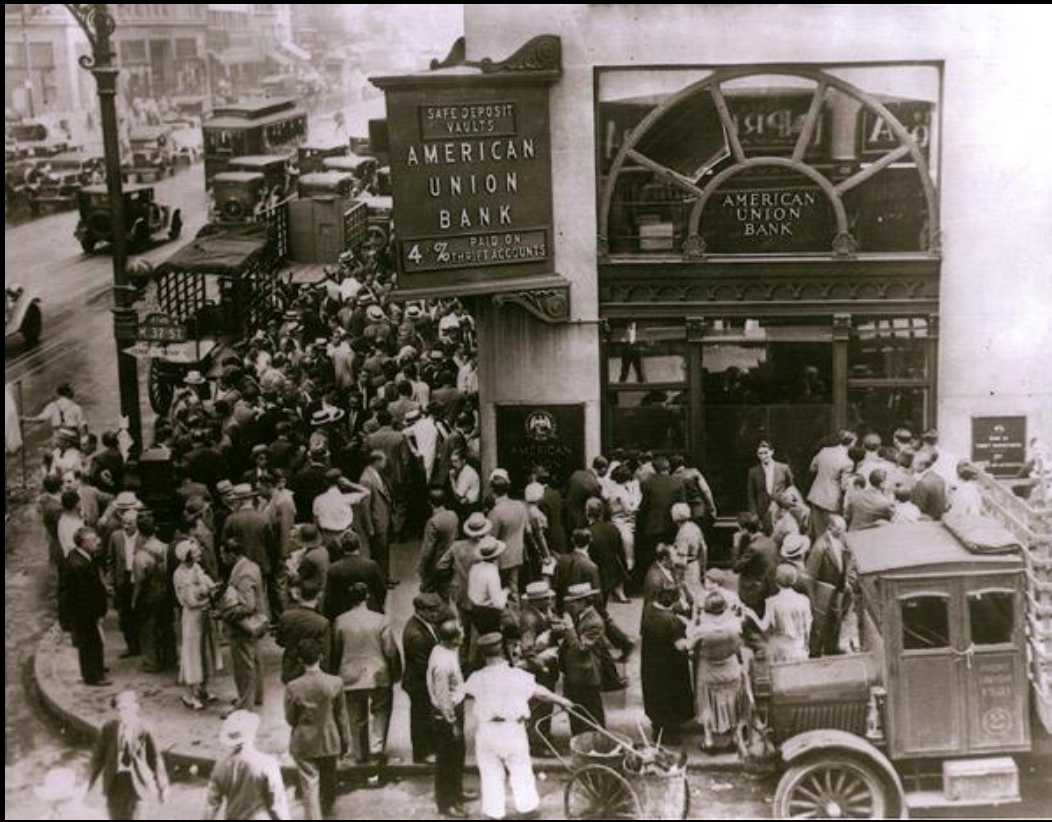




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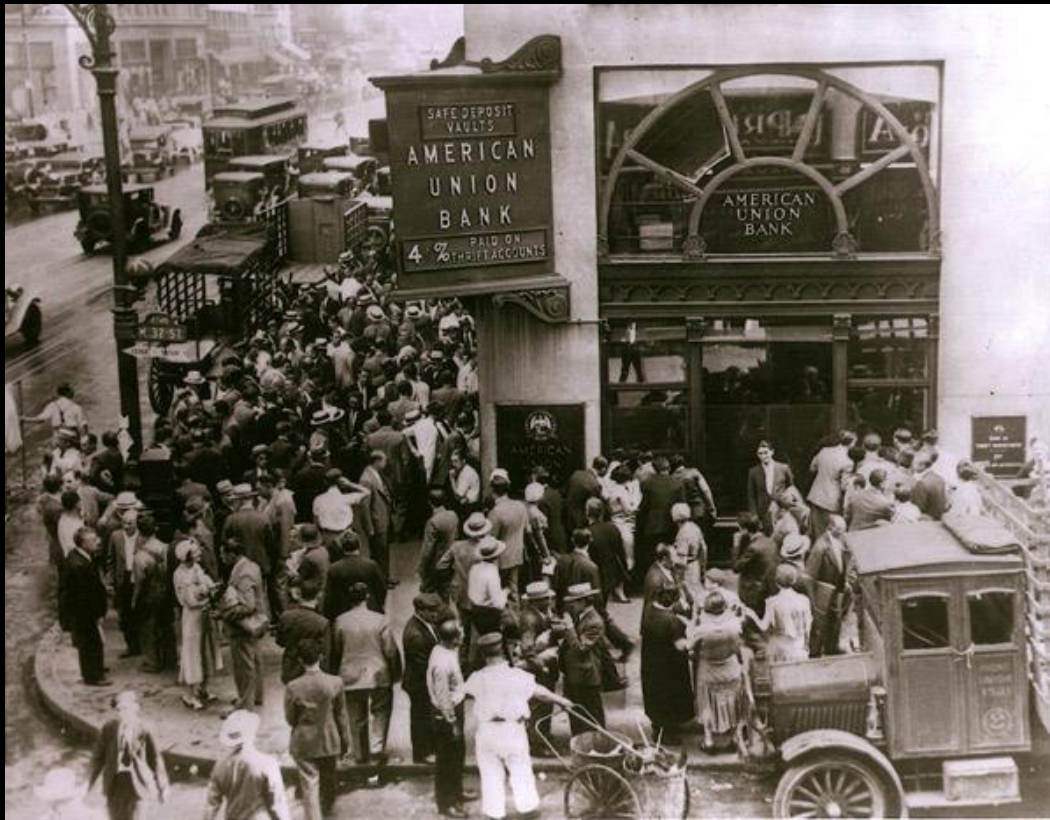
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An Economic Crisis



