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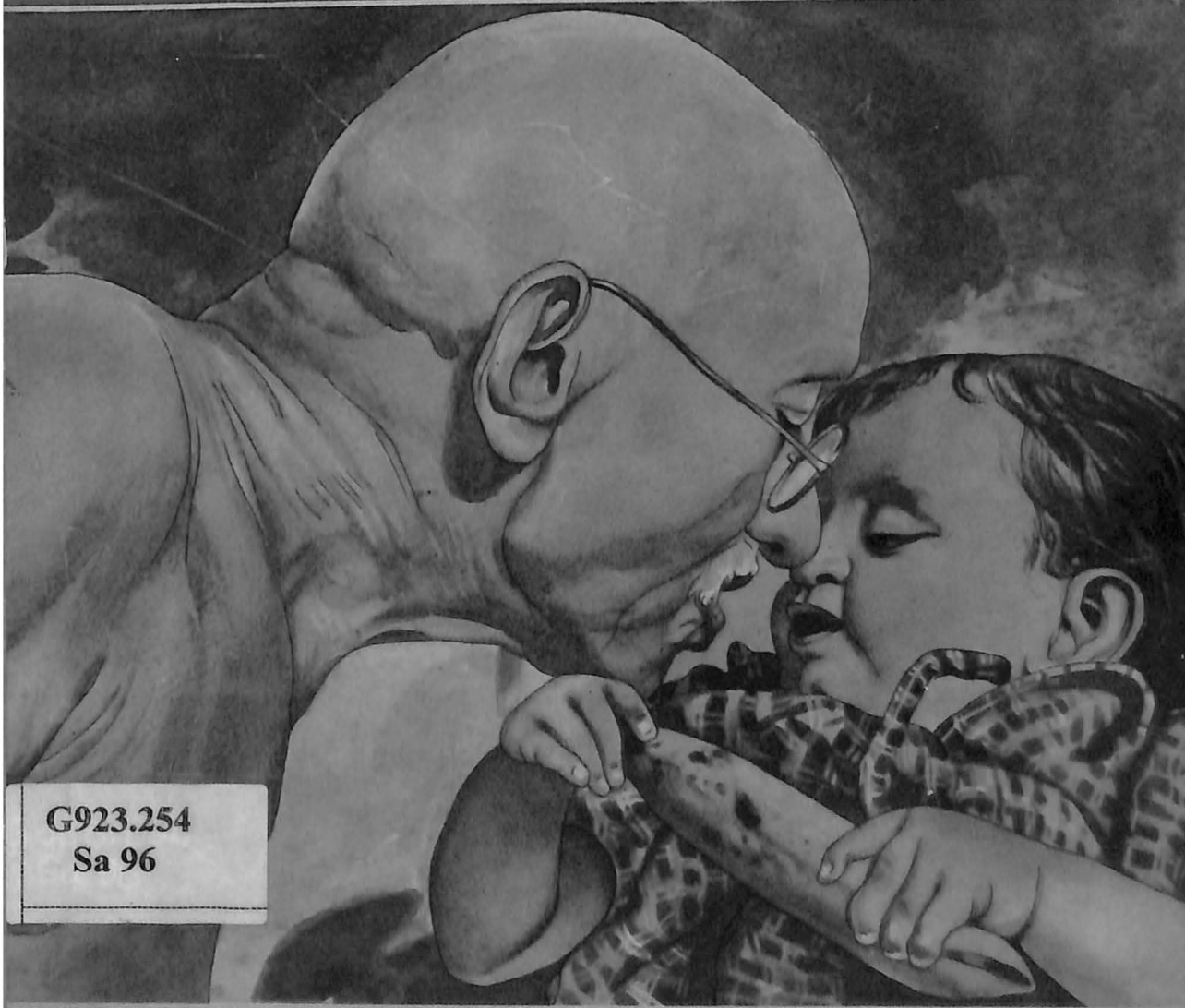


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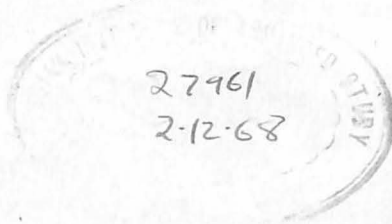
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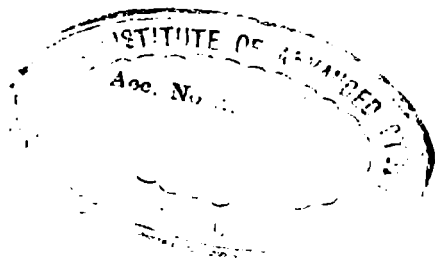


## FOREWORD

THIS PICTORIAL REPRESENTATION OF THE GANDHI STORY MUST APPEAL TO CHILDREN IN INDIA. THE GANDHI STORY HAS BECOME AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR RICH HERITAGE FROM THE PAST AND IS STILL MOULDING OUR PRESENT. I AM SURE THAT GENERATIONS TO COME WILL WONDER AT THIS GREAT STORY. IT IS WELL, THEREFORE, THAT OUR CHILDREN SHOULD GET ACQUAINTED WITH IT BEFORE THEY READ MORE ABOUT IT IN BOOKS.

*Jawaharlal Nehru*

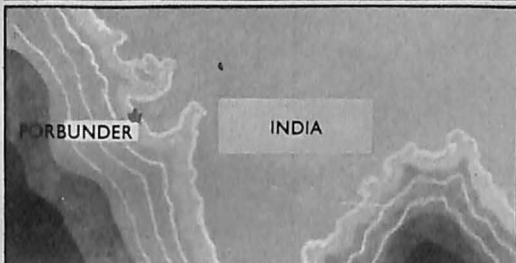
NEW DELHI  
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**This is the story of  
MAHATMA GANDHI**

HIS GRANDFATHER, UTTAMCHAND, AND LATER HIS FATHER, KARAMCHAND, WERE CHIEF MINISTERS OF THE LITTLE PRINCELY STATE OF PORBUNDER.



MAHATMA GANDHI'S FATHER, KARAMCHAND, WAS A BRAVE AND TRUTHFUL MAN.



MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI WAS BORN IN THIS HOUSE ON OCTOBER 2, 1869.



HIS MOTHER PUTLIBAI WAS A PIOUS LADY WHO WOULD NOT EVEN EAT UNLESS SHE HAD SAID HER DAILY PRAYERS.



