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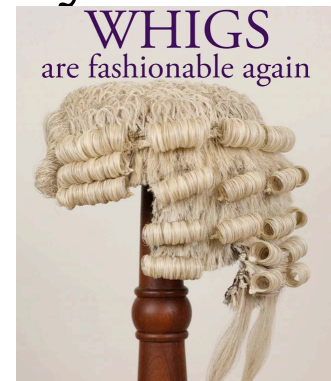
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Compromise?!

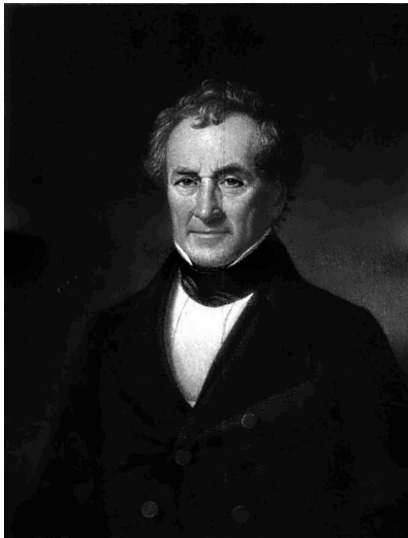
Political Parties

- **Free Soil** – Opposed to slavery in all forms, esp. in new territories
- **Whigs** – Came from National Republicans in 1830s; northern & anti-slavery (Clay, WHH, Seward, Taylor)
- **American Party** (Know-Nothings) – Wanted to “clean up” by excluding foreigners/Catholics; prohibition & corruption
- **Democrats** – Opposed to privilege & advocates for pragmatism; Support **Ostend Manifesto** re: Cuba
- **Republicans** – Northerners who want to help poor whites, abolish slavery, free soil, contain slavery



Problem #1

- Balance of 11 Free & 11 Slave states; MO wants to enter as slave state
- **Tallmadge Amendment** (1819) – Prohibit slaves in MO & gradually free existing ones → fails in Senate
- Issue: Does Congress have the right to decide?
 - N: Framers thought slavery a temporary condition
 - S: New states have same rights as old under 5th Am.



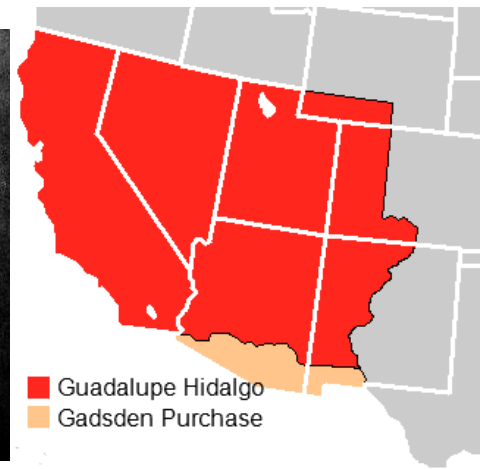
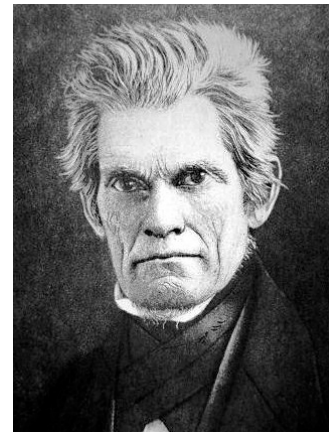
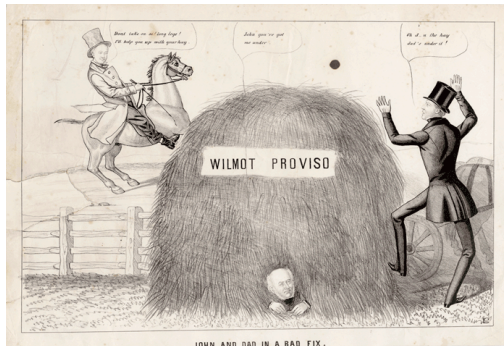
Missouri Compromise (1820)

- **Henry Clay** – MO = slave, ME = Free
- 36° 30' N – Split LA Purchase into free/slave
- **IMPACT:** Tension grows on slavery, but expansion issue put on hold



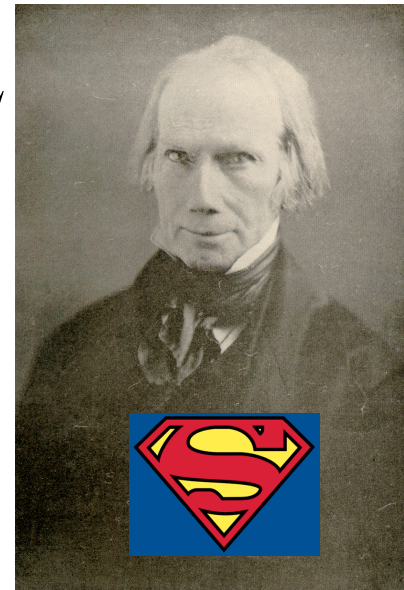
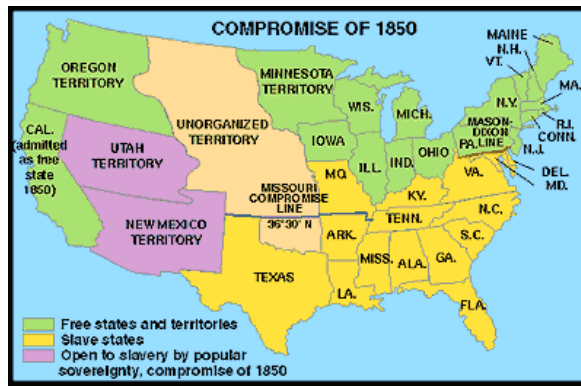
Problem #2

- **Wilmot Proviso** (1846) – All new territory is free
 - Passes House, not Senate
 - N: Support for moral, sectional & racist reasons (296)
- **Calhoun** (1847) – Proposes that all territories should include slavery; Congress could only forbid when applying for statehood; unresolved
- **Result of Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo** (1848)
 - US gains NM, CA, UT
 - Taylor encourages popular sovereignty → CA/NM do →
 - Congress refuses to admit them...



Compromise of 1850

- Another Clay proposal
 - CA would enter as a free state; NM & UT slave
 - TX gives up land to NM & USFG gives \$10M to pay off their debts
 - DC could not trade slaves
 - Enforce more effective Fugitive Slave Law
 - Congress promises not to intervene in interstate trade
- **IMPACT:** Nobody really happy...but relieved
 - Northern Free-Soilers angry
 - **GA Platform** – Resist ban in DC or restrict FSL
 - Douglas & Cass embrace popular sovereignty



Problem #3: Kansas-Nebraska Act

- **1854** – Western Territory – Slave or Free?
- **Stephen Douglas** – Repeal MO Compromise & introduce popular sovereignty to Kansas & Nebraska
- NE votes free → not a problem since North
- KS – MO Settlers want slavery, but few slaves
 - Free-Soilers race to settle KS
 - 2 Constitutions: Topeka (Free Soil), Lecompton (Slavery)



Impacts

- **New Republican Party** – anti-slavery Northerners
- **Bleeding Kansas** – **John Brown** leads raid killing 5
 - Guerrilla warfare between free/slave supporters
 - 200 Die; \$2M damage
 - **Charles Sumner** – Caned for anti-slavery speech
 - **Robert Walker** – Sent by Buchanan to negotiate Const. → Lecompton (no Free Soilers voted)
 - Douglas leads opposition to statehood for KS
- KS not admitted until 1861 (free) after secession

