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Hundred Days: 1st session of Congress after FDR's inauguration. Time was spent developing new programs to aid in economic recovery. Collectively the programs were known as the **New Deal**.

Bank Holiday: in his 1st day of office, Roosevelt ordered a closing of all National banks for 3 days.

---every bank would be inspected and only healthy banks were allowed to re-open.

---explained in Roosevelt's 1st fireside chat.

---over the next month, more than \$1 billion was re-invested in American banks.

NEW DEAL PROGRAMS:

Most dealt with Unemployment: CWA; CCC; TVA

Some helped farmers: FCA; AAA

Critics: people often criticized expansion of federal government. Felt it would force government to raise taxes.

---others, like Huey Long, felt it did not go far enough---Share Our Wealth. Assassinated.

1934 Congressional Election: Democrats increase majority in both houses. Shows American public likes New Deal Programs.

2nd New Deal---Measures passed after 1934 election. CWA, WPA, NYA.

Social Security Act: passed in 1935 to provide **SOME** financial security for elderly, disabled, children, and unemployed. 1st legislation in which government took direct responsibility for people's well-being.

NIRA---National Industrial Recovery Act—required a minimum wage and allowing collective bargaining.

--declared unconstitutional

NLRA—National Labor Relations Act—allowed workers to join labor unions and practice collective bargaining. Created the National Labor Relations Board to oversee union activities.

---Bring rise to the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)

--organized unions based on industry, not skill level

i.e. United Auto Workers

--strike tactic---sit down strike—did not leave factory so they could not be replaced

IMPORTANT b/c of the number of people out of work.

1936 election---Roosevelt wins a landslide. Democrats gain a larger majority in Congress. Republicans However control he Supreme Court.

---Republican-controlled Supreme Court begins declaring new laws unconstitutional.

---Court Packing Bill---Roosevelt drew up plan to appoint a new supreme court justice for any that was over 70 years old.

---criticized for trying to harm balance of power.

---rejected by Congress, however, no new deal legislation was overturned.