DURING CHATURMAS SHE WOULD NOT EAT UNLESS SHE SAW THE SUN.



IT'S ALL RIGHT. GOD DOES NOT WANT ME TO EAT TODAY.

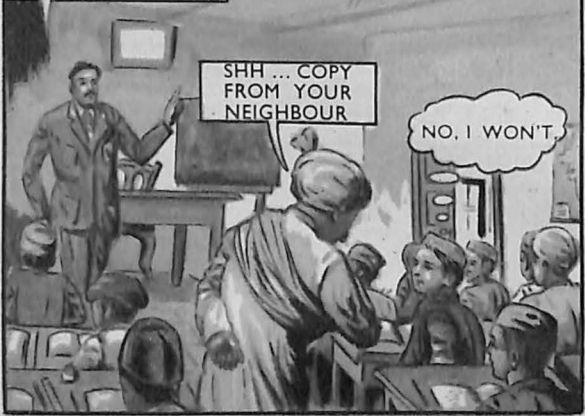




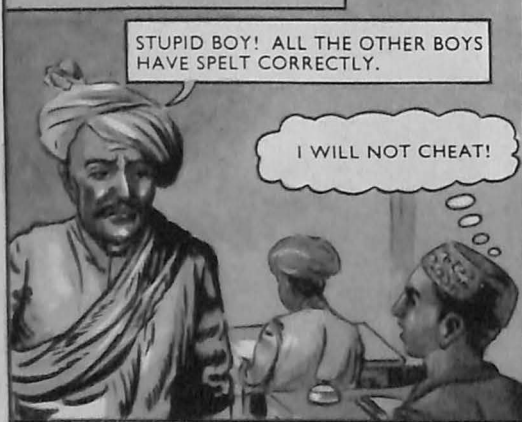
A BRITISH EDUCATIONAL INSPECTOR ONCE CAME TO MOHANDAS' SCHOOL FOR INSPECTION.



BOYS, SPELL 'KETTLE'.



AFTER THE INSPECTOR LEFT.....



MOHANDAS WAS ONLY THIRTEEN WHEN HE WAS MARRIED.



ONCE HE HAPPENED TO SEE A PLAY ABOUT KING HARISHCHANDRA, WHO HAD TO GO THROUGH MANY ORDEALS FOR THE SAKE OF TRUTH.



THE STORY HAUNTED MOHANDAS.

WHY CANNOT EVERYBODY BE TRUTHFUL LIKE HARISHCHANDRA?



MOHANDAS ENVIED DARING BOYS. HIS FAMILY WAS VEGETARIAN.

I AM STRONG BECAUSE I EAT MEAT!

THAT'S ALSO WHY THE ENGLISHMAN RULES US VEGETARIANS!



ONCE MOHANDAS ATE MEAT.

I TOO WILL BE STRONG AND DARING!

OF COURSE!



BUT HIS MIND WAS TORMENTED.

EATING MEAT IS AGAINST MY RELIGION. IT MAKES ME LIE, TOO.



ONCE HIS BROTHER RAN INTO DEBT..

I WILL CLIP A BIT OUT OF THIS GOLD ARMLET.

THAT WILL SOLVE EVERYTHING. MOHAN.



THE DEBT WAS CLEARED.

BUT MOHANDAS COULD NOT BEAR THIS FALSEHOOD. HE WROTE OUT A CONFESSION AND GAVE IT TO HIS BEDRIDDEN FATHER.

MOHANDAS WAS DEVOTED TO HIS PARENTS. WHEN HE WAS HARDLY SIXTEEN, HIS FATHER DIED.



HIS FATHER'S TEARS CLEANSSED MOHANDAS' HEART.



WHEN MOHANDAS FINISHED SCHOOL, A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY TOLD HIM

IF YOU ARE TO SUCCEED YOUR FATHER, YOU HAD BETTER BECOME A LAWYER. THE BEST WAY IS TO GO TO ENGLAND.



MOHANDAS LIKED THE IDEA. HE WENT TO HIS UNCLE FOR HIS PERMISSION AND HELP.



BUT HIS UNCLE LEFT THE DECISION TO PUTLIBAI. HIS BROTHER PROMISED TO RAISE THE MONEY, IF MOTHER AGREED.

MY SON, ENGLAND MIGHT SPOIL YOU!



A JAIN MONK FOUND A WAY OUT. HE MADE MOHANDAS TAKE AN OATH.

I VOW THAT I SHALL NOT TOUCH WINE, WOMAN OR MEAT.

NOW YOU MAY GO.



IN ENGLAND, MOHANDAS BECAME INTERESTED IN THE VEGETARIAN SOCIETY AND MADE MANY FRIENDS.



THERE HE READ THE GITA FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT HAD A DEEP EFFECT ON HIM. WHEN HE RETURNED TO INDIA AS A BARRISTER, HIS BROTHER MET HIM AT THE DOCK, WITH SAD NEWS.

MOTHER IS DEAD.

OH GOD!



IN INDIA, GANDHI WAS NOT MUCH OF A SUCCESS AS A LAWYER. THEN AN INDIAN FIRM SENT HIM TO SOUTH AFRICA AS THEIR LAWYER. KASTURBAI AND THEIR TWO SONS REMAINED BEHIND.



AFTER LANDING IN AFRICA HE HAD TO TRAVEL BY RAIL TO PRETORIA. AT A MID-WAY STATION—



I AM NOT GOING TO TRAVEL WITH A BLACK MAN!

YOU MUST GO TO THE THIRD CLASS. REMOVE THIS ASIATIC!



BUT I HAVE A FIRST CLASS TICKET.

A POLICE CONSTABLE PUSHED HIM OUT.

IF I LEFT THIS COUNTRY I WOULD BE A COWARD!



ON A JOURNEY, GANDHI HAD TO SIT NEXT TO THE DRIVER. THEN HE WAS ORDERED TO SIT AT THE DRIVER'S FEET TO MAKE PLACE FOR SOMEONE ELSE.



I WON'T. I SHOULD REALLY BE INSIDE!

BLACK MAN! COOLIE!

DON'T BEAT HIM. HE IS RIGHT.

GANDHI WAS DEEPLY PAINED AT THE PLIGHT OF HIS COUNTRYMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

GANDHI CALLED A MEETING OF THE INDIAN POPULATION IN PRETORIA.

