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THE ROARING TWENTIES

LECTURE 2: THE PRESIDENTS



Bruce Thompson

Three Republican Presidents: Harding, Coolidge, & Hoover

During the 1920s, three Republicans would control the White House for twelve years.

They supported a laissez-faire policy of minimal government interference in business activities.



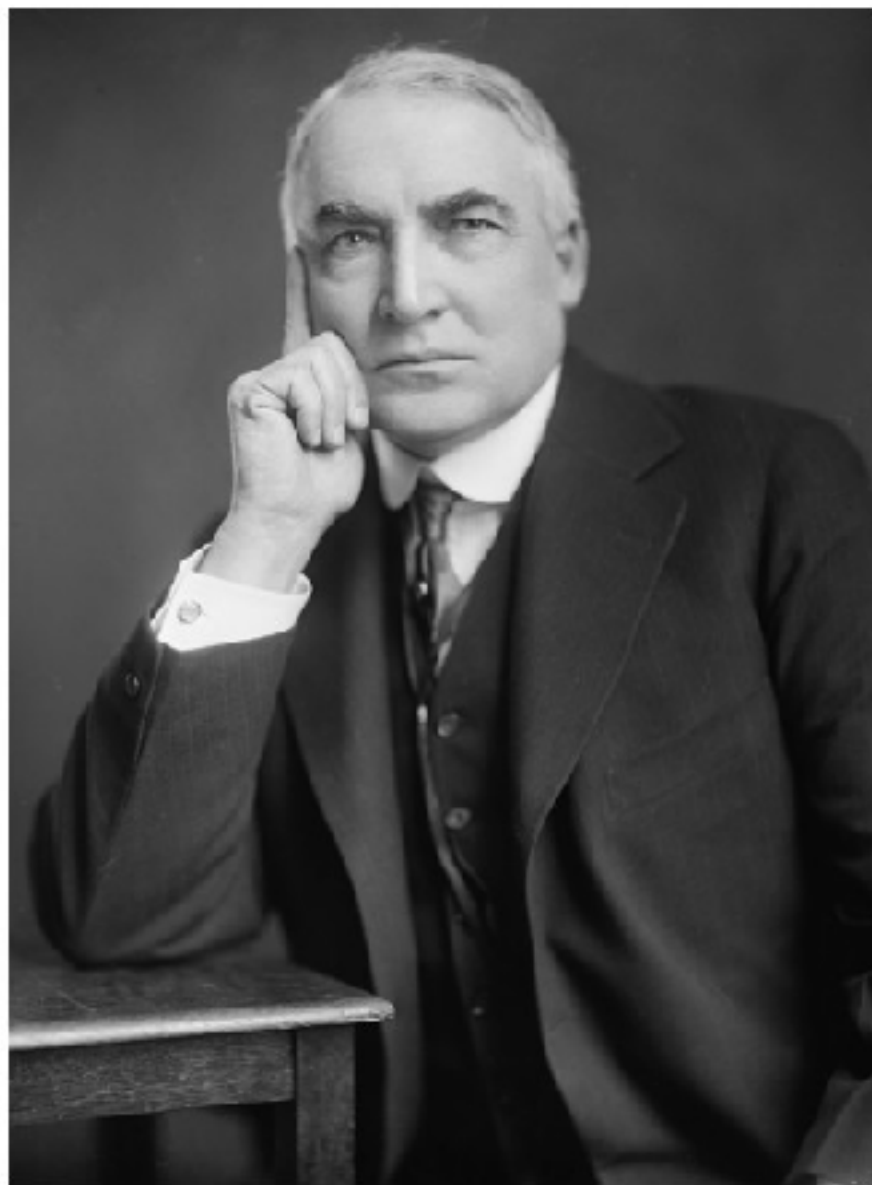
Warren Harding



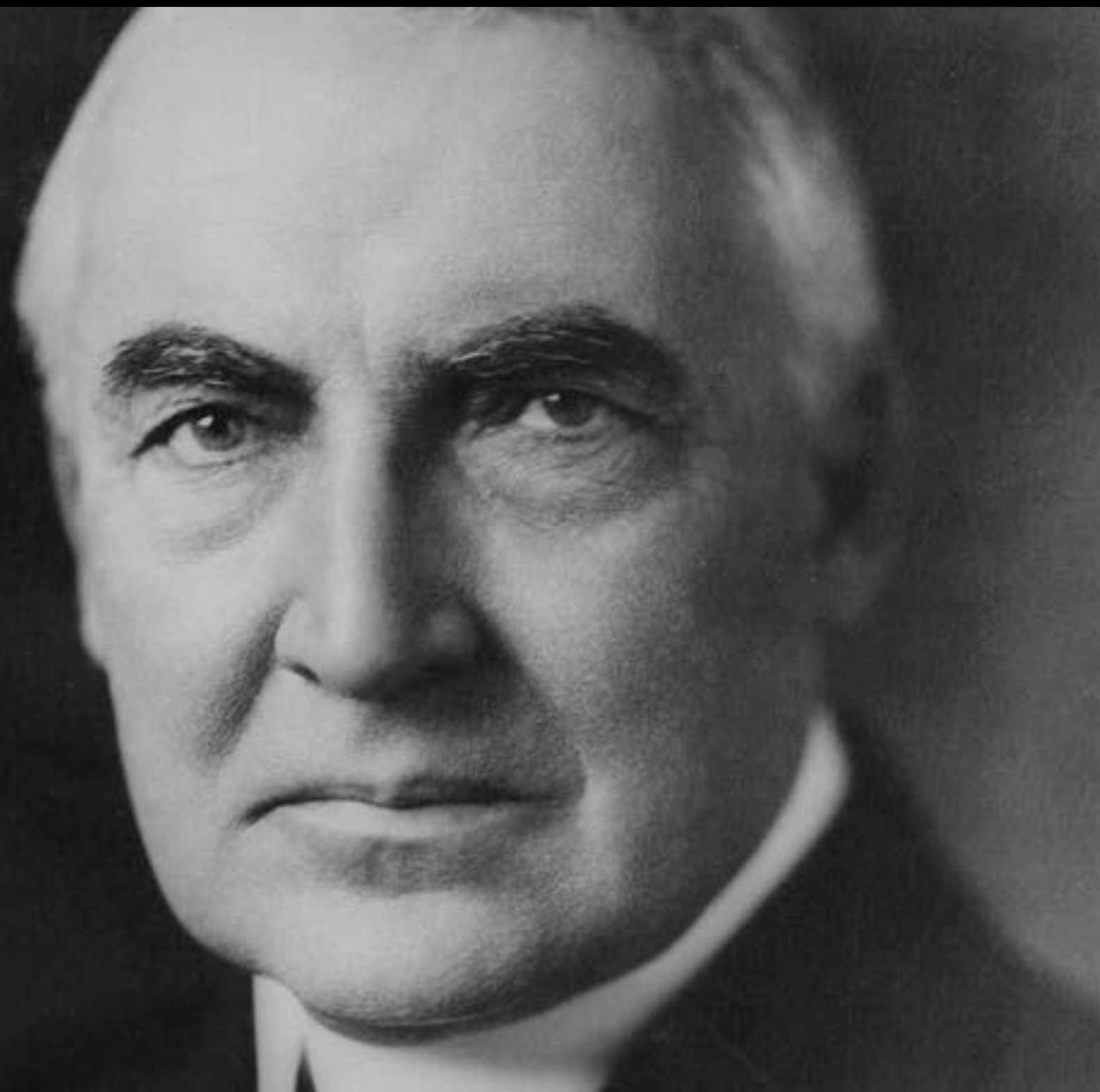
Calvin Coolidge

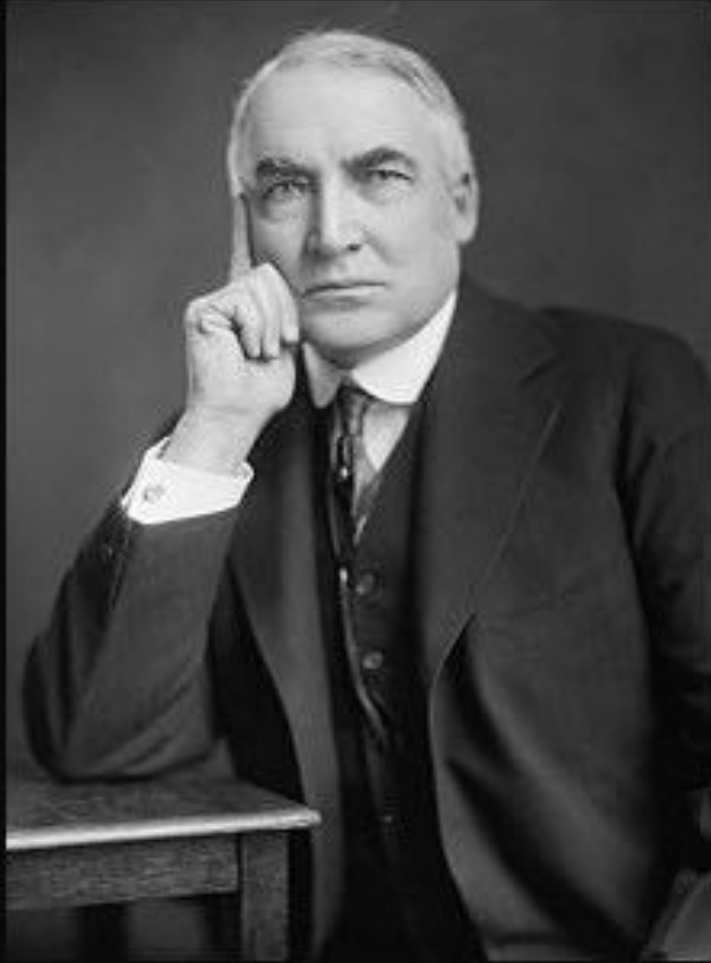


Herbert Hoover



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America's present need is not heroics but healing;
not nostrums but normalcy; not revolution but
restoration.

(Warren G. Harding)



[Warren G. Harding's] speeches leave the impression of an army of pompous phrases moving over the landscape in search of an idea. Sometimes these meandering words would actually capture a straggling thought and bear it triumphantly a prisoner in their midst until it died of servitude and overwork.

(William G. McAdoo)

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He writes the worst English that I have ever encountered. It reminds me of a string of wet sponges; it reminds me of tattered washing on the line; it reminds me of stale bean soup, of college yells, of dogs barking idiotically through endless nights. It is so bad that a sort of grandeur creeps into it. It drags itself out of the dark abysm of pish, and crawls insanely up the topmost pinnacle of posh. It is rumble and bumble. It is flap and doodle. It is balder and dash.

