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The Compromise of 1850

Because the Senate had just approved the admission of Oregon as a free U. The Mexican War and Its Aftermath national debate over slavery intensified in the wake of the Mexican War 1846-48.

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Under the terms of the Act, any law enforcement official anywhere in the United States was obligated to arrest any black person who some white southerner was willing to swear was his property.

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However, it did not lead to a long-term settlement: the outbreak of the American Civil War was delayed by barely a decade.

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In the 1850s, however, further efforts at compromise failed. As president, Taylor sought to defuse the sectional controversy as much as possible, and, above all else, to preserve the Union. Harriet Tubman, one of the thousands of enslaved people who made their escape through the Underground Railroad, distinguished herself for her efforts in helping other enslaved men and women escape.

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