR CALIFORNIA.

BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE MIGRANTS WERE FROM OKLAHOMA THEY SOON BECAME KNOWN AS "OKIES".









MIGRANT CAMPS IN CALIFORNIA WHERE REFUGEES CAME TO MAKE A NEW START

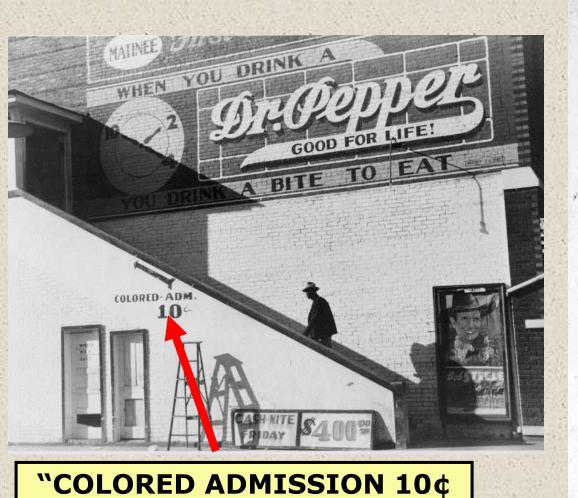


### BLACK AMERICANS DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION:

- BLACK WORKERS, WERE THE LAST HIRED, AND FIRST FIRED.
- BY 1932 50% OF BLACK WORKERS WERE UNEMPLOYED
- A MASS MIGRATION OF BLACKS FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH BEGAN.
- FDR'S POLITICALLY ACTIVE WIFE, ELEANOR WAS A SUPPORTER OF BLACK RIGHTS.

•A LARGE NUMBER OF BLACK VOTERS SWITCHED FROM THE REPUBLICAN TO THE DEMOCRAT PARTY DURING THE DEPRESSION. THIS REVERSED THEIR LONGSTANDING SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, THE PARTY OF LINCOLN AND EMANCIPATION.

#### LYNCHING, WHICH HAD BEEN ON THE DECLINE, BEGAN TO INCREASE ALONG WITH ALL OTHER FORMS OF RACISM



PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

THE WHITE HOUSE Mashington Marth Markelt 416

March 19, 1936

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My dear Mr. White:

Before I received your letter today I had been in to the President, talking to him about your letter enclosing that of the Attorney General. I told him that it seemed rather terrible that one could get nothing done and that I did not blame you in the least for feeling there was no interest in this very serious question. I saked him if there were any possibility of getting even one step taken, and he said the difficulty is that it is unconstitutional apparently for the Federal Government to step in in the lynching situation. The Government has only been allowed to do anything about kidnapping because of its interstate aspect, and even that has not as yet been appealed so they are not sure that it will be declared constitutional.

Eff. to

The President feels that lynching is a question of education in the states, rallying good citizens, and creating public opinion so that the localities themselves will wipe it cut. However, if it were done by a Northerner, it will have an antagonistic effect. I will talk to him again about the Van Nuys resolution and will try to talk also to Senator Byrnes and get his point of view. I am deeply troubled about the whole situation as it seems to be a terrible thing to stand by and let it continue and feel that one cannot speak cut as to his feeling. I think your next aft be Senate.