(writing about US President Warren G. Harding)

~ H.L. Mencken

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Theodore Roosevelt (1856-1920)







THE MAN IN THE ARENA

"IT IS NOT THE CRITIC WHO COUNTS; NOT THE MAN WHO POINTS OUT HOW THE STRONG MAN STUMBLES, OR WHERE THE DOER OF DEEDS COULD HAVE DONE THEM BETTER. THE CREDIT BELONGS TO THE MAN WHO IS ACTUALLY IN THE ARENA, WHOSE FACE IS MARRED BY DUST AND SWEAT AND BLOOD; WHO STRIVES VALIANTLY; WHO ERRS, WHO COMES SHORT AGAIN AND AGAIN, BECAUSE THERE IS NO EFFORT WITHOUT ERROR AND SHORTCOMING; BUT WHO DOES ACTUALLY STRIVE TO DO THE DEEDS; WHO KNOWS GREAT ENTHUSIASMS, THE GREAT DEVOTIONS; WHO SPENDS HIMSELF IN A WORTHY CAUSE; WHO AT THE BEST KNOWS IN THE END THE TRIUMPH OF HIGH ACHIEVEMENT, AND WHO AT THE WORST, IF HE FAILS, AT LEAST FAILS WHILE DARING GREATLY, SO THAT HIS PLACE SHALL NEVER BE WITH THOSE COLD AND TIMID SOULS WHO NEITHER KNOW VICTORY NOR DEFEAT."

Theodore Roosevelt



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Theodore Roosevelt in Riverhead, Long Island

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William Howard Taft (1857-1930)

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Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)