New York City Bank Run, 1933

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New York City Bread Line, 1932

New Deal Programs



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Federal Arts Project

A Second National Crisis



FDR, Fireside Chat, 1933

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“We are killing two birds with one stone . . . We are clearly enhancing the value of our natural resources . . . And relieving an appreciable amount of actual distress.”

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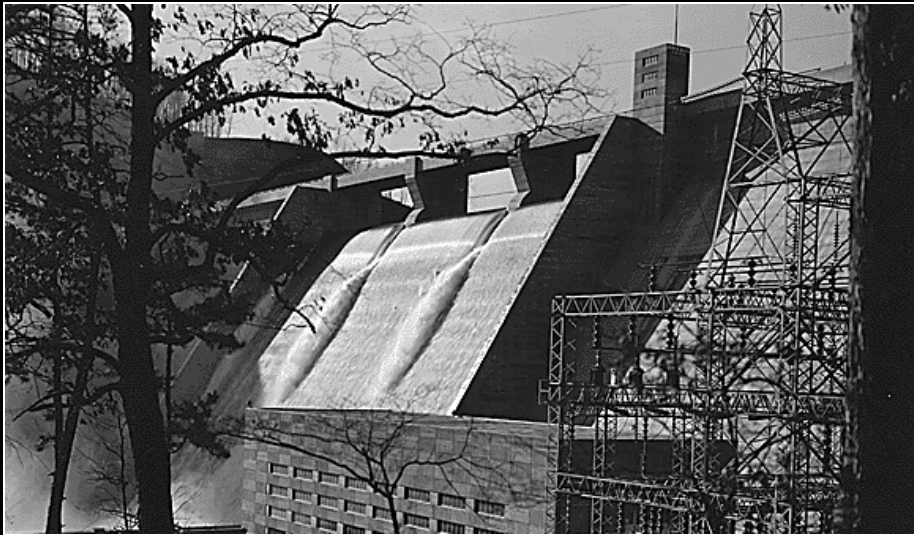