IF YOU WANT OTHERS TO RESPECT YOU, FIRST LEARN TO RESPECT YOURSELVES. TELL THE TRUTH, ADOPT MORE SANITARY HABITS; FORGET CASTE DIFFERENCES AND LEARN ENGLISH.



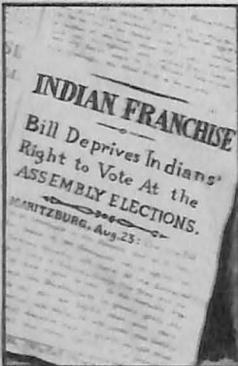
OTHER MEETINGS FOLLOWED

THIS GANDHI IS A REMARKABLE YOUNG MAN!

YES AND HOW SINCERE! MARK ME, HE WILL MAKE MEN OUT OF US.



GANDHI HAD FINISHED THE LEGAL WORK FOR WHICH HE HAD COME AND WAS ABOUT TO RETURN TO INDIA. AT A FAREWELL PARTY, HE SAW A NEWS ITEM.



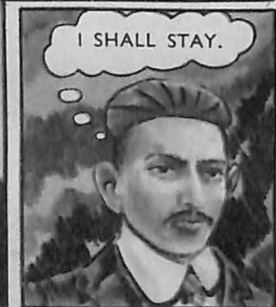
MR. GANDHI, HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWS ITEM!

YES, YOU MUST RESIST THE MOVE.



BUT HOW! WE DO NOT KNOW THE LAW, AND YOU ARE GOING!

I SHALL STAY.



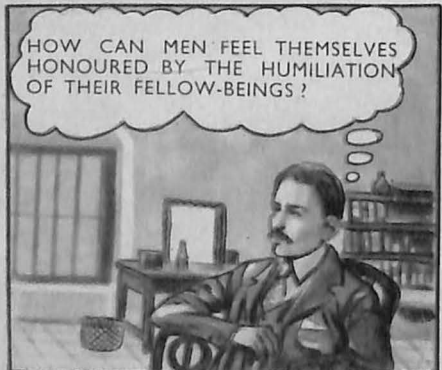
THE INDIANS HAD ANOTHER PROBLEM. INDIAN LABOURERS WERE BROUGHT TO NATAL ON A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT. THEREAFTER, IF THEY WISHED TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY, EACH OF THEM HAD TO PAY A TAX OF £ 3.

I CAN'T PAY A TAX EQUAL TO SIX MONTHS' PAY!

LET US FIGHT THIS INJUSTICE.

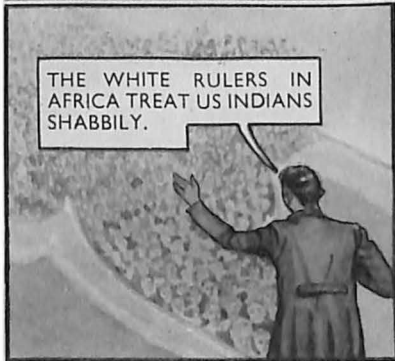


HOW CAN MEN FEEL THEMSELVES HONoured BY THE HUMILIATION OF THEIR FELLOW-BEINGS?



HE RESOLVED THAT HE WOULD PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF HIS PEOPLE AND THEREBY ALSO OF THE WHITES.

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS HE WENT TO INDIA TO FETCH HIS FAMILY. HE HELD MASS MEETINGS. INDIAN LEADERS LIKE GOKHALE SUPPORTED HIM.



THE WHITE RULERS IN AFRICA TREAT US INDIANS SHABBILY.

HE RETURNED TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE WHITE PEOPLE WERE VERY ANGRY WITH HIM. THEY THOUGHT THAT HE HAD DEFAMED THEM.



THE WIFE OF THE POLICE SUPERINTENDENT RESCUED GANDHI FROM THE VIOLENT MOB.



FINALLY, THE POLICE ESCORTED HIM TO HIS HOST, MR. RUSTOMJI. HERE THE MOB SURROUNDED THE HOUSE AND THREATENED TO BURN IT DOWN UNLESS GANDHI WAS HANDED OVER.



IN THE BOER WAR BETWEEN THE DUTCH SETTLERS AND THE BRITISH WHICH LASTED FROM 1890 TO 1902 GANDHI FORMED AN INDIAN AMBULANCE CORPS TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT.



GANDHI HAD RECEIVED MANY GIFTS FROM THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

I AM A SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE. SO I SHOULD NOT KEEP THESE COSTLY PRESENTS. BUT FIRST I MUST EXPLAIN THIS TO MY FAMILY.



MY DEAR CHILDREN, LET US USE THESE GIFTS TO HELP OTHERS.

YES, FATHER.



BUT HE HAD STILL TO CONVINCE KASTURBAI.

YOU DON'T CARE FOR JEWELS, AND I HAVE ALREADY OBEYED YOUR ORDER NOT TO WEAR TRINKETS. BUT WHAT ABOUT MY DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW? THEY WILL SURELY WANT THE JEWELLERY!

NO, WE SHALL NOT KEEP ANYTHING!



I MUST CHANGE MY LIFE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IDEALS OF THIS BOOK.



ACCORDINGLY, HE DECIDED TO LIVE IN A FARM. HE BOUGHT ONE AT PHOENIX, NEAR DURBAN, AND WENT THERE WITH HIS COLLEAGUES. THEY ALL SETTLED DOWN TO A LIFE OF POVERTY, LABOUR, SIMPLICITY, AND DISCIPLINE.



WHEN ONE DEDICATES ONESELF COMPLETELY TO PUBLIC SERVICE, ONE SHOULD OBSERVE BRAHMA-CHARYA \* TOO.



A STRUGGLE WAS TO FOLLOW SOON, DEMANDING ALL HIS ENERGY.

\* CONTINENCE.

THE TRANSVAAL GOVERNMENT PROPOSES AN ORDINANCE. IT REQUIRES ALL INDIANS TO REGISTER WITH THE AUTHORITIES. WE WILL HAVE TO CARRY A PERMIT AT ALL TIMES.



WE MUST RESIST THIS ORDINANCE. IT IS HUMILIATING.



YES, YES, YES!