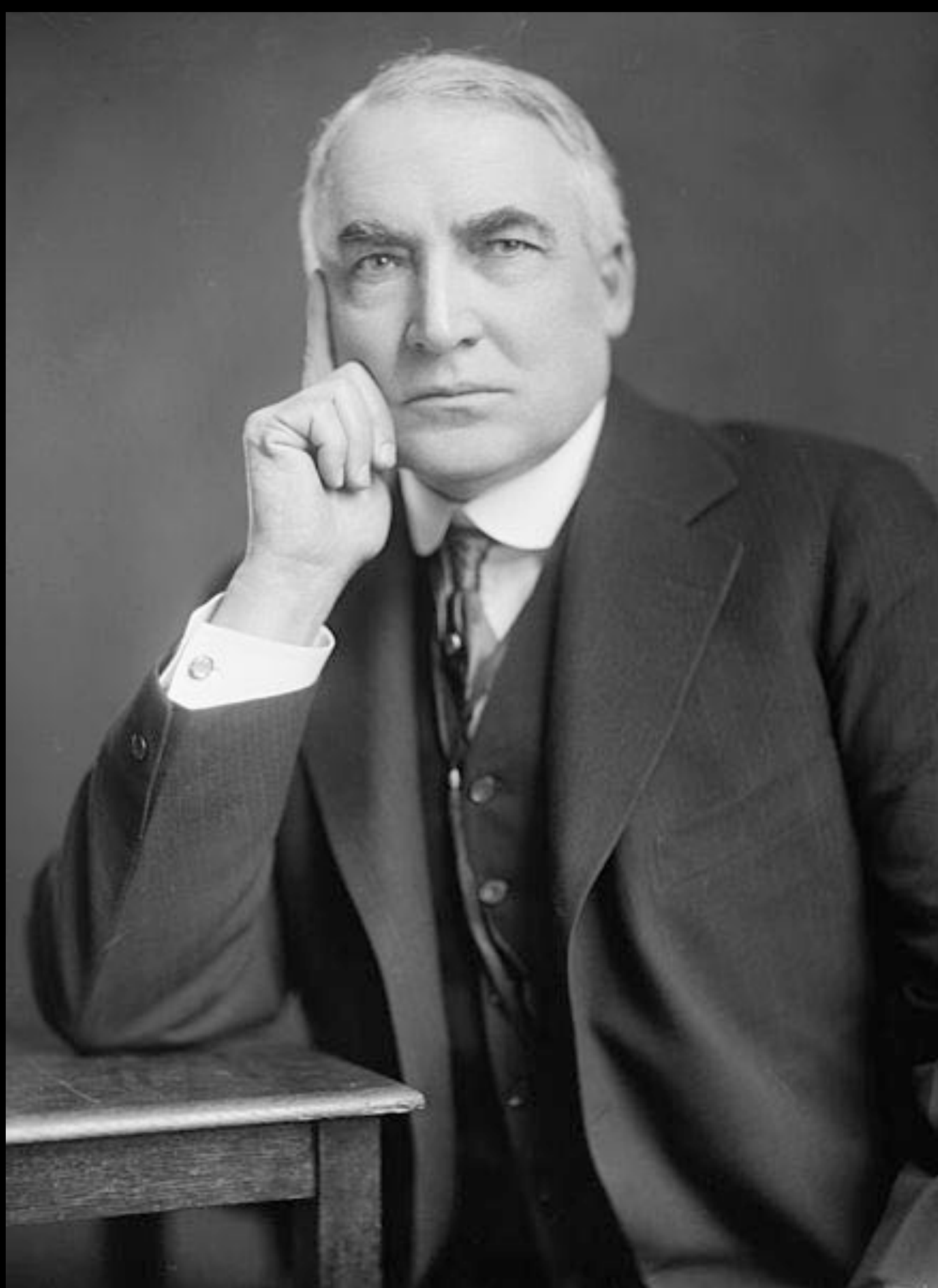


Middle America: Warren Harding's Birthplace









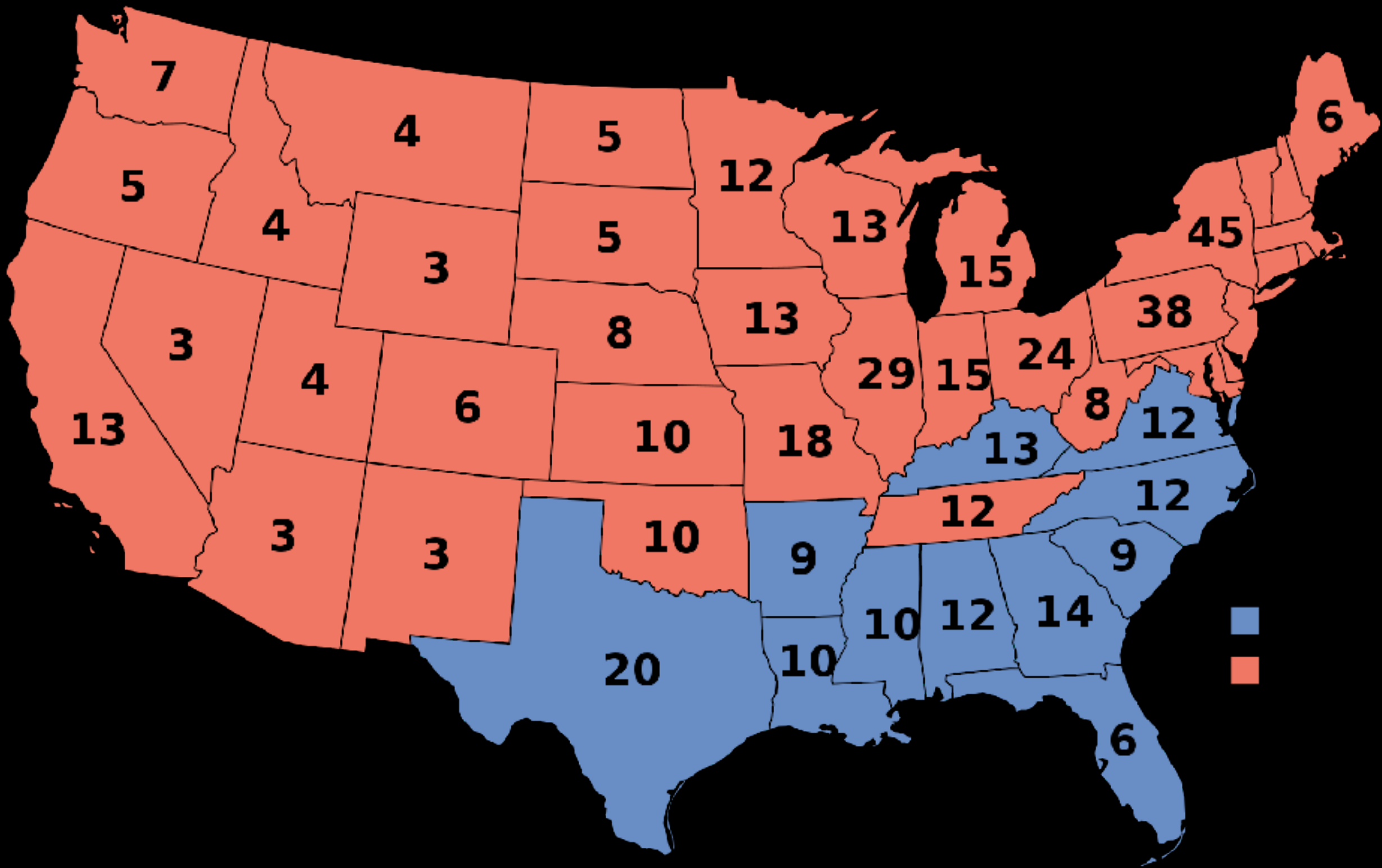




HOW LONG CAN HE RESIST?



**The worst defeat:
FDR and James M. Cox
1920**



Electoral College Map, 1920



L. Hodgson Smith



William Howard Taft, Harding, Robert Lincoln



**Secretary of State
Charles Evans Hughes
(1862-1948)**



**Secretary of the Treasury
Andrew Mellon
(1856-1937)**



**Secretary of Commerce
Herbert Hoover
(and King Tut)**



**Secretary of the Interior
Albert Fall
(1861-1944)**



**Attorney General
Harry Daugherty
(1860-1941)**



Golf







Harding's Funeral

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TEAPOT DOME SUIT IS BEGUN

Seek to Restore Insurgents to Pomerene Says Their Former Committee Rank Lease Was Work of Conspirators

Norris Makes Move in Senate

WASHINGTON.—A move to remove the La Follette insurgents to their old committee rank was made Monday in the senate by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska.

He offered a formal motion to substitute the name of Senator La Follette, of North Dakota, one of the insurgents, for that of Senator Stanford of Oregon, chairman of the public lands committee.

YOUTH SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED IN ATTACK ON WRIGHT

ATLANTA, Ga.—The youth said to have confessed in the attack on Wright, was arrested Monday night, and is being held in the city jail.

Mrs. Ida Hughes Resentenced to Die on Friday, April 24th

ATLANTA, Ga.—Mrs. Ida Hughes was resentenced to die on the gallows, and Friday, April 24, set as the date, for the murder of her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. C. Hughes, December 21, 1922. The death sentence was again affirmed by the state supreme court, making it unnecessary. As the woman was arrested before the murder of her mother-in-law, she was charged with being in the room at the time she was slain.

DARING ROBBERY IN N. Y. MONDAY

Wanted Man, Boat Woman, Bag Thrown, and Laid With \$10,000 in Cash

MOVE TO WELD DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS STARTED

WASHINGTON.—A move to weld the democratic party is being started by the national committee.

