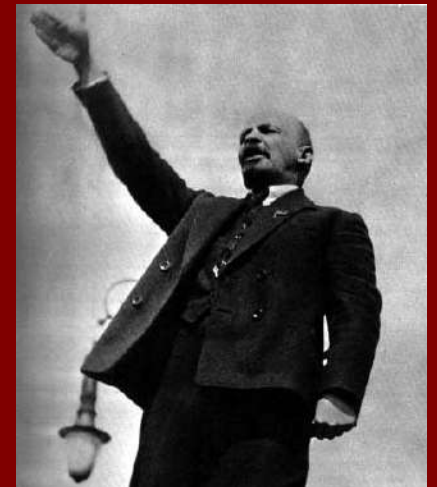


Red Scare in America- 1920s



Red Problems of the 1920s

Russian
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Russian Revolution

- Food riots caused soldiers to mutiny, desert, Czar to abdicate.
- Bolshevik (Communist) Revolution started Nov. 1917.
- Communist government was established
Communism: an economic and social system that advocated for single party and state ownership of property.



‘Sickle and Hammer’ symbols of
communism tools of the *proletariat*—
(working class.)

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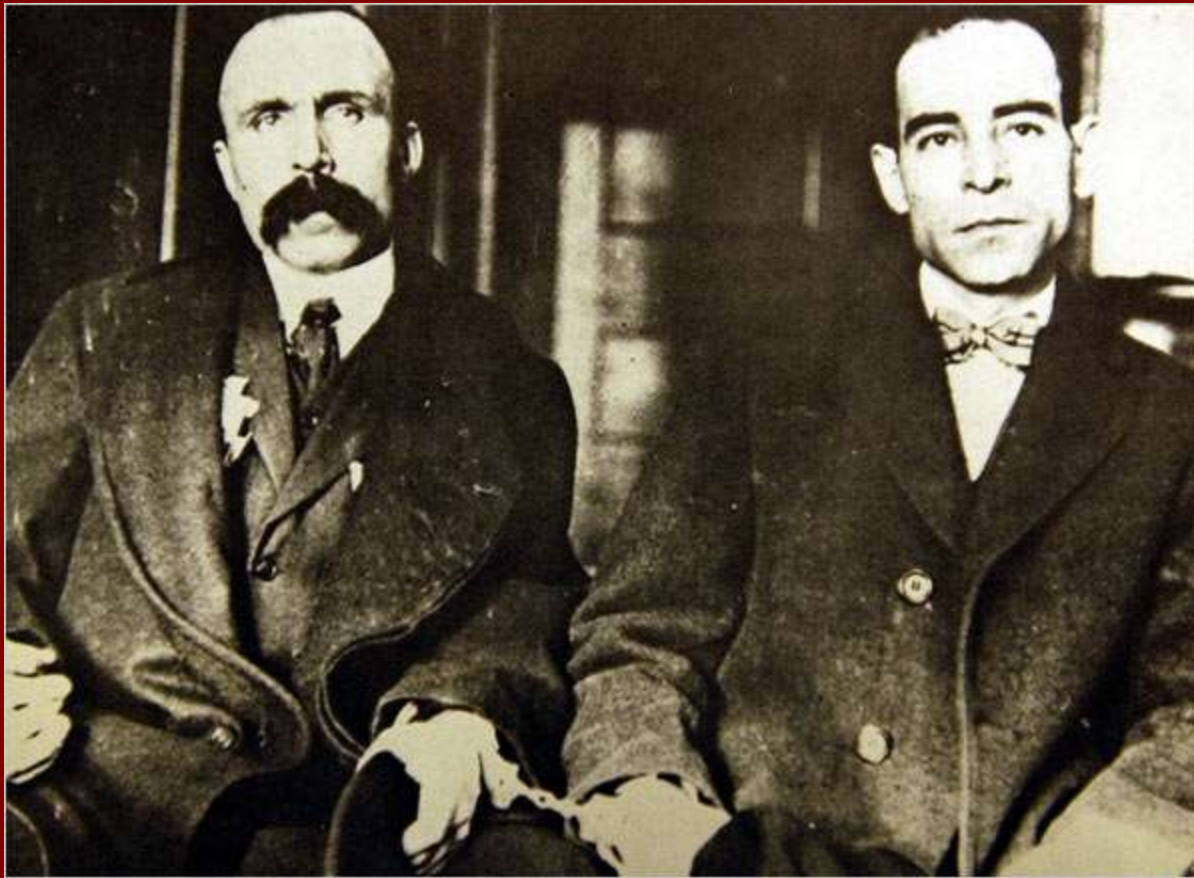
Union Strikes

- PALMER RAIDS: In Aug. 1919, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer orders government agents to hunt down and arrest suspected Communists, socialists, and anarchists.
- Suspects were deported to foreign countries with no real evidence. (Emma Goldman)
- BOSTON POLICE STRIKE: 1919, Police strike for increase in pay. Remaining police were fired.
- STEEL MILL STRIKE: 1919, 350,000 workers from the US Steel plant went on strike. Steel company hired private police and used militia to end strike, and killed 18 workers.

Immigration Restrictions

- 1907- Gentlemen's Agreement
- 1917- Literacy Tests
- 1921- Emergency Quota Act
- 1924- National Origins Act
- 1929- National Origins Act





Sacco & Vanzetti were accused of being *anarchists*—people who opposed any and all forms of govt— and for avoiding the draft during WWI.

Sacco & Vanzetti

- Red Scare raised suspicion of foreigners.
- Nicola Sacco & Bartolomeo Vanzetti are Italian immigrants who are accused killing a paymaster and his guard for their \$15,000 payroll.
- The evidence against Sacco & Vanzetti was circumstantial & the judge made prejudicial remarks.
- Jury found them guilty and sentenced them to death. Victims of Red Scare



Worldwide demonstrations were held in the US, Europe and Latin America in protest of their executions.

Last statement made by Vanzetti before he was executed by the electric chair on Aug. 23, 1927...

“In all my life I have never stole, never killed, never spilled blood...We were tried during a time...when there was hysteria of resentment and hate against the people of our principles, against the foreigner...I am suffering because I am a radical and indded I am a radical; I have suffered because I was an Italian and indeed I am an Italian...If you could execute me two times, and if I could be reborn two other times, I would live again to do what I have done already.”



In 1925, nearly 25,000 KKK members marched along Pennsylvania Ave. in Wash. D.C. to show the group's power & determination.

KKK Rises Again!

- As a result of the Red Scare and rise of immigration, KKK came to rise.
- KKK devoted to 100% Americanism: *White, non-immigrant, Protestant, etc.*
- By 1924, it boasted over 4.5 million White male members.
- Membership included states from Arkansas, California, Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon & Texas.



The rise of the KKK was a direct result of *nativist* views in the US: overt favoritism to native-born Americans.