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A Social Security

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What major historical event in the making of the U.S. Social Security System took place in this building?

- A. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in August 1935.
- B. The Supreme Court upheld the Social Security Act in May 1937.
- C. The social security bill was introduced in Congress on January 17, 1935.

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Bob Huey, John Sanders, Wendall Bain, and Francis Adcock (l. to r.), worked in this area office. In operation from 1942 to 1947, it closed when the Birmingham Area Office was opened. Where was it located?

- A. New Orleans, La.
- B. Houston, Tex.
- C. Atlanta, Ga.

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On her first visit to BOASI, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, then Administrator of the Federal Security Agency, is shown with (l. to r.) Frank Stitt, Robert Ball, Joseph Fay, and Oscar Pogge. Four days later, FSA became DHEW and Mrs. Hobby became a member of the President's Cabinet and the Department's first Secretary. In what year did all of this happen?

- A. 1950. B. 1945. C. 1953.

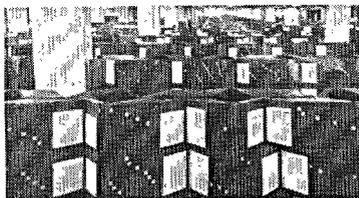
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Dating back to the early 1940's, this photo shows one of DAO's everyday operations. What task are the men performing?

- A. Collating wage cards before posting.
- B. Sorting SS-5's (Application for Social Security Account Number).
- C. Sorting wage cards.

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This 1,200,000 pound flex-o-line file graced the halls of DAO until 1959 when it was converted to microfilm. What did this famous file contain?

- A. Earnings records for the millions of persons covered by social security.
- B. The Numerical Register, where all accounts are listed by number.
- C. The National Employee Index, where all accounts are listed by name.

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In June 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established a Cabinet Committee on Economic Security to make recommendations for legislation to promote economic security for the individual. Who was chairman?

- A. Mary Dewson.
- B. Frances Perkins.
- C. Ellen Woodward.

History Quiz

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From 1936 until 1948, the quarterly earnings of employees reported by employers were posted on individual ledger sheets. This photo was taken late in 1947. What job are the girls doing?

- A. Posting wages to ledger sheets.
- B. Converting ledger sheets to microfilm.
- C. Sorting ledger sheets.

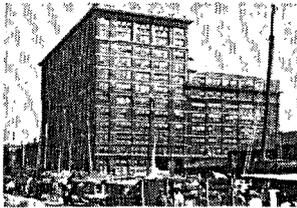
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By law, the original Social Security Board was composed of three members, not more than two of the same political party. When Chairman John Winant resigned in 1936, the only other Republican to be a member of the Board stepped in. This member was:

- A. Arthur Altmeyer (l.).
- B. Ellen Woodward (c.).
- C. George Bigge (r.).

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Salt air and harbor smells . . . no air-conditioning or window shades . . . ship's horns . . . market noises . . . mountains of work . . . hard wooden chairs . . . crowded elevators . . . night shifts . . . What building first housed social security's recordkeeping operations?

- A. Paca Pratt.
- B. Equitable.
- C. Candler.
- D. Miller.

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These men are discussing a dream which today has become a reality. What was the subject of this and similar discussions held in 1955?

- A. Planning with architects for the construction of our new headquarters building.
- B. Planning the installation of computers to calculate benefits.
- C. Planning ways to meet heavy workloads brought on by the new disability provisions.

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Paul Leonard DCP looks over a book he helped issue in 1941, which contains basic guidelines for administering the social security program. In altered form, it is still used daily by thousands of SSA employees. What is this indispensable book?

- A. Social Security Regulations.
- B. Claims Manual.
- C. Compilation of Social Security laws.

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OASI had six Directors in its history. Who was the first?

- A. Oscar Pogge.
- B. Murray Latimer.
- C. Henry Seidemann.
- D. John Corson.
- E. Victor Christgau.
- F. Leroy Hodges.

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