I HAVE READ THE RESOLUTION. NOW MY FRIENDS, VOTE FOR IT WITH GOD AS YOUR WITNESS.



WAIT, LET ME WARN YOU. DO NOT PLEDGE YOUR WORD LIGHTLY. IF A MAN BREAKS A PLEDGE, HE IS GUILTY BEFORE GOD AND MAN.



WE WILL DIE, BUT NOT SUBMIT TO THIS UNJUST LAW.

THUS SATYAGRAHA WAS BORN.

GANDHI AND SOME COLLEAGUES WERE JAILED FOR DEFYING THE LAW.



FROM JAIL GANDHI WAS TAKEN TO MEET GENERAL SMUTS.

THE EUROPEANS WANT THIS LAW AND I HAVE TO DO MY DUTY. I SHALL REPEAL WHAT YOU ARE CALLING THE "BLACK ACT" IF THE INDIANS REGISTER VOLUNTARILY.

WE AGREE TO THAT.





GANDHI ARRIVED AT JOHANNESBURG AND ADDRESSED A GATHERING OF INDIANS.

WE MUST REGISTER.

WAIT! IT WAS YOU WHO TOLD US NOT TO GIVE OUR FINGER-PRINTS.



TRUE, BUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT NOW. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT FORCING US TO REGISTER.

YOU HAVE BETRAYED THE COMMUNITY! I SWEAR I SHALL KILL ANY MAN WHO APPLIES FOR REGISTRATION!



TO DIE BY THE HANDS OF A BROTHER CANNOT BE FOR ME A MATTER FOR SORROW.



WITH HIS COLLEAGUES, GANDHI WENT FOR REGISTRATION

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I PROPOSE TO TAKE OUT A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AND GIVE OUR FINGERPRINTS.



MIR ALAM, THE LEADER OF THE PATHANS, ATTACKED GANDHI.



SOME WHITE PEOPLE HANDED OVER THE PATHANS TO THE POLICE.

WHEN GANDHI REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, HE CALLED AN OFFICER AND REGISTERED HIMSELF.

NO, THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEY WERE DOING!

THOSE PATHANS MUST BE PROSECUTED.



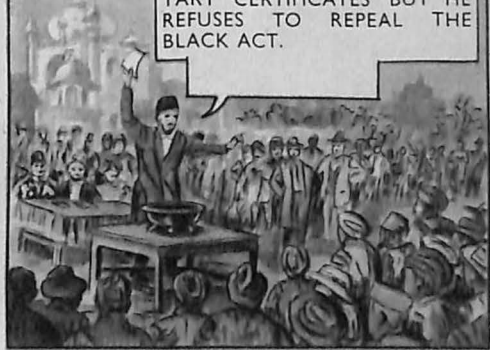
WHY DIDN'T THEY REPEAL THE 'BLACK ACT' FIRST? WHAT IF GENERAL SMUTS BREAKS FAITH?

ANYONE WHO PURSUES TRUTH MUST BID GOOD-BYE TO FEAR. TRUTH CAN NEVER BE VANQUISHED. IF GENERAL SMUTS GOES BACK ON HIS PROMISE, HE WILL EXPOSE HIMSELF.



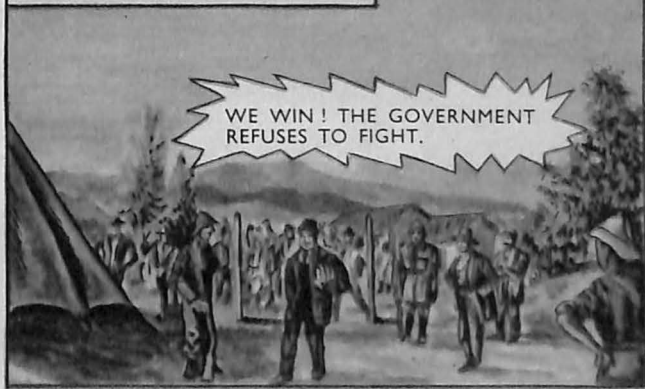
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GENERAL SMUTS HAS BROKEN HIS PROMISE! HE HAS OFFERED TO VALIDATE THE VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATES BUT HE REFUSES TO REPEAL THE BLACK ACT.



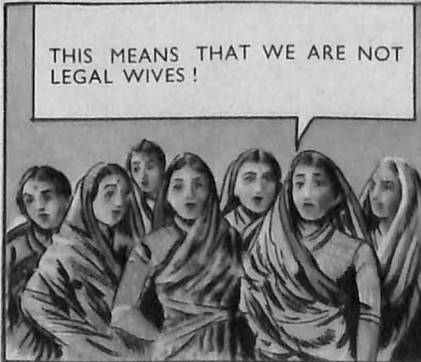
PERMITS WERE BURNT.

AN INDIAN ENTERED THE TRANSVAAL AGAINST THE LAW. HE WAS NOT STOPPED.



WE WIN! THE GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO FIGHT.

A SOUTH AFRICAN COURT RULED THAT NON-CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES WERE NOT VALID.



THIS MEANS THAT WE ARE NOT LEGAL WIVES!

INDIAN MINERS WENT ON STRIKE IN PROTEST. FIVE THOUSAND STRIKERS CAME TO GANDHI.



WE SHALL CROSS THE NATAL-TRANSVAAL BORDER AND GO TO SETTLE ON TOLSTOY FARM. DO NOT RESIST ARREST.

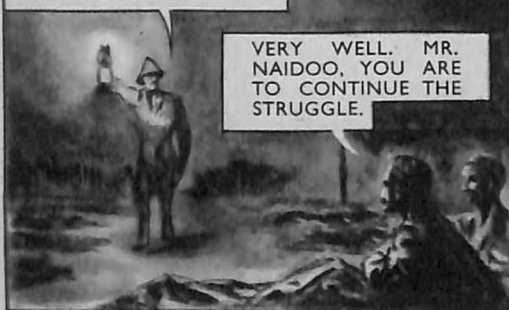
OVER 2,000 PEOPLE MARCHED ACROSS THE BORDER.



THE FRONTIER GUARDS ALLOWED THE MARCHERS TO CROSS. AT THE FIRST HALT, WHEN GANDHI WAS ABOUT TO LIE DOWN TO SLEEP...

GANDHI WAS ARRESTED AGAIN AND AGAIN. THEN 50,000 INDENTURED INDIAN LABOURERS ROSE IN SYMPATHY WITH GANDHI'S CAUSE.

