

History 225
Re: Notes/Outline of BCF
Chpt. 20 "Fire in the Rear"

Deals w/ Lincoln's political problems from domestic sources. McP deals with the strengthening of the Peace Democrats in the North, especially in the MW.

Some details about Lincoln and civil liberties during the war on the home front. Most notably the Valladigham case. Valladigham pushed for a policy of reunion with slavery. His politics were troublesome as far as Lincoln and his party was concerned but they were fruitfully cast because J. Davis would accept nothing short of independence.

Mentions the secret societies in old NW like the Kinights of the Golden Circle and the Order of American Knights. *See Wm. Davis essay on these groups)

Discussion of the draft in the North follows. How not to run a draft. Draft's ultimate result, if not its purpose, was to encourage men to volunteer rather than be drafted. Make note that these men--forced volunteers, conscripts, and bounty men (or "money men" as they were called) made terrible soldiers. (See McPherson's For Cause and Comrades).

McPherson takes on the myth that the Civil War in both sections was a rich man's war and a poor man's fight.

Seques into the New York Draft Riot.

Chpt. then shifts to the problems behind the lines or home front in the Confederacy.

The erosion of support for Confederacy as a result of the "20 Negro rule; taxation, impressment . . . Deals w/ the Richmond food riot.

Makes same case for South that it was not a rich man's war and a poor man's fight.