# SSUSH16 The Student will identify key developments in the aftermath of WWI.

# Post World War I





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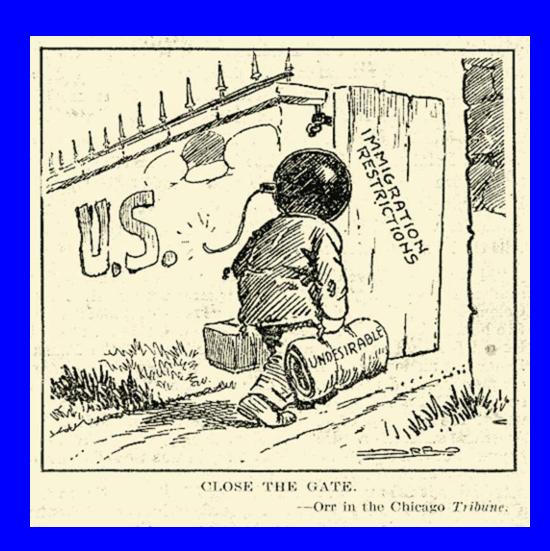
- Russia=renamed Soviet Union (USSR) & boundaries changed
- 2. Austria=redrawn
- 3. Czechoslovakia=added
- 4. Estonia=added
- 5. Finland=added
- 6. Hungary=redrawn
- 7. Latvia=added
- 8. Lithuania=added
- 9. Montenegro=removed
- 10. Ottoman=renamed Turkey & boundaries changed
- 11. Poland==Polish Corridor=added
- 12. Romania=redrawn (boundaries larger)
- 13. Serbia=removed
- 14. Yugoslavia=added

#### Post World War I Trends

- Red Scare-U.S. feared infiltration of communist influences in the country through foreigners, or immigrants.
- People began to look at immigrants differently
  - Nativism: prejudice against foreign-born people.
- Americans were in favor of Isolationism due to desire to return to normal after the war.
  - Isolationism: a policy of pulling away from involvement in world affairs.

## **Making the Connection**

- What do you see in this political cartoon?
- What opinion is the cartoonist expressing?



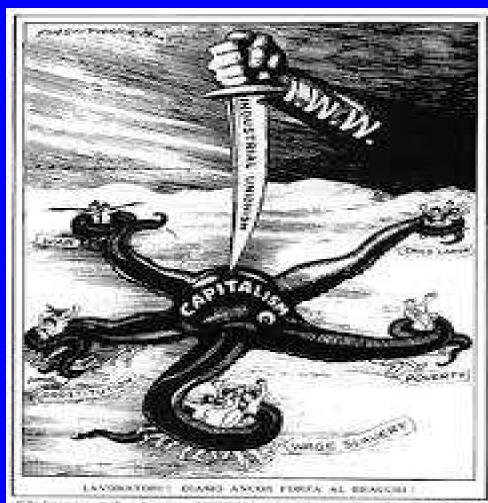
### Rising Fears

- People saw Communism as a threat to the American way of life.
- The Red Scare is going to begin in 1919.
- The Bolsheviks (Vladimir Lenin and his followers) overthrew the Russian government, and they established a communist state.
- Red Communist flag=Red Scare



### Red Scare

- The Communist
   Party came to the
   United States.
- 27,000 radicals joined. Many of them were from Workers of the World(IWW).
- Bombs were mailed to the government and businesses.



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### Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti



### **Limiting Immigration**

- American jobs should be filled by Americans rather than immigrants
  - -"Keep America for Americans"
- Rise in the KKK
- Immigration grows rapidly and The Emergency Quota Act is going to be put in place.

### **Problems with Labor**

- Strikes were not allowed during the war, but there was a growing number of strikes (3,000 in 1919).
- Newspapers
   claiming "Plots to
   establish
   Communism."



### **Making the Connection**

- Which people were primarily kept from immigrating to the United States in the 1920s?
- What is going to be the outcome of the growing anti-Semitism that is occurring worldwide?

### Conflict

- Britain & France owed the U.S. \$10 billion
- Could pay back two ways
  - Sell goods to U.S.
  - Collect reparations from Germany
- U.S. came up w/ Fordney-McCumber Tariff: signed Sept. 1922
- Resulted in resentment

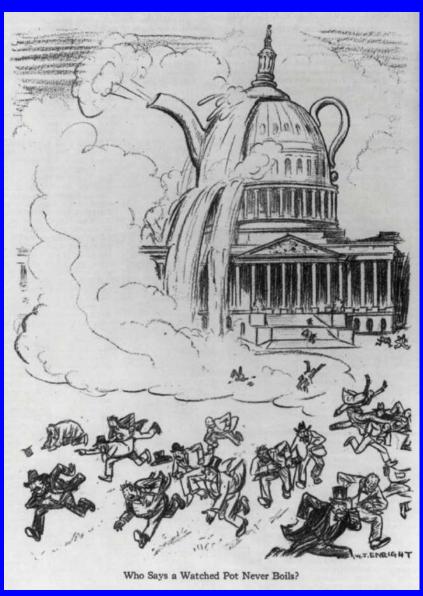
# Warren G. Harding

- Warren G. Harding became the 29<sup>th</sup> president of the United States (Republican)b.
- The public yearned for "normalcy."



