

- ▶ **Chap 12 Section 1: Americans Struggle with Postwar Issues**
- ▶ **War leaves Americans exhausted; debate over League divides them**
- ▶ **Economy adjusting: cost of living doubles; farm, factory orders down**
 - *soldiers take jobs from women, minorities*
 - *farmers, factory workers suffer*
- ▶ **Nativism—prejudice against foreign-born people—sweeps nation**
- ▶ **Isolationism—pulling away from world affairs—becomes popular**
- ▶ **Fear of Communism-The Red Scare**
- ▶ **Communism—economic, political system, single-party government**
 - ruled by dictator
 - no private property-Only Public to distribute wealth
- ▶ **1919 Vladimir I. Lenin, Bolsheviks, set up Communist state in Russia**
- ▶ **U.S. Communist Party forms; some Industrial Workers of the World join**
- ▶ **Bombs mailed to government, businesses; people fear Red conspiracy**
- ▶ **Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer takes action**
- ▶ **The Palmer Raids**
 - Palmer, J. Edgar Hoover hunt down Communists, socialists, anarchists
 - Anarchists oppose any form of government
 - Raids trample civil rights, try to protect people from Political Radicals
- ▶ **Sacco and Vanzetti**
 - Red Scare feeds fear of foreigners, ruins reputations, wrecks lives
 - 1920, Sacco and Vanzetti, Italian immigrants, anarchists, arrested
 - charged with robbery, murder
 - trial does not prove guilt
 - Jury finds them guilty; widespread protests in U.S., abroad
 - - *Sacco, Vanzetti executed 1927*

○ **Limiting Immigration-Anti-Immigrant Attitudes**

- Nativists: fewer unskilled jobs available, fewer immigrants needed
- Think immigrant anarchists and socialists are Communist
- ▶ **The Klan Rises Again**
 - Bigots use anti-communism to harass groups unlike themselves
 - KKK opposes blacks, Catholics, Jews, immigrants, unions, saloons
 - *1924, 4.5 million members*
 - Klan controls many states' politics; violence leads to less power
- ▶ **The Quota System**
- ▶ **1919–1921, number of immigrants grows almost 600%**
- ▶ **Quota system sets maximum number can enter U.S. from each country**
 - sharply reduces European immigration
- ▶ **Discriminates against southern, eastern Europeans**
- ▶ **Prohibits Japanese immigration; causes ill will between U.S., Japan**
- ▶ **Does not apply to Western Hemisphere; many Canadians, Mexicans enter**
- ▶ **High Tariffs and Reparations**
- ▶ **Fordney-McCumber Tariff raises taxes on U.S. imports to 60%**
 - Britain, France cannot repay U.S.
- ▶ **Germany defaults; Dawes Plan—U.S. investors lend reparations money**
 - Britain, France repay; resentment on all sides
- ▶ **Tariff rise in the 1920's**
- ▶ **Scandal Hits Harding's Administration-Harding's Cabinet**
- ▶ **Harding favors limited government role in business, social reform**
- ▶ **Creates Bureau of the Budget to help run government**
- ▶ **Has capable men in cabinet—Hughes, Herbert Hoover, Andrew Mellon**
- ▶ **Also appoints Ohio gang—corrupt friends who cause embarrassment**
- ▶ **Scandal Plagues Harding**
- ▶ **Harding does not understand all issues facing nation**
- ▶ **Corrupt friends use their positions to become wealthy through graft**
- ▶ **The Teapot Dome Scandal**
- ▶ **Teapot Dome scandal—naval oil reserves used for personal gain**

- ▶ Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall leases land to private companies
- ▶ Takes bribes; is first person convicted of felony while in cabinet
- ▶ August 1923, Harding dies suddenly
- ▶ VP Calvin Coolidge assumes presidency, restores faith in government
- ▶ Section 3: The Business of America
- ▶ American Industries Flourish-Coolidge's Economic Policy
 - Calvin Coolidge favors minimal government interference in business
 - allow private enterprise to flourish
- ▶ The Impact of the Automobile
 - Cars change life—paved roads, gas stations, motels, shopping centers
 - Give mobility to rural families, women, young people
 - Workers live far from jobs, leads to urban sprawl (spread of cities)
 - Auto industry economic base for some cities, boosts oil industry
 - By late 1920s, 1 car for every 5 Americans
- ▶ The Young Airplane Industry
 - Airplane industry starts as mail service for U.S. Post Office
 - Weather forecasting begins; planes carry radios, navigation tools
 - Lockheed Company produces popular transport plane of late 1920s
 - 1927, Pan American Airways inaugurates transatlantic flights
- ▶ America's Standard of Living Soars-Incomes Grow
 - Average annual income rises over 35%, from \$522 to \$705
- ▶ Electrical Conveniences
 - Factories use electricity to run machines
 - Development of alternating current gives electricity to suburbs
 - By end of 1920s, more homes begin to have electrical appliances
 - Appliances make housework easier, free women for other activities
 - Appliances coincide with trend of women working outside home

► **The Dawn of Modern Advertising**

- Advertising agencies hire psychologists to learn to appeal to public
 - - *promote selves as benefactors of society*

► **A Superficial Prosperity-Producing Great Quantities of Goods pushed by Advertising**

- Most Americans believe prosperity will last forever
- Productivity increasing, businesses expanding, but future of companies uncertain due to positive spin on advertisements.

► **The Prohibition Experiment**

- 18th Amendment launches Prohibition era supported by religious groups, rural South, West
- Prohibition—production, sale, transportation of alcohol illegal
- Government does not budget enough money to enforce the law

► **Speakeasies and Bootleggers**

- Speakeasies (hidden saloons, nightclubs) become fashionable
- Bootleggers smuggle alcohol from surrounding countries

► **Organized Crime**

- Prohibition contributes to organized crime in major cities
- Al Capone controls Chicago liquor business by killing competitors
- By mid-1920s, only 19% support Prohibition
- 18th Amendment in force until 1933; repealed by 21st Amendment

► **The Harlem Renaissance**

► **African-American Voices in the 1920s-The Move North**

- 1910-1920, Great Migration of thousands of African Americans
 - - *move from South to Northern cities*

► **Marcus Garvey and the UNIA**

- - *believes African Americans should build separate society*
- Garvey promotes black pride, black businesses, return to Africa or the Back to Africa Movement
- ▶ The Harlem Renaissance Flowers in New York-African-American Writers
- ▶ Harlem Renaissance—African-American literary, artistic movement
- - express pride in African-American experience
- Langston Hughes's poems describe difficult lives
- Zora Neale Hurston shows folkways