Will Defend Oil Leases



CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The government's suit to void the lease of Teapot Dome in the Wyoming oil company, one of the Teapot Dome group, opened in federal court here Monday before Judge T. Blaine Smith, at 10th street, Monday morning.

Justice Department attorneys, led by Owen J. Roberts, are expected to appear in the case, which is expected to be a landmark case in the history of the federal government's power to void oil leases.

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\$15,000 REMAINS

For President to Use in Winning White Franchise

WASHINGTON.—President Coolidge has been told that \$15,000 remains for the president to use in winning the white franchise.

COOLIDGE HANDS DOWN DECISION

Forces Behind Viewpoint in Terms and Arise Action

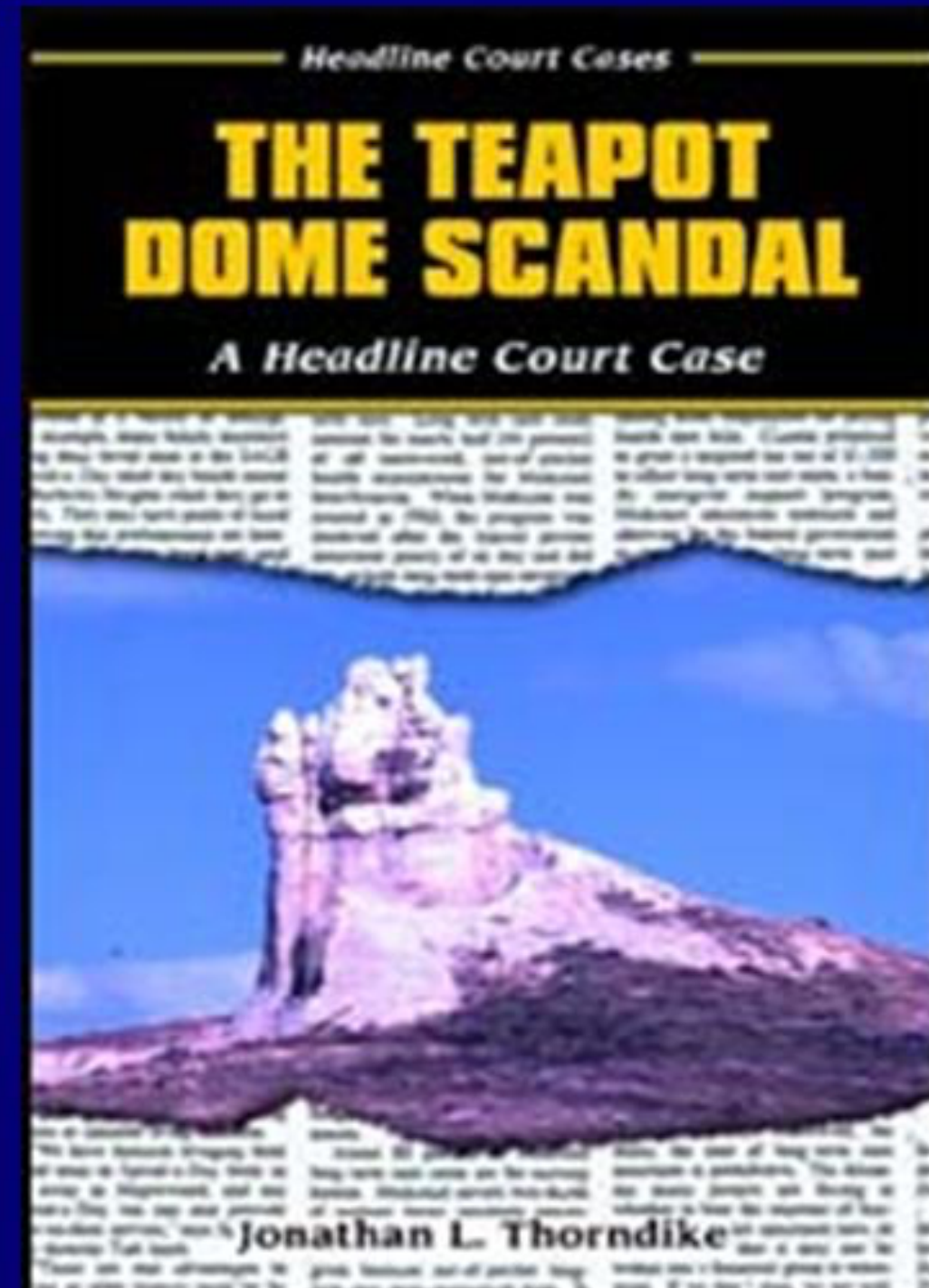
HUGE SUM SPENT

By Senate To Fund



TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL

- The worst case of corruption was the Teapot Dome Scandal
- The government set aside oil-rich public land in Teapot, WY
- **Secretary of Interior Albert Fall** secretly leased the land to two oil companies
- Fall received \$400,000 from the oil companies and a **felony conviction** from the courts