 Teapot Dome Scandal (1922 & 1923)

- Washington Naval Conference: 1921
  - Major powers invited
  - Discuss naval disarmament
- Kellogg-Briand pact: 1928 (not under Harding)
  - 15 countries signed
  - Renounced war
  - Not enforced



## Calvin Coolidge

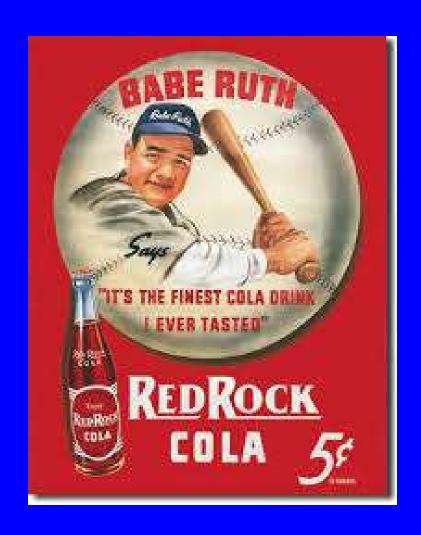
- Coolidge was the Vice President to Harding.
- 1923-served rest of Harding's term before he was re-elected.
- Very business mind-set
- Adopted laissez-faire style of governing.
- Worked to lower the national debt and cut spending.



# Standard of Living in the United States

- From 1920-1929 = prosperous years
- Americans owned around 40% of the world's wealth
- Average annual income rose 35%
  - \$522 to \$705
- Americans spent their 'extra' money...and then some!
  - Electricity was a new development
  - Buying on credit
    - Installment plan

- Advertising is going to grow during the
  1920s.
- FalseProsperity







# Making the Connections

- What products were being sold during the 20s?
- How were people buying these products?
- Why was it called false prosperity?



# Change in the 20s

- Women began to express themselves differently.
- People were moving to the cities.
- New Cultural Expressions



### **Preview and Processing**



- What were young, fashionable, and 'rebellious' women referred to during this time?
- How did they dress differently than the women in previous generations?

#### Women of the 1920s

- The idea of the flapper was viewed as rebellious.
- Women became more assertive. They wanted equal rights as men.
- New job opportunities for women:
  - From housewives to workers



# Women Before 1920s





Women during the 1920s: Flapper Girls

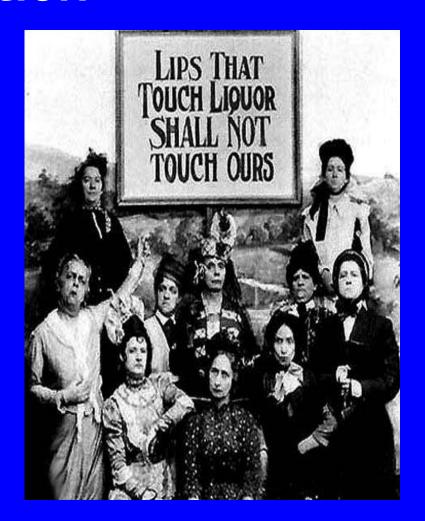
### **Growth of Cities**



- People began leaving the farms to move to the cities.
- The populations of American cities grew quickly.
- New York in 1920: 5.6 million people

### **Prohibition**

- The 18<sup>th</sup> amendment went into effect in 1920.
  - Prohibition made it illegal to sale, manufacture, or distribute alcohol.
  - Some people believed that liquor brought corruption.
  - Mid 1920, only 19% of American's agreed with the amendment.



## **Making the Connection**

- Did people continue to drink after Prohibition was passed?
- How did the people who continued to drink get their liquor?
- What was a consequence of Prohibition?
- Who was Al Capone?



### Entertainment



- Movies with sound are going to be developed.
- New Music, Art, and literature.



# **Summary and Prediction**

- Can you think of how the 1920s contribute to the Great Depression in the 1930s?
  - -Think about: false prosperity, credit, women's rights, prohibition, and mass culture.