Very sincerely yours,

Thans Process

#### LETTER BY ELEANOR ROOSEVELT ON LYNCHING

### **BLACK CABINET**

#### FDR HAD AN INFORMAL BLACK ADVISORY GROUPCALLED THE "BLACK CABINET" OR THE "BLACK BRAIN TRUST".

#### ITS MEMBERS WERE RECOMMENDED TO THE PRESIDENT BY BOTH ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.



#### THE "BLACK CABINET" WORKED TO IMPROVE THE IMPACT OF NEW DEAL PROGRAMS ON AFRICAN AMERICANS.



WILLIAM H. HASTIE, FIRST BLACK FEDERAL JUDGE

ROBERT WEAVER, THE NATION'S FIRST BLACK CABINET MEMBER. LATER PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT





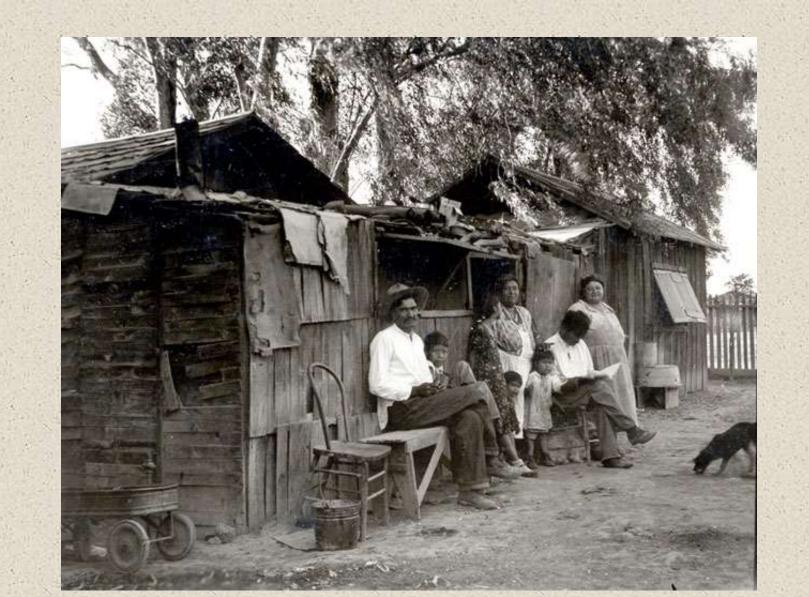
### **MEXICAN AMERICANS**



PRESSURE GREW TO DEPORT HISPANICS BACK TO MEXICO.

MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS BACK TO MEXICO IN BUSLOADS AND BOXCARS.

### 300,000 TO 1,000,000 MEXICAN CITIZENS AND MEXICAN AMERICANS WERE EITHER FORCED OR VOLUNTEERED TO BE SENT BACK TO MEXICO IN THE 1930'S.



## **NATIVE AMERICANS**

WHEELER-HOWARD ACT, 1934 (THE INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT)

•AN ACT TO CONSERVE AND DEVELOP INDIAN LANDS

•GAVE INDIANS THE RIGHT TO FORM BUSINESSES

•ESTABLISHED A CREDIT SYSTEM FOR INDIANS

• HOME RULE TO INDIANS

•ENDS the DAWES ACT and ASSIMILATION!!

### AMERICAN INDIANS BENEFITED WITH THE <u>INDIAN</u> REORGANIZATION ACT.



### WOMEN IN THE GREAT DEPRESSION ELEANOR ROOSEVELT-- THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE. SHE WAS A TIRELESS WORKER FOR LIBERAL CAUSES CHAMPIONED THE RIGHTS OF POOR AND MINORITIES.

Frightened small children on Halloween though.





#### WOMEN IN THE 30'S



WORKING WOMEN WHO WERE MARRIED WERE ENCOURAGED TO GIVE UP THEIR JOBS SO A MAN COULD HAVE THE WORK

IN SPITE OF THIS THE NUMBER OF WORKING WOMEN ROSE IN THE 1930'S MOSTLY IN LOWER PAYING JOBS.

### THE END OF THE NEW DEAL

THE THREAT OF WAR OVERSHADOWED DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE NEED TO PREPARE FOR WAR AND SUPPORT OUR ALLIES BROUGHT FULL EMPLOYMENT AS FACTORIES RUSHED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MILITARY.





### LEGACY OF THE NEW DEAL: HOW DID IT CHANGE AMERICA?

- INCREASE IN THE POWER OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- INCREASE OF THE ROLE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PLAYS IN THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE
- **GROWTH OF EXECUTIVE POWER**
- THE USE OF DEFICIT SPENDING AS A TECHNIQUE FOR MAINTAINING THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE NATION
- CREATION OF A WELFARE STATE AND THE ACCEPTANCE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE
- THE RIGHT OF WORKING PEOPLE TO ORGANIZE UNIONS TO ADVANCE THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS
- RENEWED INTEREST IN PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT
- MAJOR CONSTRUCTION AND INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE STILL WITH US TODAY
- SHOWED THAT DEMOCRACY IS CAPABLE OF RESPONDING TO MAJOR DISRUPTIONS AND HAS THE TOOLS TO REFORM ITSELF

# THE END