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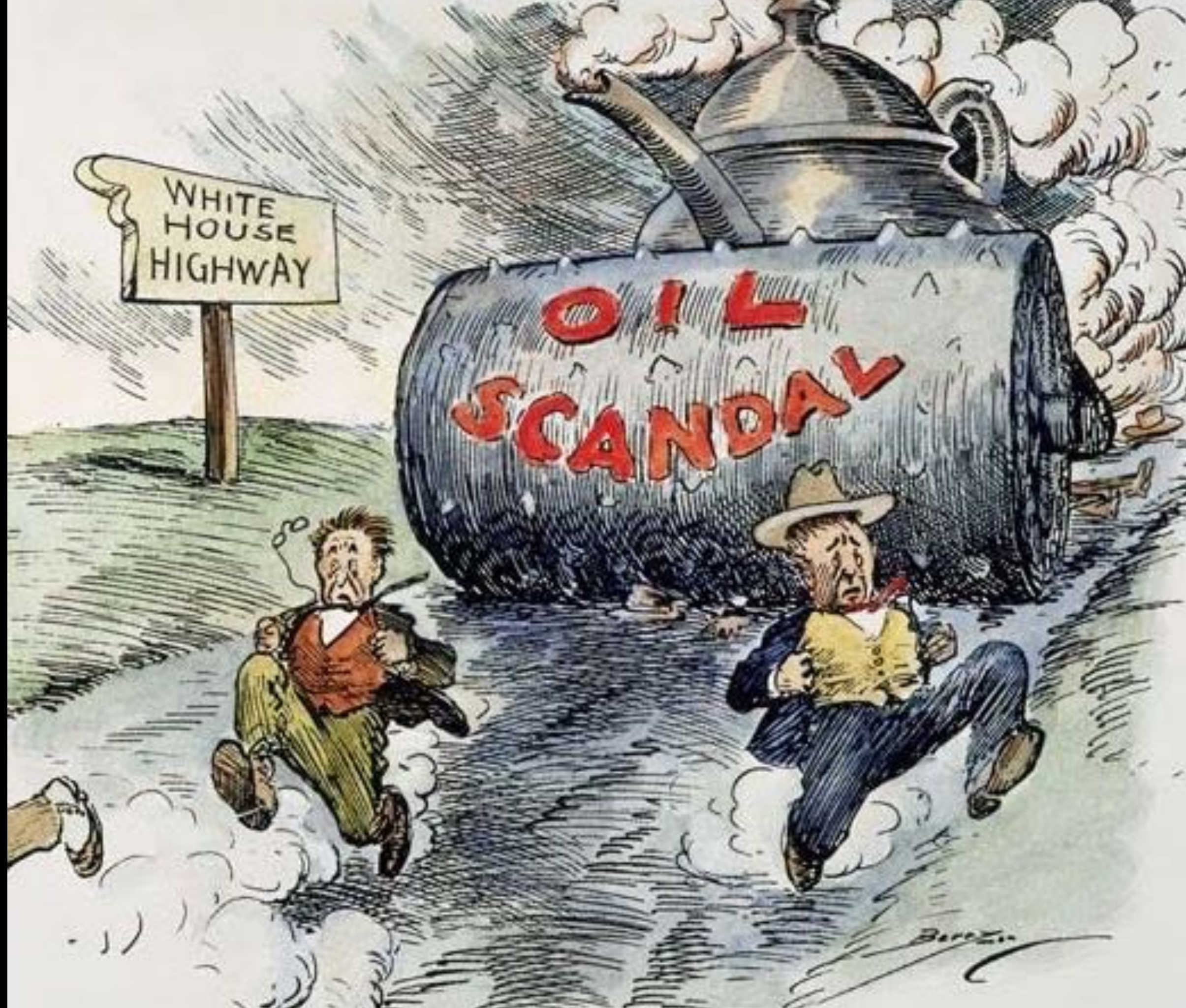


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THE TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL

