Franklin Delano Roosevelt: FDR was the president of the United States who had a paralysis. He as tall, athletic and arrogant. He believed that he had a deep concern for the plight of the “forgotten man”. Replaced Al Smith in the primary, who thought he was entitled to a second chance.

Eleanor Roosevelt: FDR’s sidekick. She was a political asset to him and traveled with him. She lobbied of her husband, gave speeches and influenced policies of the government. Her relationship with her husband was rocky due to his occasional infidelity.

FDR’s message: He lobbied for the forgotten man and preached A new deal and was quite contradictory.

20th Amendment: Passed because of the gap between the election date and the inaugural date. President can not do anything during this time and thus creates a stagnant government.

New Deal: Wanted to wage war on the Great Depression. Cranked out legislation after legislation to help deal with the desperate emergency

3Rs- Relief, recovery and reform. Short term goal was relief and immediate recovery. Long time reform was permament recover and reform of current abuses.

Banking Holiday: Declared a national banking holiday from March 6th-10th to create stronger banks. It was used to prevent bank runs from happening.

100 Days: Cranked out remedial legislation, some derived from earlier progressivism.

Emergency Banking Act: Invested the president with power to regulate banking transactions and foreign exchange to reopen solvent banks.

Fireside chats: Gave assurance to people that it was safer to keep money in banks than at home under the mattress. Confidence returned as banks unlocked doors

Glass Steagall Act: Created the FDIC which promised to insurance deposits up to $5,000 if the economy was to crash again.

“Managed Currency” : Took the country of the gold standard and offered money in return for the gold that people had. He didn’t want people to be able to panick and hoard all the money again. He believed that inflation was a way to relieve debtors’ burdens and stimulate new production.

Pump priming: The idea of putting in a little bit of money in order for the economy to start flowing again and recovering

CCC: Civilian Conservation Corps. Provided employment in fresh-air camps for 3 million young men. The idea behind this was that instead of going to jail, they would be able to be used to benefit society and feed themselves and family.

FERA:: Federal Emergency Relief Act: Headed by the zealous Harry Hopkins. The idea behind the agency was to dole payments or wages on state projects.

AAA- Although eventually deemed uncsontitutional, the AAA made available money to help farmers meeting their mortgages.

HOLC- Refinance mortgages on nonfarm homes. Bailed out mortgage holding banks and bolted political loyalities of relieved middle-class.

CWA: Civil Works Administration. A branch of FERA that would give temporary jobs for practically anything. Usually done in groups.

Father C. Coughlin: Catholic priest in Michigan who promoted social justice. Anti-new deal harangues turned into anti-semitic and fascistic. Stopped by his leaders

Huey Long: Senator who promoted ‘share our wealth’ program which promised $5,000 to every family. He was assassinated

Dr. Francis Townsend: Attracted support by asking to give $200 to the elderly each month as long as they spent all of it.

WPA: Work Progress AdministraionSpent money on improving and creating buildings and other industries. Also found part-time occupations for high school and college students. Also preserved the arts

NRA: National Recovery Administration. This agency was created to assist industry labor and unemployed. Companies would reduce labor so that everyone would be able to work. Capped maximum hours of works and minimum wages. Gave labor an opportunity to organize. Used patriotisim as its core and gave a blue eagle to companies. Congress could not delegate legislative powers to executive.

Sick Chicken Decision: Congress could not control local business, only interstate commerce.

Harold Ickes: Secretary of the Interior who orgainized the PWA

PWA: Public Works Administration: Long-range recovery by building infrastructure and other such things. One great example was the Grand Coulee Dam which benefited the entire region with better power and irrigation.

21st amendment: Allowed light wine and beer with an alchoholic content not exceeding 3.2 percent of its weighted.

AAA ( Agricultral Adjustment Administration): Artifical parity for basic commodities. Eliminate price-depressing surplusus by paying growers to reduce crop acreage. However, consumer’s were directly affected by this as prices raised. Asked for destruction of food which angered people and was considered sinfull. Killed due to uncsonstitutional.

Soil Conservation: Withdrawal of acreage and paying farmers to plant more soil-conserving crops or let it lie fallow.

2nd AAA- Comprehensive substitute. But that if done on CERTAIN commodities then available for parity.

Dust Bowl: Caused by topsoil erosion. Mechanization completed tore the sod and created dust.

Okies and Arkies: People who moved from their respective lands to South Cali to find new economic and job opportunities. 350,000 people moved during this time.

Grapes of Wrath: Novel by John Steinback which detailed the life of oakies and arkies very vividly.

Resettlement Administration: Move people from the frontier over to the other side. Planted 200 million trees.

Frazier-Lemke Farm Bankruptcy: Suspended mortgage foreclosures for five years but was voided and changed to 3 years to help farmers.

Indian Reogrinization: Encouraged tribes to establish local governments and preserve their crafts and traditions. They didn’t want to loose their cultural identity. Headerd by John Collier.

Federal Securities Act: Required that promoteds tell investors information regarding the soundness of their stocks and bonds.

SEC: Designed as a watchdog agency to watch over to treat the place like a real market.

TVA: Organization that was set up to create fair access to power. The idea behind this organization came from the needed for hydroelectric plants near Muscle shoals. Utility corporations lashed when they found that government was finding rate of fairness.

Creeping Socialism: Idea was that the government was setting fair prices.

FHA: Federal Housing Administration. It helped building industry by giving out small loans to householders to improve their dwellings and create new ones.

USHA: Agency designed to lend money to states and communities to build new houses. Every where.

Social Security: Most important success of New Dealers in the field of unemployment insurance and old-age pensions. Provides safety net for old age. Inspired by Europe, recognizing the importance of the government managing its people.

Wagner Act: Created the National Labor Relations Board for administrative purposes and reasserted the right of labor to engage in self-organization after the NRA was made unconstitutional.

National Labor Relations board: Allowed anyone to organize as a labor Union.

CIO: Committee for Industrial Organization. Within ranks of AfofL. CIO was undanted and went on protests from GM to US Steel.

John L. Lewis: Leader of the CIO who was a fervent speaker.

Sit-Down Strike: People would simply refuse to work. They would sit down where they were working and would nto budge, hogging up space as well as killing time.

Fair Labor Standard Acts: Set up minimum wage and max hours ( Due to the failure of the NRA)

Alfred Landon- FDR’s moderate republican opponent. He liked New Deal except for the Social security part. He lost entirely, 523 to 8 votes. FDR had support of blacks, immigrants, urbanites poor, Catholics, Jewish, new comers.

American Liberty League: Wealthy conservatives who wanted to fight new deal.

Court Packing: The idea of keeping the court/ increasing the court in order to increase the democratic presence in the court systems.

Hugo Black: New Dealer who wants appointed during FDR’s stay in presidency.

Roosevelt Recession: The recession caused when FDR decided to balance the budget and cut defecate spending

John Mayard Keynes: Said that a minimum amount of debt of a country is good and that it keeps spending afloat.

Hatch Act: Federal administration members can not solicit money or advocate for candidates during the depression.

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