I AM TO ARREST YOU.



VERY WELL, MR. NAIDOO, YOU ARE TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE.

WE TOO WILL GO ON STRIKE.

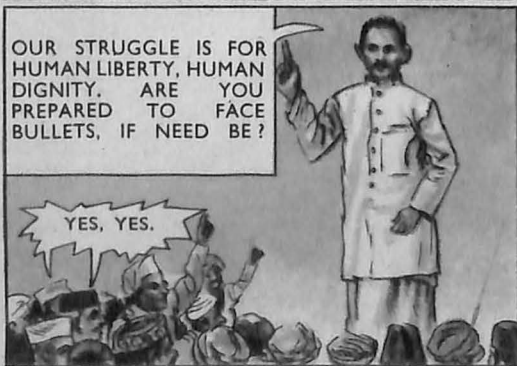


THE GOVERNMENT USED HARSH MEASURES.



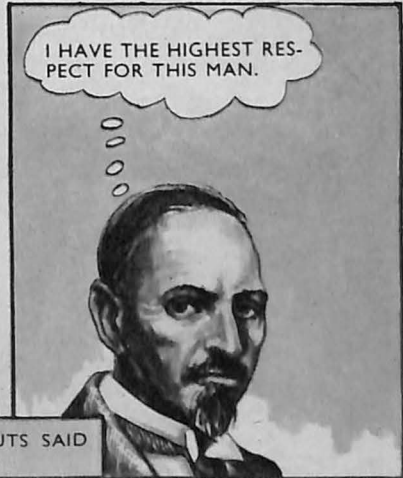
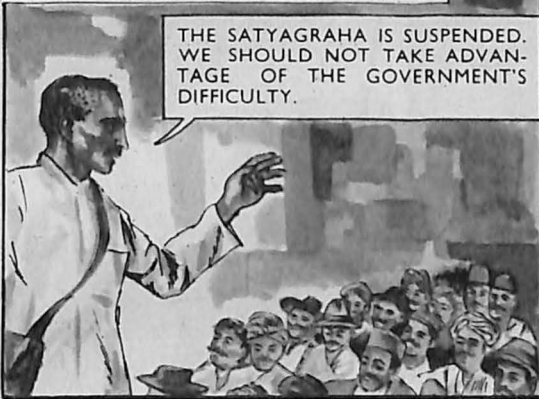
WHEN HE CAME OUT OF JAIL, GANDHI DISCARDED WESTERN CLOTHES.

OUR STRUGGLE IS FOR HUMAN LIBERTY, HUMAN DIGNITY. ARE YOU PREPARED TO FACE BULLETS, IF NEED BE?



YES, YES.

JUST THEN, THE EUROPEAN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES WENT ON STRIKE.



THE STRUGGLE WHICH BEGAN IN 1906 ENDED IN VICTORY. GANDHI'S MISSION IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS OVER. HE SAILED FOR INDIA AND ARRIVED IN BOMBAY IN JANUARY 1915.



GANDHI HAD SENT A PAIR OF HAND-MADE SANDALS TO SMUTS AS A GIFT. SMUTS LATER SAID: "I HAVE OFTEN WORN THESE SANDALS, BUT I FEEL I AM NOT WORTHY TO STAND IN THE SHOES OF SO GREAT A MAN."



GANDHI LANDED IN BOMBAY AT THE GATEWAY OF INDIA—AN HONOUR GIVEN TO VICEROYS.



HE THEN WENT TO POONA TO SEE GOKHALE.

KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN FOR A YEAR. ONLY AFTER THAT CAN YOU ACT.

I PROMISE.

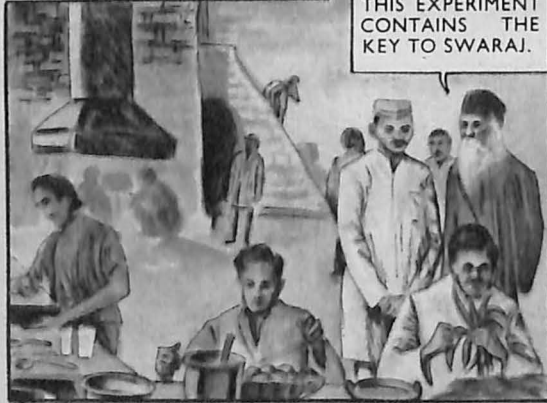


HE VISITED SANTINIKETAN, AND MET THE POET TAGORE.



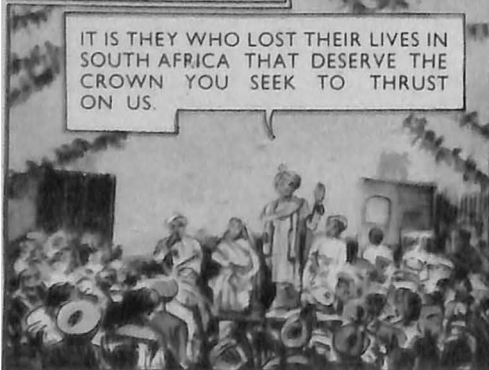
THERE, GANDHI INTRODUCED AN EXPERIMENT OF SELF-HELP IN THE KITCHEN.

THIS EXPERIMENT CONTAINS THE KEY TO SWARAJ.



AT A RECEPTION ARRANGED IN MADRAS IN HIS AND KASTURBAI'S HONOUR, CITIZENS PRAISED HIS SERVICES.

IT IS THEY WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA THAT DESERVE THE CROWN YOU SEEK TO THRUST ON US.

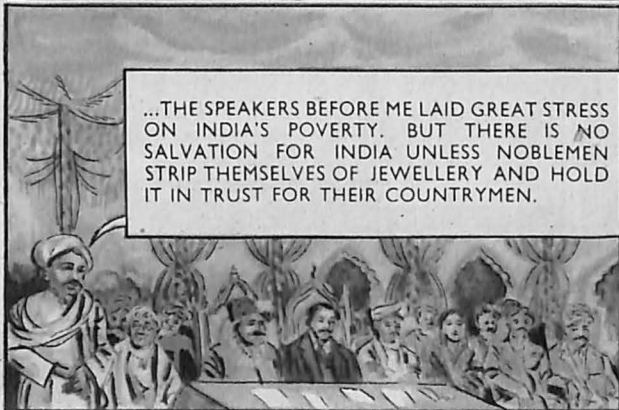


HE SETTLED AT KOCHRAB NEAR AHMEDABAD WHERE HE ESTABLISHED THE SATYAGRAHA ASHRAM. HE TOLD THE INMATES:

IF YOU WANT TO SERVE THE PEOPLE, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OBSERVE THE VOWS OF TRUTH—AHIMSA, CELIBACY, NON-STEALING, NON-POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF THE PALATE.



