

## HW Notes 02/16/2021

### Launching The New Deal

#### I Restoring Public Confidence

- A. Roosevelt's calming personality & armchair chats.
  - 1. "only thing to fear is fear itself"
- B. "Bank Holiday" & Emergency Banking Act ended crisis
  - 1. lowered salary to govt. to reduce def & calm conser.
- C. Prohibition Repealed

#### II Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA)

- A. AAA told farmers how much to produce & stabilized farming
  - 1. stuck down by SC, then remade for soil preservation
  - 2. favored large farms over small
- B. Rural Electrification

#### III Industrial Recovery

- A. National Industrial Revov. Act → less anti-trust for recognition unions
- B. Nation. Recovery. Admin. (NRA)
  - 1. Section 7(a) gave union power but no enforcement
  - 2. Bully enforced & written labor laws
  - 3. terrible manage, industry declined
  - 4. SC stuck down NRA

#### IV Regional Planning

##### A. TN Valley Authority (TVA)

- 1. Huge govt-funded dams & elec across 7 states

##### B. Federally funded & cheap

#### V Currency, Banks, & the Stock Market

##### A. End of Gold standard

##### B. Glass-Steagall Act to kinda control bank spend/invest

##### C. SEC created & 25k guaranteed in bank

#### VI Growth of Federal Relief

##### A. Civil Works Admin (CWA), 500mil to build stuff

##### B. Civilian Conser. Corps (CCC), men to plant trees & preserve



# The New Deal in Transition

## I Critics of the New Deal

- A. Conservative American Liberty League call FOR dictator
- B. Far left + critics (socialist, communist, radicals)
- C. Townsend plan (radical), UBI for old people
- D. Huey Long (LA gov) popular "dictator" very builder
- E. "Share our Wealth" society for UBI farm

## II The "Second New Deal"

- A. Willing to attack the rich
  - 1. High taxes & attack utility holding companies
- B. National Labor Relations Board recognized Unions
  - 1. could bargain w/ companies

## III Labor Militancy

- A. Growing labor assertiveness w/ Protective Acts
- B. Industrial Unionism grows (vs AFL)
- C. Congress of Industrial Organ (CIO like AFL for Indus)

## IV Organizing Battles

- A. Sit-down strike temporary
- B. Large industries recognize Unions (Little steel massacre)
- C. Organized Labor's Rapid Growth
  - 1. 4000 success strikes 1937, 83mil 1932-8mil 1937

## V Social Security of 1935

- A. destitute, elderly & pension start 1942
- B. Unemployment insurance
- C. Insurance, not welfare

## VI New Directions in Relief

- A. Works Progress Admin (WPA) w/ 5 bill \$ 2 years
  - 1. 110k buildings, 600 airports, 500k miles road, ect.
- B. Federal Writers & Artists projects, ect
- C. Youth scholarships, ect
- D. ~~Relief~~ Employment aid → Men; Cash distrib → Women



## VII The 1936 "Referendum"

- A. FDR Vs weak Alf Landon
- B. Huey Long Assassinated
- C. Greatest Landslide Yet for Dems!

## The New Deal in Disarray

### I The Court Fight

- A. FDR's mandate gave permission to "Court Pack" - said FDR
- B. Courts shifted to left after a threat
- C. Court-packing damaged FDR image in S Democrats (conserv)

### II Re-trenchment & Recession

- A. Economy Recovering → FDR tries balance budget → crash

#### 1. Roosevelt's Recession

- B. Started spending again
- C. Congress & Justice Dept crack down on monopolies
- D. Fair Labor Standards Act
- E. End of the New Deal 1938, WAR APPROACHES

## Limits & Legacies of the New Deal

### I. Idea of the "Broker State"

- A. Strengthened interest groups to compete w/ business
- B. Fed gov protector of unions & creator of competition

### II African Americans & the New Deal

- A. FDR & Eleanor liked but couldn't help due S Dems
  - ↳ Eleanor held civil rights demo @ Lincoln Mem
- B. "Black Cabinet", second level positions
- C. Black supported Dems 90% by 1936, continues today
- D. Existing discrim reinforced
- E. Blacks got some benefits, but mostly sidelines



### III New Deal & the "Indian Problem" (not much change)

- A. John Collier believed Natives were equal (activist)
- B. Indian Reorganization Act
  - 1. let collective land ownership
  - 2. gave tools for regrowth

### IV Women & the New Deal

- A. Symbolic Gains (Cabinet positions)
  - 1. Senate woman Hattie Caraway
- B. Prevailing Gender norms continued
- C. Aid to Dependent Children only & focused

### V The ND & South & West

- A. Disproportionate benefits
- B. Continued Jim Crow in CCC
- C. Economic Setup for WW2 (infrastructure, Dams, ect)
- D. Govt much bigger in West (Fed)

### VI The New Deal & the National Economy

- A. Failure to fully recover
- B. Elevated groups to fight for themselves
- C. Stabilized Bank, market, agriculture, ect.
- D. Fed Welfare state created

### VII The ND & American Politics

- A. Fed Govt MOST POWERFUL
- B. Presidency most powerful
- C. New expectations of Govt.
- D. Strong, diverse, Democratic Party



## Class Notes 02/17/2021

### So Many Problems!! 1930s!!!

#### A. Who solves

1. Private people, companies?
2. State/local govts?
3. Federal govt.

#### B. Fed govt. \$\$\$

1. Cut taxes  $\rightarrow$  people  $\uparrow$   $\rightarrow$  jobs  $\rightarrow$  spending OR
2. raise taxes  $\rightarrow$  spending  $\rightarrow$  more money OR
3. govt borrow money, but banks don't have OR
4. print money

#### C. Need something new, efficient.

#### D. is Obama = Hoover then who Biden

#### E. Hoover doesn't want direct relief (to states)

1. Emergency Relief & Construction Act reluct signed Hoover
2. 1.5 bill Public Works, 300 mil to states

#### F. 1st Glass-Steagall Act 1932 $\rightarrow$ Paper $\uparrow$ $\rightarrow$ stops deflation

#### G. Reconstruction Finance Corp

\$2 billion to state & local govt.

#### H. Hooverville & Foreclosures

#### I. Hunger marches & Farmers Revolt

#### J. Bonus Army (Promised WWI bonus 1945) marches on DC

### FDR & The New Deal

#### A. Landslide Victory 1932

#### B. Roosevelt

1. stockbroker  $\rightarrow$  polio  $\rightarrow$  become humble
2. Eleanor R. is conscience
3. Fireside chat
4. FDR's advisors: Brain Trust; disagreed

C. The 3 Rs

A. Relief: for the needy: WPA, FWA, CCC

B. Recovery: Economic recovery: AAA, NRA

C. Reform: Financial Reform: FDIC, SEC, Social Security



## Class Notes 02/19/2021

Why are they good

AAA - Struck down SC for forcing less farm

- made ~~for~~ agri. more compet
- Federal Over reach?

TVA - Largest project Federal

- Massive effects > PGE
- Rural electrification

CCC - Conservatism

CWA - Not much, 500mil, employed many

- gave money via work

A. Not anti racist, need S support