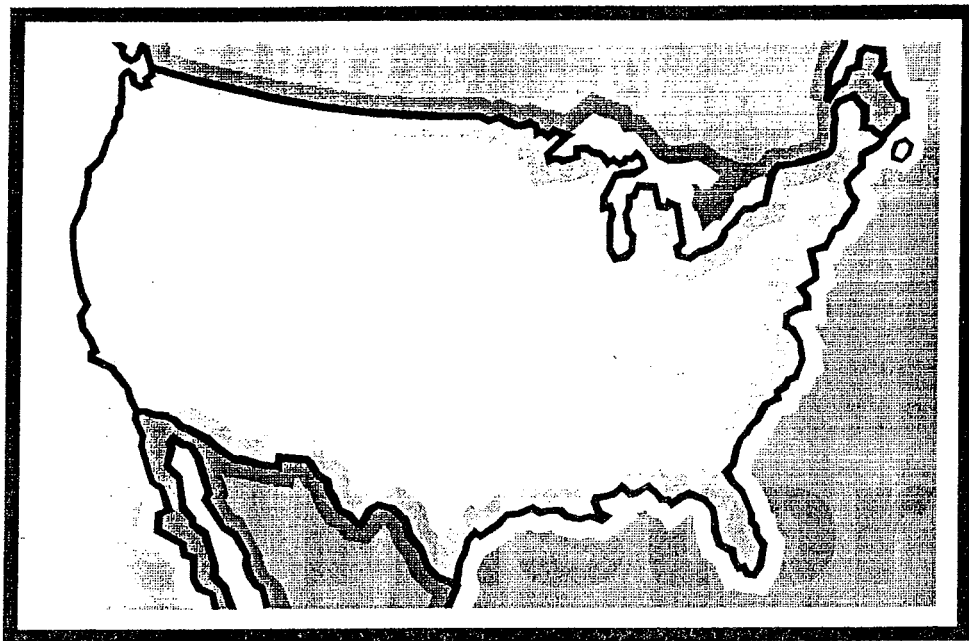


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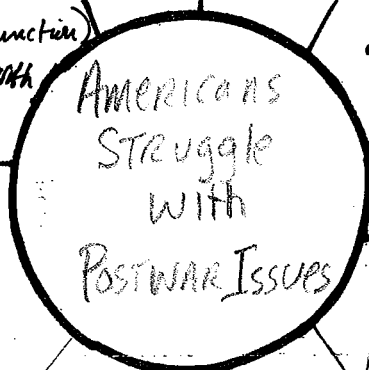


Chapter 20: Politics of the Roaring Twenties 1919-1929

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Labor Unrest

AFL: pledge to avoid strikes
But still 3,000 strikes
4 million strike

Boston Police Strike:

- Strike over lack of pay raise + right to unite
- Coolidge uses National Guard

Steel Mill Strike:

- Right to shorter work hours + living wage - Collective Bargain Right
- Hire strike breakers - called "Commies"

Coal Miners' Strike: John L. Lewis
United Mine Workers

Att. Gen. Palmer gets Court order (Injunction) to go back to work - stay out month + get 27% pay hike

The Quota System

Emergency Quota Act 1921 + 24

2% rule limits Newer Immigrants (Southern + Eastern Europeans) Catholic + Jews Targeted

Japanese? prohibited more Japanese from entering since

Gentlemen's Agreement to be Communists - Targeted

The Klan Rises Again

'Anti-Communism Excuse: went after anyone NOT white Anglo Saxon Protestants = 4.5 million

Decline? Corruption + Violence

Post War Trends

1 Most Union Exclude African Americans

2 Farmers who were migrating to cities for jobs found it difficult to organize because they were individualists

3 Different languages made it difficult to organize unions

4 Many Immigrant willing to work in poor conditions

Reasons:

Labor lose Appeal

- Fear of Communism:
- Competes with Capitalism:
- Against Free Enterprise
- Revolution in Russia scares Americans

The Red Scare

- IWW: "Wobblies" Union joins Communist party + mails bombs
- ANARCHISTS: Against all forms of govt.

The Palmer Raids:

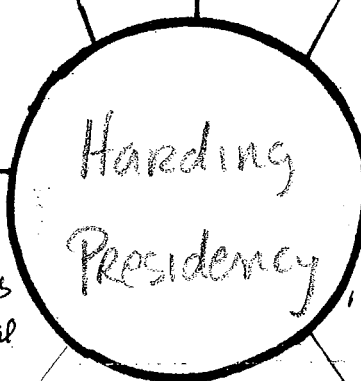
- Attorney General. Mitchell Palmer
- Invasion of Privacy
- Ignore Civil Rights in Name of Security
- Fail

Limiting Immigration

- Nativists + Jobs - Need for unskilled labor declines - limit it
- Anarchists + Socialists: Believed to be Communists - Targeted

Sacco + Vanzetti 1920

- Robbery + Murder - Accused
- Guilt? But convicted + Executed
- 1961 Ballistic Test: Gun linked to Sacco But no evidence that he used it



Teapot Dome Scandal

Corruption Scandal

Albert B. Fall: Interior Dept Head + Friend of oil execs.

Henry Sinclair: owned Mammoth Oil Co. at Teapot Dome Wym.

Mammoth Oil Co: Fall secretly leased land to Sinclair

Further in Govt? Yes + in the GOP

• HE is Respected for Integrity

VP Coolidge Succeeds

• Harding Dies 8/2/23

Calvin Coolidge

Harding Struggles

Background:

- Goodnatured, Presidential
- "Return to Normalcy"
- Made poor choices especially Cabinet posts

Charles Evans Hughes: Sec of Sta.

- Washington Naval Conference 1922
- Major Nations agree to disarm

Kellogg-Briand Pact 1928

- Renounced war as a National Policy
- Pact had no means of enforcement
- Failed

Scandals Plague Him

Charles Forbes: Head of Veterans Bureau illegally sold govt + hospital supplies to private companies

Thomas Miller: office of Alien Property caught taking bribes

High Tariffs + Reparation

New Conflict between France + Britain
• Both failing to pay back 10 Billion War debt to USA

- 2 options = Sell goods to US or collect Reparations from Germany

Forney McCumber Tariff 60% RU

- Made it impossible to sell goods to US - No competition Germany + Dawes Plan:

Banker - Charles Dawes (US)

- Negotiated US Bankers to loan Germany 2.5B
- US Paid back by its own money

Harding's Cabinet

Charles Evans Hughes: Sec of State

- later Becomes Chief Justice of Supreme Court
- Herbert Hoover becomes Sec of Commerce

• Wealthy Andrew Mellon becomes Sec of Treasury and cuts Taxes + Reduces National Debt

OHIO Gang

- Poker playing Buddies who cause great deal of Embarrassment with Corruption + graft

Scandals

- Role of govt: limited in Business Affairs + Social Reforms
- Bureau of Budget established to help run the govt more efficiently
- Vaped US steel to abandon 12 hr day