PANDIT MALAVIYA INVITED GANDHI TO THE OPENING OF THE BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY.



...THE SPEAKERS BEFORE ME LAID GREAT STRESS ON INDIA'S POVERTY. BUT THERE IS NO SALVATION FOR INDIA UNLESS NOBLEMEN STRIP THEMSELVES OF JEWELLERY AND HOLD IT IN TRUST FOR THEIR COUNTRYMEN.

OUR COUNTRY'S SALVATION CAN ONLY COME THROUGH THE FARMERS—NOT LAWYERS, DOCTORS AND RICH LANDLORDS.



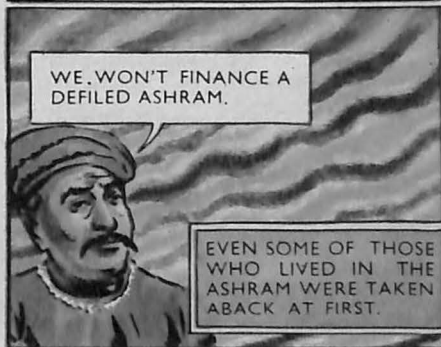
IF WE TRUST AND FEAR GOD, WE SHALL HAVE TO FEAR NO ONE, NOT MAHARAJAS, NOT VICEROYS, NOT EVEN KING GEORGE.



OH, NO.

SIT DOWN, GANDHI!

GANDHI WENT BACK TO KOCHRAB. HE TOOK AN UNTOUCHABLE FAMILY INTO THE ASHRAM. THIS RAISED A STORM.



WE WON'T FINANCE A DEFILED ASHRAM.

EVEN SOME OF THOSE WHO LIVED IN THE ASHRAM WERE TAKEN ABACK AT FIRST.

BAPU, WE ARE SHORT OF FUNDS.



THEN WE SHALL GO TO LIVE IN THE UNTOUCHABLES' AREA.

BUT NEXT DAY AN UNKNOWN HELPER CAME AND GAVE GANDHI THIRTEEN THOUSAND RUPEES FOR THE ASHRAM'S EXPENSES.



HIS WORK WENT ON.

AFTER THE LUCKNOW CONFERENCE IN 1916, A PEASANT DOGGEDLY FOLLOWED GANDHI WHEREVER HE WENT.

I AM RAJKUMAR SHUKLA FROM BIHAR. ONLY YOU CAN SAVE OUR CHAMPARAN FROM INJUSTICE!

I SHALL COME, MY FRIEND.



THESE POOR PEASANTS WERE FORCED TO PLANT 15% OF THEIR LAND WITH INDIGO AND THEN HAND OVER THE HARVEST TO BRITISH PLANTERS. WHEN GERMANY DEVELOPED SYNTHETIC INDIGO, THE PLANTERS FORCED THE PEASANTS TO PAY THEM COMPENSATION FOR FREEING THEM FROM THE OLD SYSTEM.

NOW THESE PEASANTS REALISE THE INJUSTICE OF THIS AND WANT THEIR MONEY BACK.



GANDHI MET THE BRITISH DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER HOPING TO GET HIS HELP IN THE DISPUTE.

YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE. I ASK YOU LEAVE CHAMPARAN IMMEDIATELY.



GANDHI WAS SUMMONED TO COURT FOR DISOBEYING THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER.

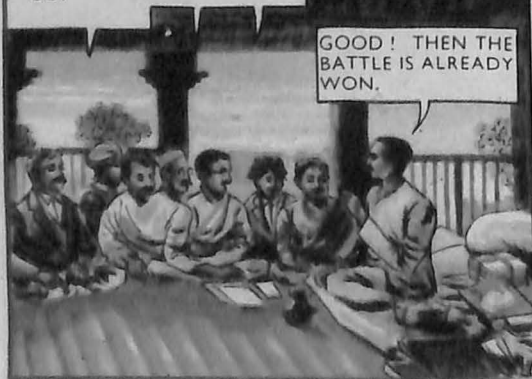
I PLEAD GUILTY.

THE JUDGEMENT WILL BE DELIVERED LATER.



WE SHALL ALL FOLLOW YOU TO JAIL IF YOU GO.

GOOD! THEN THE BATTLE IS ALREADY WON.



BUT THE GOVERNMENT THOUGHT BETTER OF IT AND DROPPED THE CASE. GANDHI PERSUADED THEM TO APPOINT AN INQUIRY COMMISSION. EVIDENCE PILED UP AGAINST THE PLANTERS. AT LAST, THEY HAD TO REFUND THE MONEY OF THE PEASANTS.

THE BRITISH CANNOT ORDER ME ABOUT IN MY OWN COUNTRY!



GANDHI RETURNED TO AHMEDABAD. HE MET OWNERS OF TEXTILE MILLS.

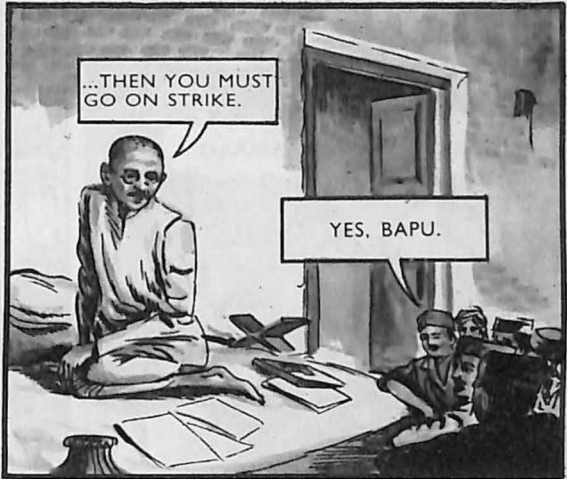
YOUR WORKERS ASK FOR MORE PAY AND YOU REFUSE. WHY NOT REFER THE DISPUTE TO ARBITRATION?

