

Ch 25 Section 4 The Home Front

Opportunity and Adjustment

Economic Gains

- Defense industries boom, unemployment falls to 1.2% in 1944
 - average pay rises 10% during war
- Farmers prosper from rising crop prices, increase in production
 - many pay off mortgages
- Percentage of women in work force rises to 35%

Population Shifts

- War triggers mass migrations to towns with defense industries

Social Adjustments

- Many couples rush to marry before husband goes overseas
- 1944 **GI Bill of Rights** or Servicemen's Readjustment Act:
 - pays education; loan guarantees for homes, new businesses

Discrimination and Reaction

Civil Rights Protests

- Racial tensions rise in overcrowded Northern cities
 - James Farmer** founds **Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)**
 - works on racial segregation in North
- 1943 racial violence sweeps across country; Detroit riots worst case

Tension in Los Angeles

- Anti-Mexican zoot suit riots involve thousands servicemen, civilians

Internment of Japanese Americans

Japanese Americans Placed in Internment Camps

- Hawaii governor forced to order **internment** (confinement) of Japanese
- 1942 FDR signs removal of Japanese Americans in four states because of strong anti-Japanese sentiment
- U.S. Army forces 110,000 Japanese Americans into prison camps
- 1944 *Korematsu v. United States*—Court rules in favor of internment
- After war, **Japanese American Citizens League** pushes for compensation
- 1988, Congress grants \$20,000 to everyone sent to relocation camp