

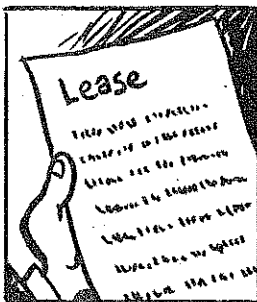
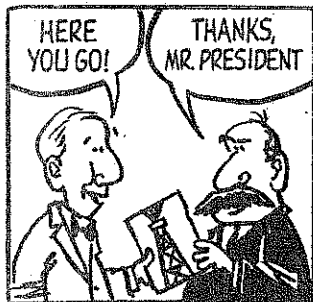
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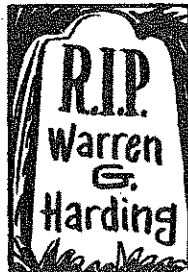
Shortly after taking office in 1921, President Harding transferred control of the United States naval oil reserves to his Secretary of the Interior, Albert Fall. Fall had friends in the oil business, and he secretly leased the oilfields to them. In return, he received "loans" that were actually bribes. In 1923, Congress investigated the scandal, called "Teapot Dome" after the name of one of the oilfields. President Harding did not live to see Fall's 1929 conviction. Fall was fined \$100,000 and sentenced to one year in prison. He was the first cabinet member in United States history to be convicted of a felony.

The Teapot Dome Scandal

Directions: Use the information in the paragraph and your knowledge of history to write captions for each comic panel about the Teapot Dome Scandal. You may refer to your text for more background.

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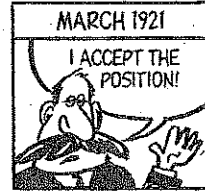
Warren Harding won the 1920 presidential election and in March 1921, he appointed Albert Fall as his Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary of the Navy persuaded President Harding to turn over the United States naval oil reserves to the Department of the Interior. Fall then secretly leased the oilfields to friends of his in the oil business. In return, he received "loans" which were really bribes.

On April 4, 1922, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on the illegal transactions. President Harding stated publicly that Fall had done nothing illegal and had cleared the deal with him first. However, in 1929 Fall was convicted of taking bribes, fined \$100,000 and sentenced to one year in prison.

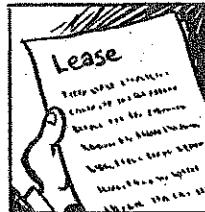
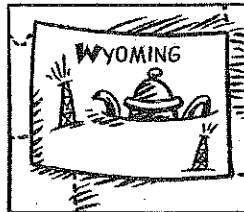
Albert Fall and the Teapot Dome Scandal

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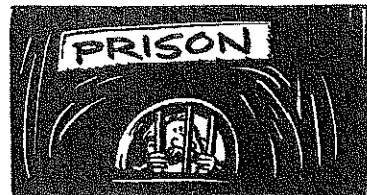
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