SORRY!



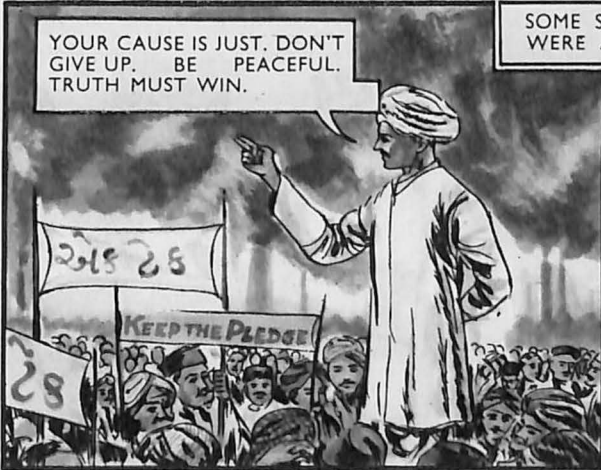
...THEN YOU MUST GO ON STRIKE.

YES, BAPU.

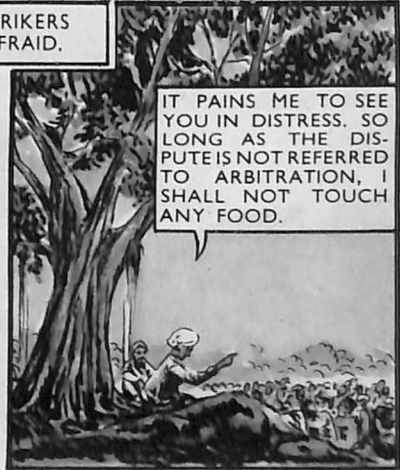


YOUR CAUSE IS JUST. DON'T GIVE UP. BE PEACEFUL. TRUTH MUST WIN.

SOME STRIKERS WERE AFRAID.

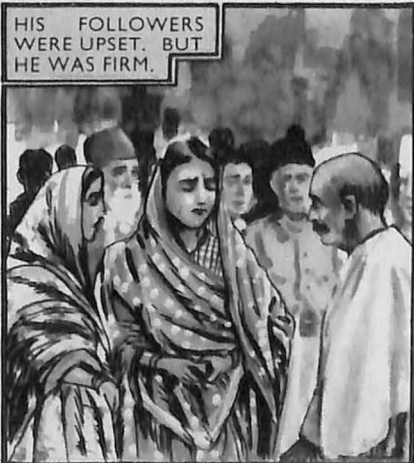


IT PAINS ME TO SEE YOU IN DISTRESS. SO LONG AS THE DISPUTE IS NOT REFERRED TO ARBITRATION, I SHALL NOT TOUCH ANY FOOD.



HIS FOLLOWERS WERE UPSET. BUT HE WAS FIRM.

HE STARTED HIS FAST. AFTER THREE DAYS...



PLEASE FORGIVE US AND END YOUR FAST. WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ARBITRATION.

FINALLY A SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED.

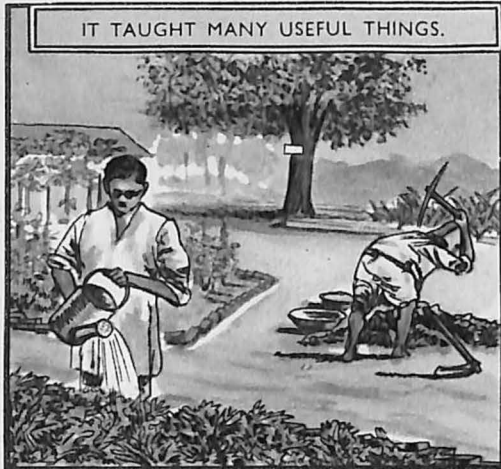


LIFE IN SABARMATI ASHRAM WAS SIMPLE AND DISCIPLINED.



RAGHUPATI RAGHAV RAJARAM \*

IT TAUGHT MANY USEFUL THINGS.



\* GANDHIJI'S FAVOURITE HYMN.

ONCE KASTURBA WAS RESTING AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK.



FOUR GUESTS ARE COMING IN AN HOUR. PLEASE PREPARE SOME FOOD, BUT TAKE CARE NOT TO DISTURB BA.

A VESSEL CRASHED TO THE FLOOR. BA WOKE UP.



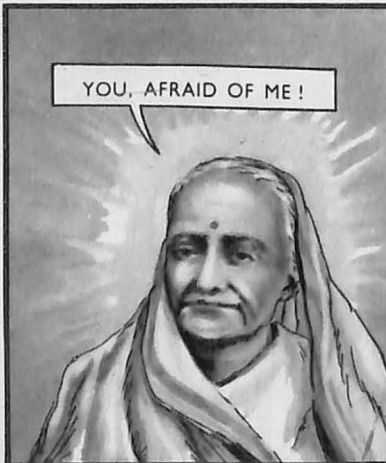
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WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME ? I COULD HAVE COOKED.

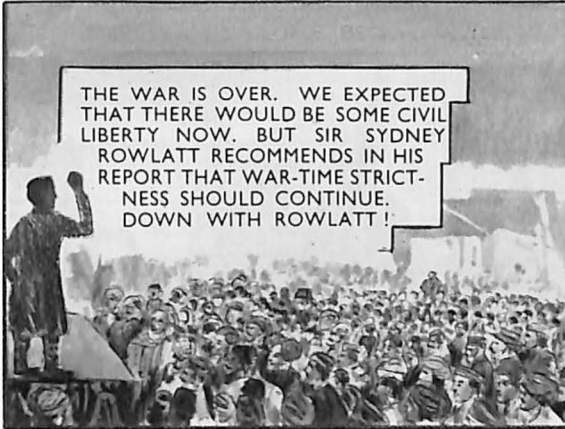


BA, I WAS AFRAID TO DISTURB YOU !

YOU, AFRAID OF ME !



AFTER THE WAR, PEOPLE BECAME IMPATIENT.



THE WAR IS OVER. WE EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME CIVIL LIBERTY NOW. BUT SIR SYDNEY ROWLATT RECOMMENDS IN HIS REPORT THAT WAR-TIME STRICTNESS SHOULD CONTINUE. DOWN WITH ROWLATT!

