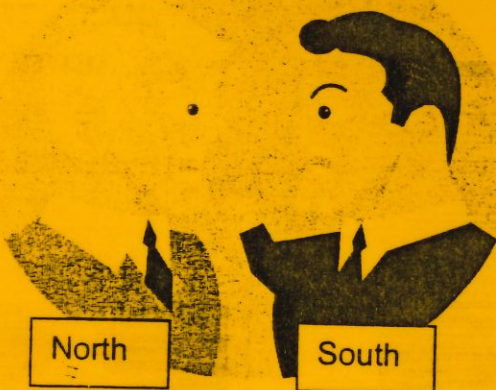
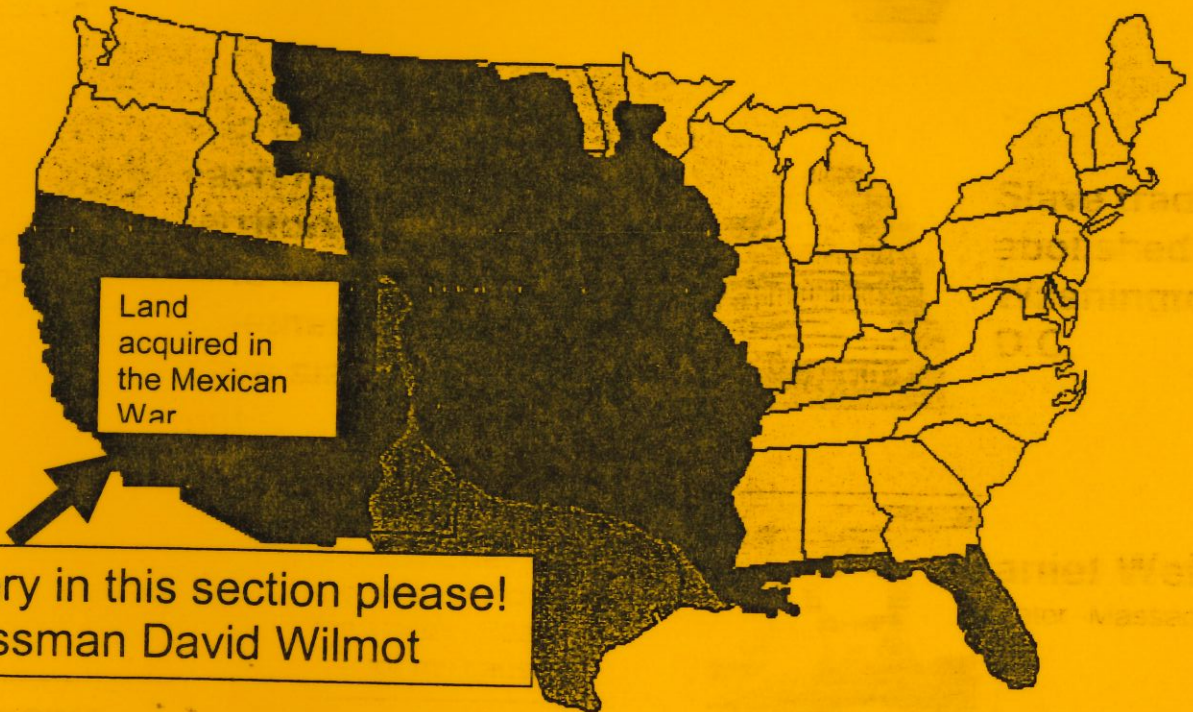


The Wilmot Proviso, 1846

The Wilmot Proviso was a proposal added to a bill in the House of Representatives during the Mexican War (August, 1846). Proposed by Representative David Wilmot of Pennsylvania, it would have forbidden expansion of slavery into any territory taken from Mexico as a result of the war. When it was proposed, it created another huge debate between northern and southern members of Congress. It was eventually passed by the House of Representatives but defeated by the Senate. The nation would have to find another way to deal with the slavery issue in the western territories



The U.S. Congress just can't get along when it comes to the issue of slavery.

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