

Chapter 17 - Day 3

- Angry Mood—1931 open acts of revolts—Jan. '31, 500 Okla. City residents loot grocery store. “Hunger Marches” held by American Communist party
- 1930-34 farmers revolt, destroying crops to try to raise prices
- Bonus Marchers—WWI vets organized to get bonuses early—marched to D.C. to support bill, eventually 15,000 camped in D.C. Bill fails. Many vets and families stay occupying empty buildings and camped in open park areas
- Hoover orders buildings cleared, local police try but end up killing 2 veterans
- Then the army came. Army Chief of Staff Douglass MacArthur ignored Hoover’s order to leave the camps alone. Sent in cavalry, infantry, and tanks to clear all vets from city. Tear gassed camps and burnt shacks and tents. Tear gas killed one baby boy. American public outraged.
- Hoover failed to resolve the depression but did expand the economic role of the federal gov’t.