

## I. American Influence in Panama

- Roosevelt encouraged the Panamanians to revolt against Colombia for independence
- Panama won and gave the U.S. a 99 year lease on a “canal zone” 10 miles wide

## II. The Panama Canal

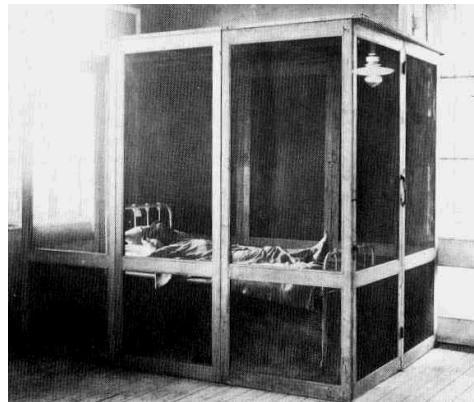
- Navy and merchant ships could move more quickly between the two oceans
- By 1901, the U.S. gained the rights to resume construction
- It would be under U.S. control but open to everyone
- Where would it go??

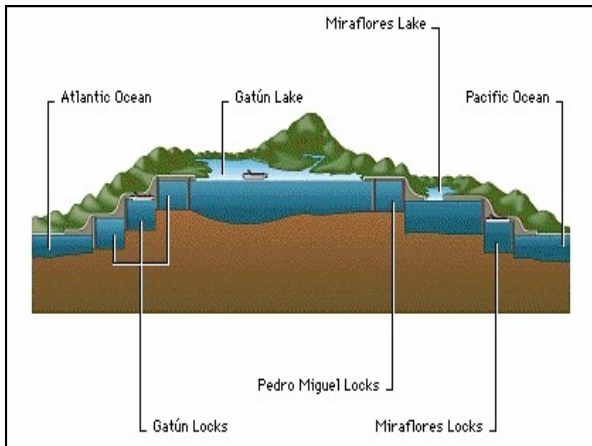
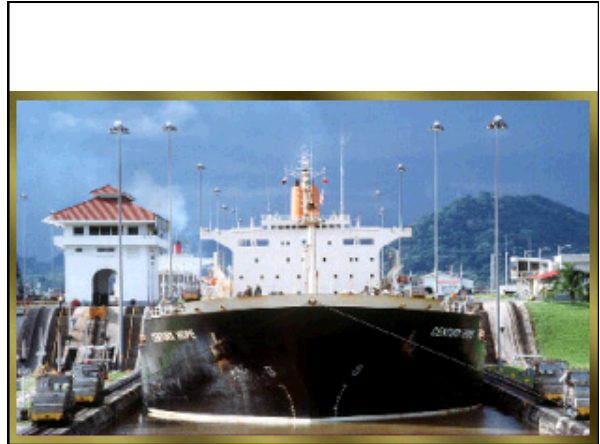


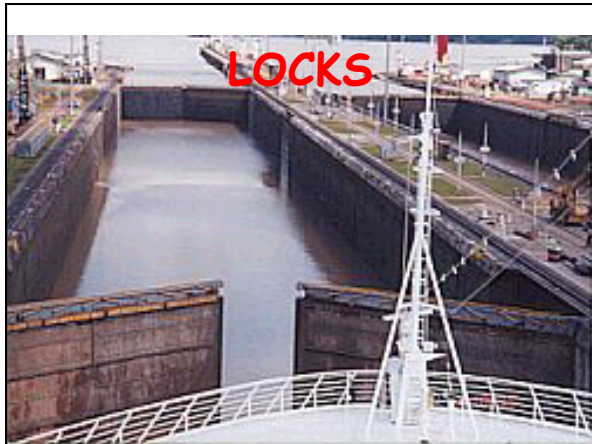
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III. What Impact did the  
**Panama Canal** have on the  
**U.S.A.?**

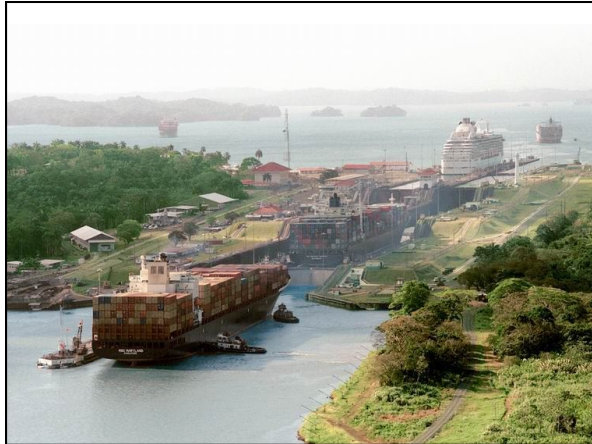
- INCREASED TRADE
- 2 ocean navy











### **Some interesting facts:**

- A ship traveling from New York to San Francisco can save 7,872 miles using the Panama Canal instead of going around South America.
- In the fiscal year 1994 there were 14,029 transits, which carried 170.8 million long tons of cargo and paid US \$ 419.2 million in tolls.

- The highest Canal toll was US \$ 141,344.91 paid by the Crown Princess
- the lowest toll ever paid was 36 cents by Richard Halliburton for swimming the Canal in 1928.
- The average time spent in transit from port to port is approx. 8 - 10 hours.

The opening of the waterway to world **commerce** on August 15, 1914, represented the realization of a heroic dream of over 400 years.

The 50 miles across the **isthmus** were among the hardest ever won by human **ingenuity**.

Until Lake Mead was formed by the building of the Hoover Dam, **Gatun Lake** was the largest artificial body of water in the world.