



North begins to rely on industry and commerce and the South starts to rely on plantations and agriculture



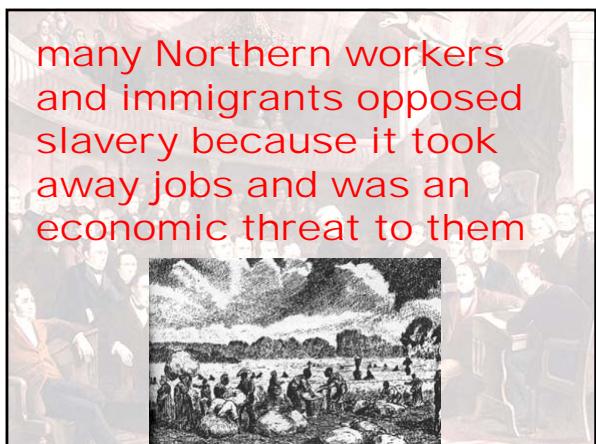
North - Industry



South - Agriculture



most Southerners do not own slaves and resent the rich slave owners



many in the North who considered themselves abolitionists were still racists



RACIST – having prejudice based on race

Slave owners defended the owning of slaves by saying they were actually helping the African Americans by giving them shelter, food and religion



**WILMOT PROVISO** – a bill to outlaw any slavery in land obtained from the war with Mexico

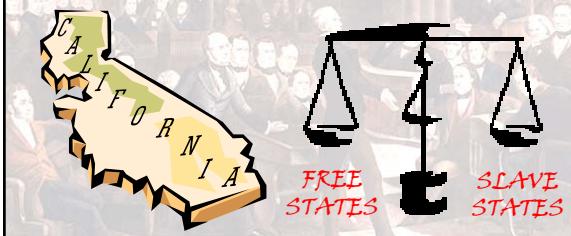


It passed in the House of Representatives but not the Senate

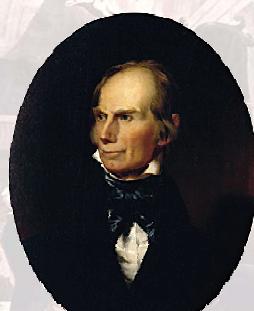


Created a new political party called the **FREE SOIL PARTY**

California wants to enter as a free state – this would upset the balance of power between free and slave



**COMPROMISE OF 1850** – a plan offered by **Henry Clay**, a senator from Kentucky



*Henry Clay*

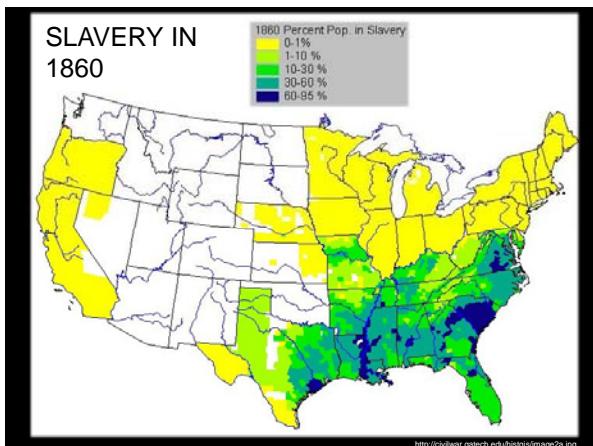
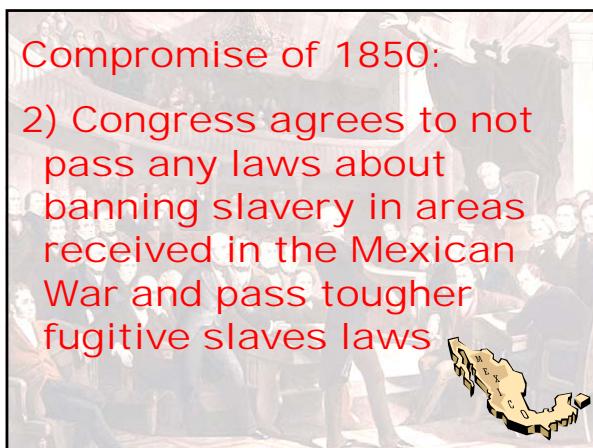
Compromise of 1850:

1) California enters as a free state and slave trade is abolished in Washington D.C.



## Compromise of 1850:

2) Congress agrees to not pass any laws about banning slavery in areas received in the Mexican War and pass tougher fugitive slaves laws



**DANIEL WEBSTER** – Senator from Massachusetts who supports the Compromise of 1850



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**STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS** – Senator from Illinois, was in charge of passing the Compromise of 1850



**STEPHEN A DOUGLAS**

COMPROMISE OF 1850 - a temporary solution to the free state / slave state debate as the nation grew