HOW BIG OIL
BOUGHT THE
HARDING
WHITE HOUSE
AND TRIED
TO STEAL THE
COUNTRY

LATON MCCARTNEY

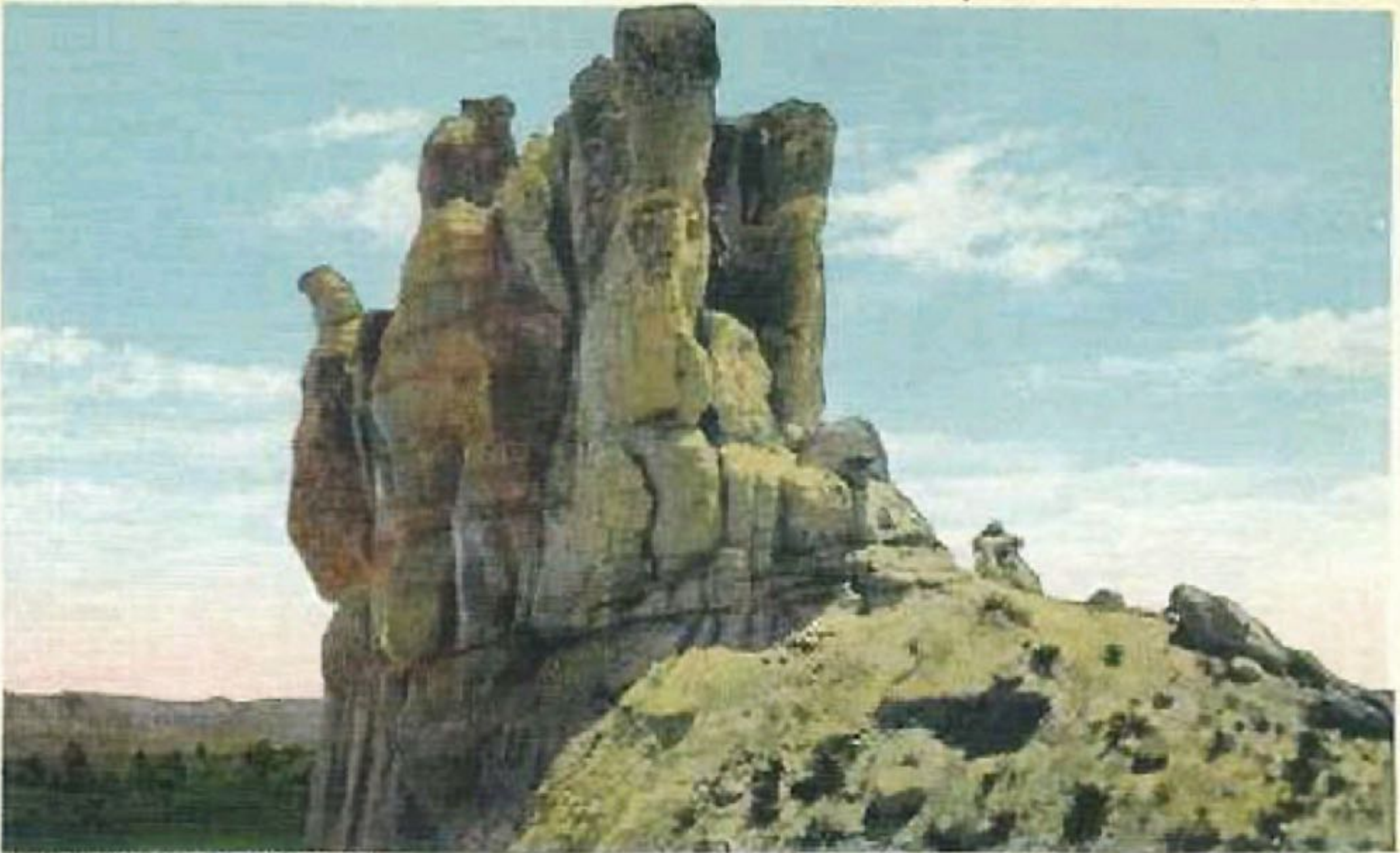
TEA POT DOME

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Calvin Coolidge and Warren Harding