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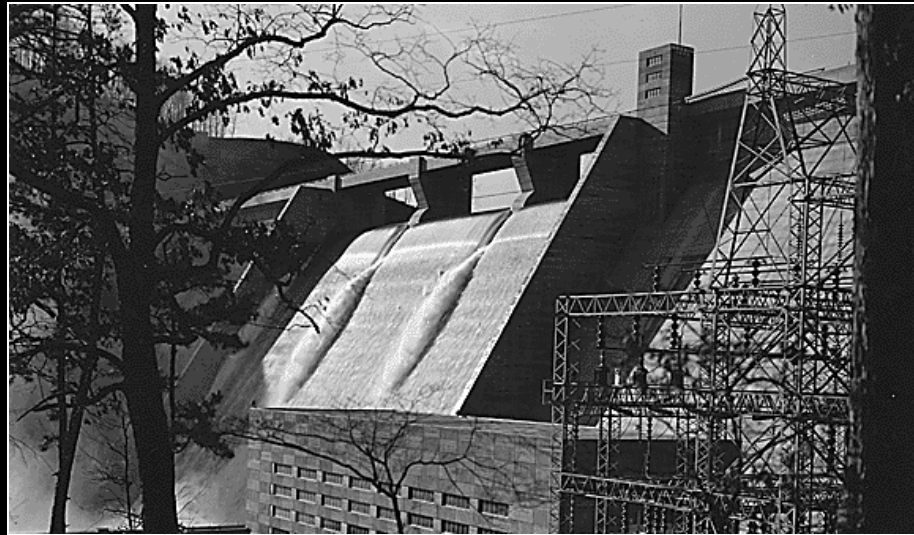
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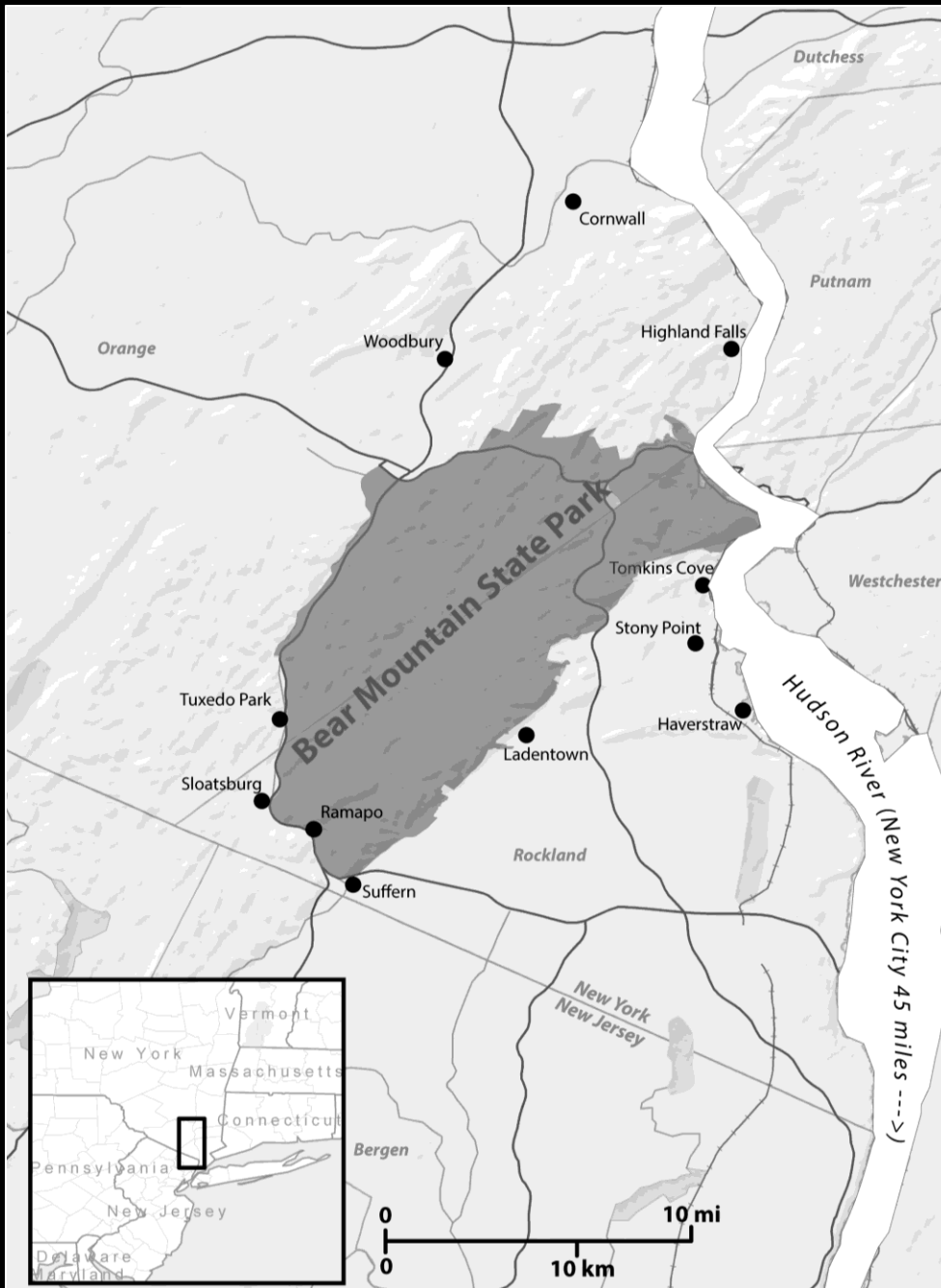
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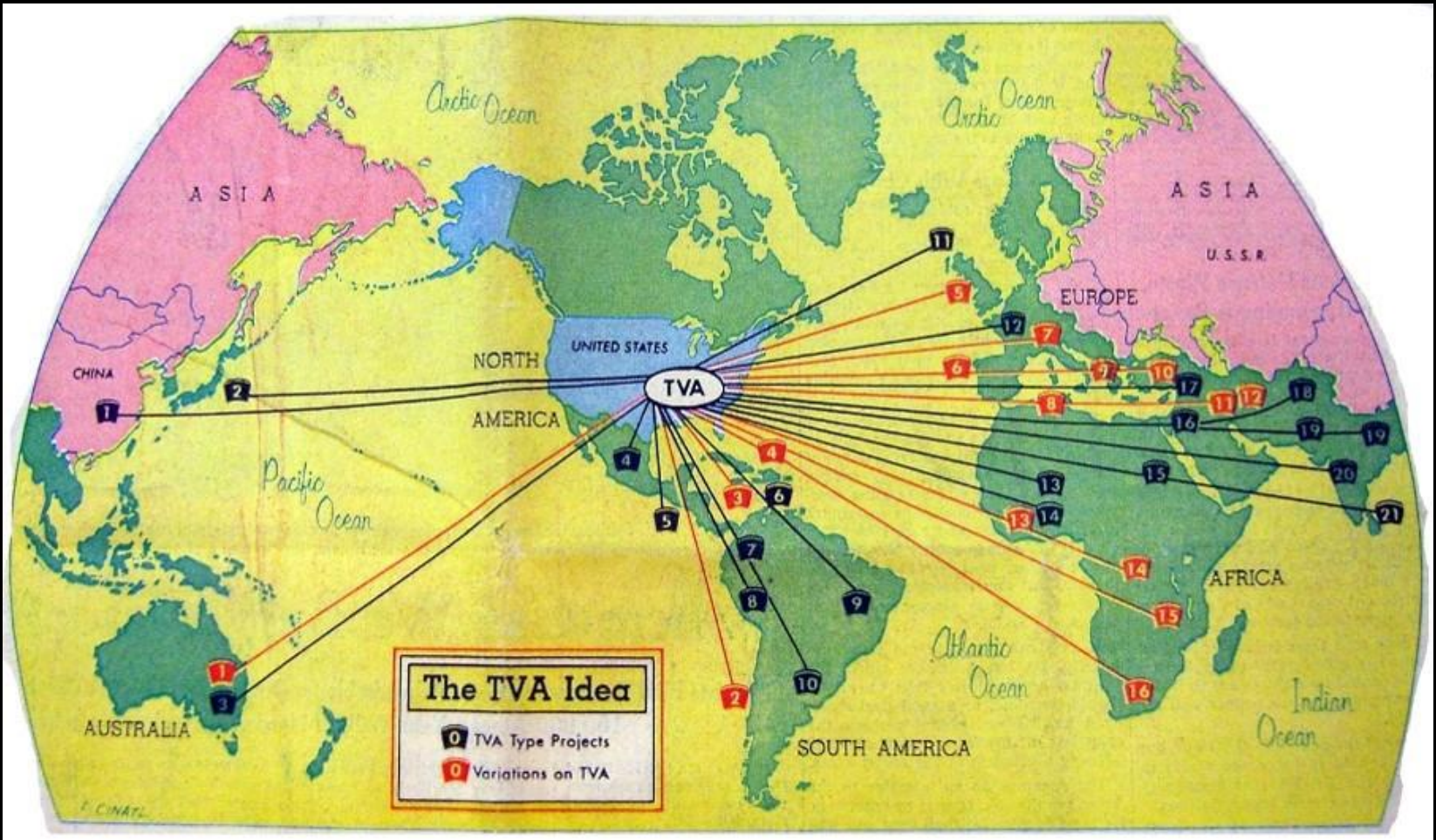
More than 3 million young, working-class men enrolled in the CCC

Economic Successes: Local Communities



Impact on Local Communities

Economic Successes: Global Aid



New Deal Conservation's Global Reach



CCC Soil Erosion Project

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The "Kudzu Problem"

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CCC plot in Michigan's Manistee National Forest



Environmental Failures: Degraded Ecosystems



New Deal Mosquito Control Drainage Work, Delmarva Peninsula, 1935

Economic Failures: Gender Discrimination



Eleanor Roosevelt addresses Camp Tera, Bear Mt. State Park, 1933

Economic Failures: Racial Exclusion



Enrollees from segregated CCC camp in Cosby, Mississippi, 1935

New Deal Failures: Settler Colonization



Navajo Enrollees Working in Chaco Canyon National Monument, 1938

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