FDR and The New Deal

Chapter 10 Lesson 1
USH Honors

Roosevelt's Rise to Power





The Hundred Days

- Between November 1932 and March 1933, the Depression grew worse.
 - Unemployment and bank runs increased
 - More than 4,000 banks collapsed
 - Governors declared bank holidays in 38 states
- March 9-June 16, 1933: referred to as the Hundred Days
 - What is the Hundred Days?
 - This is the first 100 days of any presidency.
- During Roosevelt's 100 Days
 - Congress passed 15 major pieces of legislation
 - Helping the economic crisis
 - These programs become "The New Deal"

- Roosevelt's advisers proposed ideas to meet everyone's needs
- These advisers divided into 3 major groups:
 - New Nationalism (advocated by Teddy Roosevelt)
 - Government and business should work together to manage the economy.
 - Government Planning
 - Wanted government control of the economy
 - New Freedom (advocated by Woodrow Wilson)
 - Government's responsibility to restore competition to the economy.



Fireside Chats

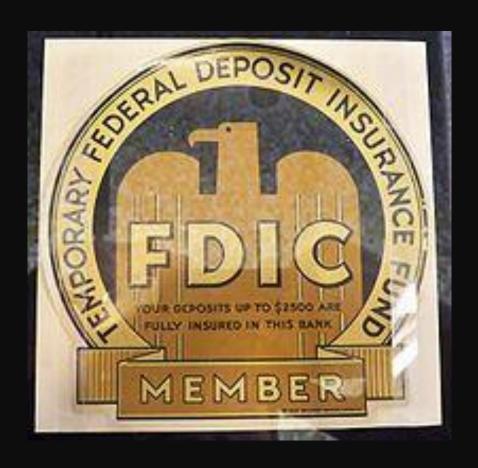


What is a Fireside Chat?

• Radio broadcasts made by Roosevelt to the American People to explain his initiatives.

First Fireside Chat

- Encouraged Americans to trust the banks.
- The banking crisis ended.



Banks and Debt Relief

- Roosevelt had to restore America's trust in the Banking system.
 - Declared a national bank holiday (closing all banks)
 - Requested a special session of Congress
- Emergency Banking Relief Act
 - Required federal examiners to survey the banks.
 - Treasury Department would then license sound banks.
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
 - Required new regulations for banks and the stock market
- Glass-Steagall Banking Act
 - Separated commercial and investment banking.
 - Stock Market speculation becomes illegal
 - Created the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation)
 - = government insures bank deposits to a certain amount.

Farms and Industry

Roosevelt asked Congress to pass other laws to help farming and industry:

Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA)

- Reduced production & Increased prices
- Ultimately helped those who raise on large crop rather than small farmers

National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA)

- Suspended antitrust laws
- Allowed business, labor, and government to cooperate in establishing voluntary rules
- Everything was run by the National Recovery Administration (NRA)
 - People were encouraged to buy products only from those who were members of the NRA.
- Declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court (1935)!



Relief Programs

Helping America deal with debt:

- Homeowners' Loan Corporation (HOLC)
 - Bought mortgages of homeowners behind in payments.
 - Restructured the mortgages to have longer to pay and lower interest rates.
 - Loans were only granted to employed persons.
 - Failure to pay = foreclosure.

Farm Credit Administration (FCA)

- Established to help farmers refinance their mortgages.
- Could have slowed true economic recovery
- This act only provided for poor inefficient farmers instead of business.

Spending Programs

- Roosevelt also supported work programs:
 - Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)
 - Employed young men (18-25)
 - Worked with the National Forestry Service
 - Planted trees, fighting forest fires, and building reservoirs
 - Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA)
 - Channeled money to help state and local agencies fund relief projects
 - Public Works Administration (PWA)
 - Begins construction projects
 - Civil Works Administration (CWA)
 - Established by Harry Hopkins (head of FERA)
 - Hired workers directly
 - Shut down because of cost!