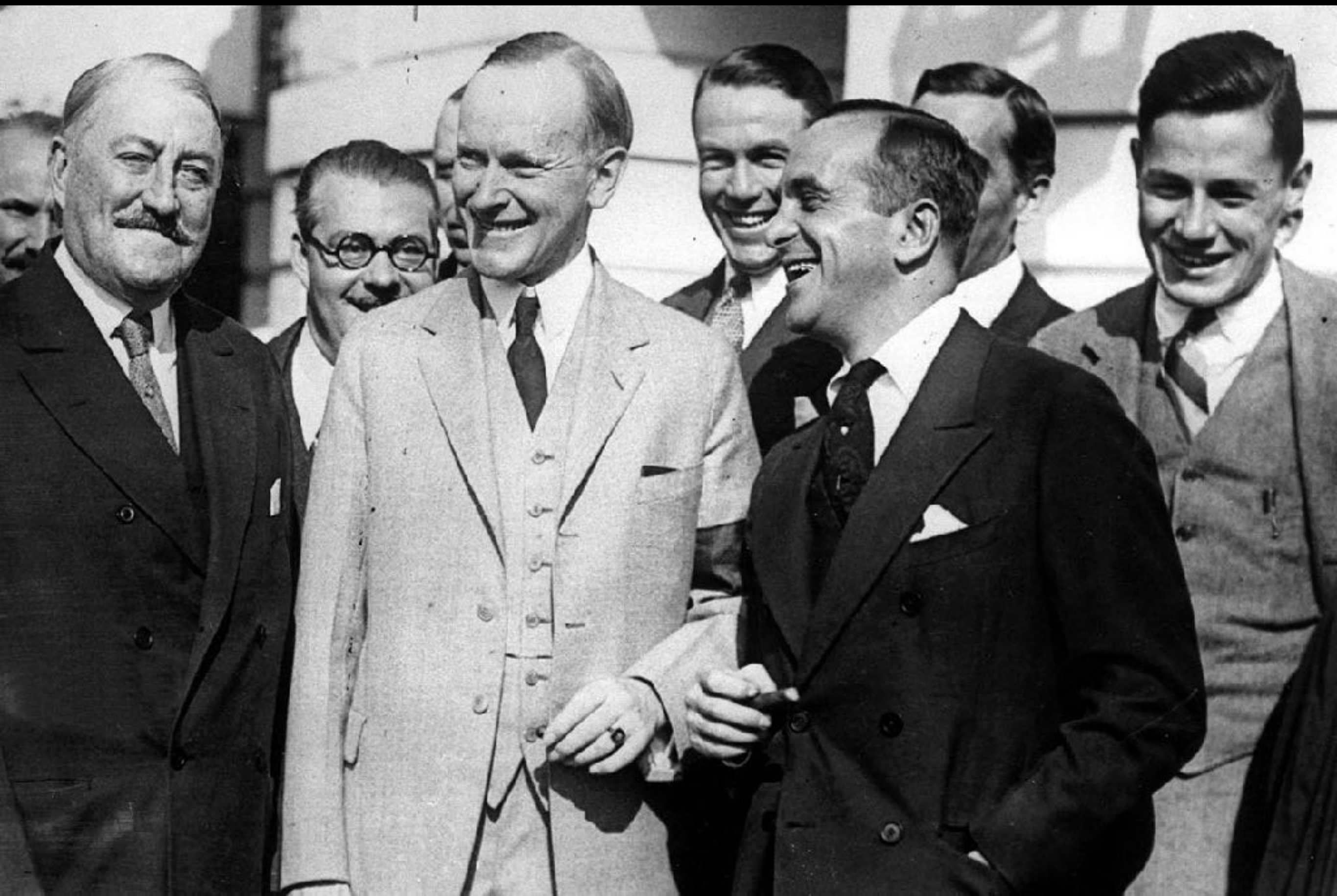


Farmer in Vermont



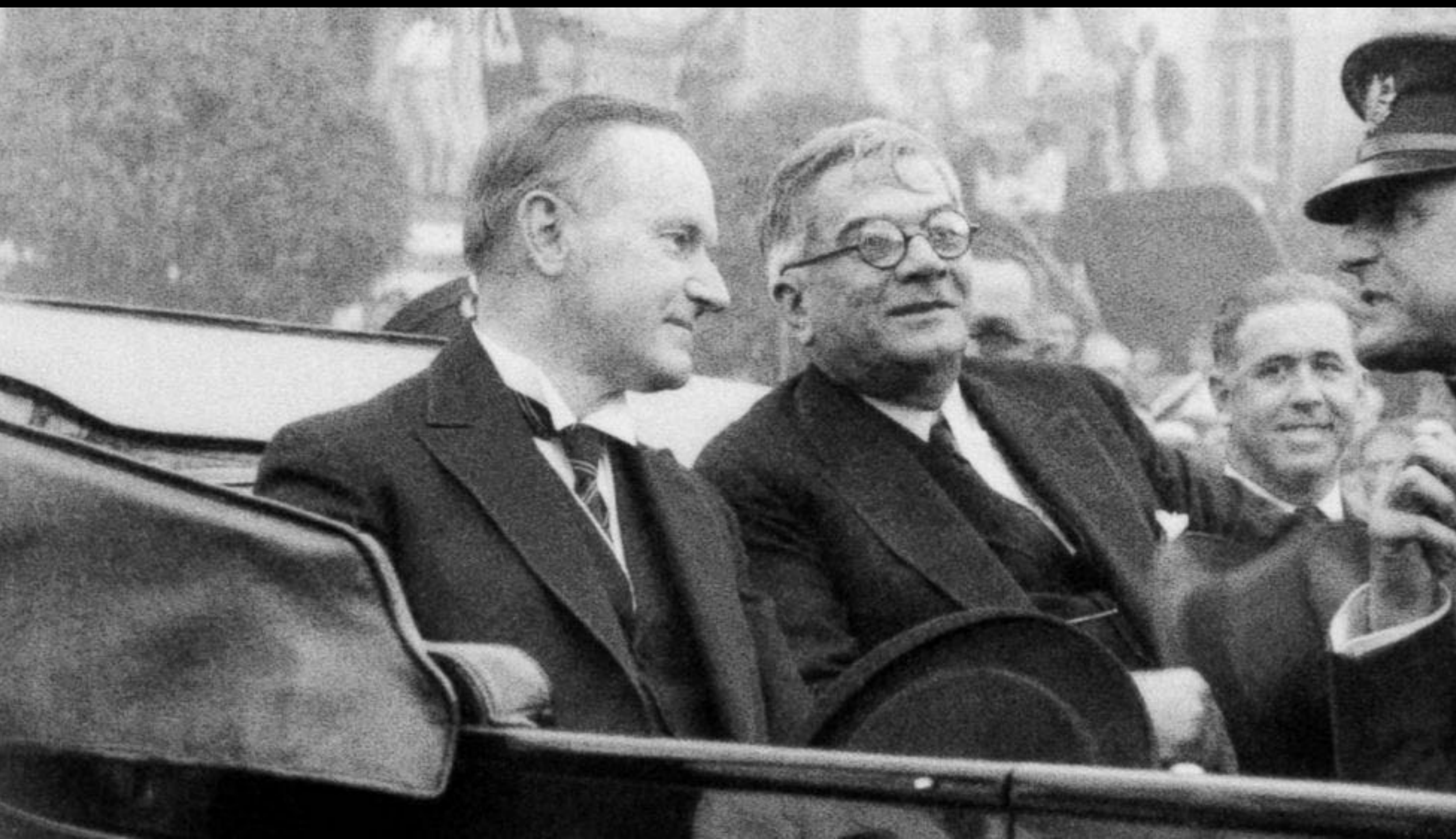






The President and the Jazz Singer: Calvin Coolidge and Al Jolson, 1924











"I want the people of America to be able to **work less for the government and more for themselves.** I want them to have the rewards of their own industry. **This is the chief meaning of freedom.**"

- Calvin Coolidge



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If you see ten troubles coming down the road, you can be sure that nine will run into the ditch before they reach you and you have to battle with only one of them.

-Calvin Coolidge



Well, farmers never have made money. I don't believe we can do much about it. But of course we will have to seem to be doing something; do the best we can and without much hope. The life of the farmer has its compensations but it has always been one of hardship.

— Calvin Coolidge —

AZ QUOTES



Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover



**Secretary of the Treasury
Andrew Mellon
(1856-1937)**



**Joseph Stalin,
General Secretary of the
Communist Party of the
USSR and
art connoisseur**





**Jan Van Eyck, *The Annunciation*
1434**



Raphael
Saint George and the
Dragon
c.1505



Velazquez
Portrait of
Pope Innocent X
c. 1650



The Alba Madonna
Raphael
c.1510



Titian
Venus with a Mirror
1555



Rembrandt
The Polish Nobleman
1637



**Botticelli
self-portrait
in *The Adoration
of the Magi*, c. 1480**