WE SHOULD CALL ON THE COUNTRY TO OBSERVE A GENERAL HARTAL.\*



\*SUSPENSION OF ALL BUSINESS AND WORK

THE HARTAL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.



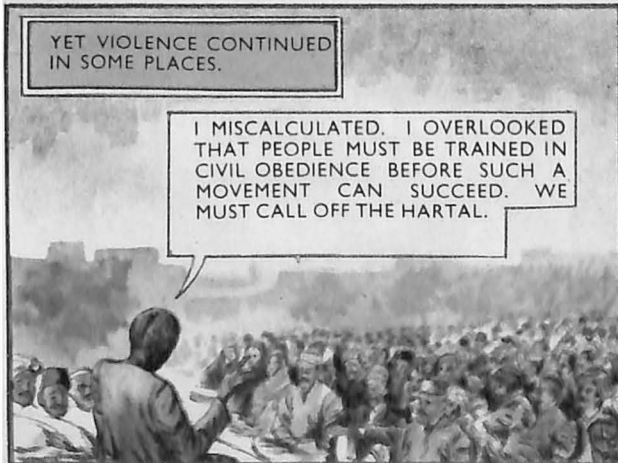
BUT THERE WAS SOME VIOLENCE.

I HAVE HEARD THERE HAS BEEN SOME STONE-THROWING. THAT WILL NOT DO. THAT IS NOT SATYAGRAHA!



YET VIOLENCE CONTINUED IN SOME PLACES.

I MISCALCULATED. I OVERLOOKED THAT PEOPLE MUST BE TRAINED IN CIVIL OBEDIENCE BEFORE SUCH A MOVEMENT CAN SUCCEED. WE MUST CALL OFF THE HARTAL.

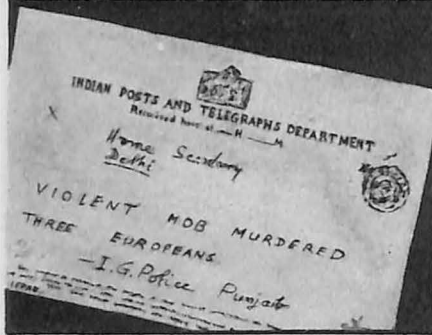


AHIMSA\* IS NOT SIMPLY NON-INJURY TO OTHERS. IT MEANS LOVE FOR ALL THAT LIVES. I LOVE THE ENEMY BUT I FIGHT EVIL.

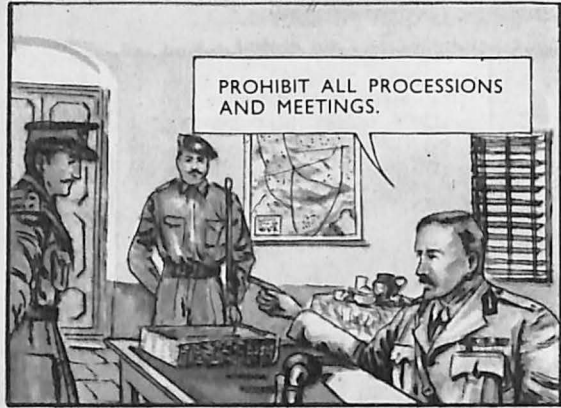


\*NON-VIOLENCE.

THE CITY OF AMRITSAR OBSERVED TWO DAYS' PEACEFUL HARTAL, BUT THE GOVERNMENT EXTERMINATED TWO POPULAR LEADERS. THIS ENRAGED THE PEOPLE.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL DYER WAS SENT TO AMRITSAR TO DIRECT THE LOCAL POLICE.



BUT THE POLICE DID NOT GIVE ENOUGH PUBLICITY TO DYER'S ORDER.

SIR, A BIG MEETING IS BEING HELD IN JALIANWALA BAGH. IT IS AN UNUSED PIECE OF GROUND IN THE CITY HERE.



BETWEEN TEN AND TWENTY THOUSAND PERSONS HAD GATHERED IN THE BAGH, WHICH WAS SURROUNDED BY BUILDINGS. THERE WERE ONLY TWO SMALL EXITS. WITHOUT GIVING ANY WARNING TO THE CROWD TO DISPERSE, DYER SHOUTED OUT HIS ORDER.

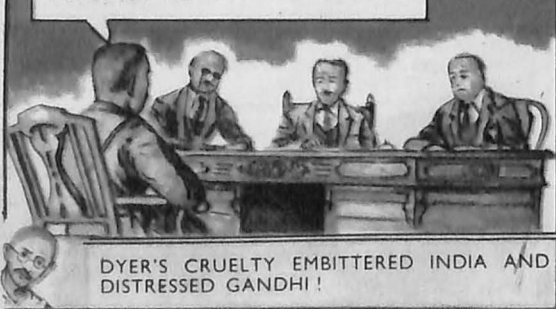


1650 ROUNDS WERE FIRED. 379 DIED, 1137 WERE WOUNDED.



DYER LATER STATED BEFORE AN ENQUIRY COMMISSION

I HAD MADE UP MY MIND TO DO ALL THE MEN TO DEATH — TO PRODUCE A SUFFICIENT MORAL EFFECT FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW.



DYER'S CRUELTY EMBITTERED INDIA AND DISTRESSED GANDHI!

TURKEY WAS DEFEATED IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THE TURKISH SULTAN WAS THE RELIGIOUS HEAD OF THE MUSLIM WORLD. GANDHI WAS INVITED TO A MUSLIM CONFERENCE IN DELHI.

WE RESENT THE BRITISH HARSHNESS TOWARDS TURKEY. WE PROTEST AGAINST THEIR PROPOSAL TO DEPOSE OUR CALIPH.

WHAT MUST WE DO?



...YES: WE SHALL BOYCOTT BRITISH JOBS, TITLES, SCHOOLS. WE MUST NON-CO-OPERATE.



LOKMANYA TILAK PASSED AWAY. GANDHI ATTENDED THE FUNERAL. AFTER TILAK, HE BECAME THE UNDISPUTED LEADER OF THE CONGRESS PARTY. HE REVISED ITS CONSTITUTION AND THREW IT OPEN TO THE MASSES.



HE ADDRESSED HUGE MEETINGS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. IN RESPONSE TO HIS CALL, LEADING LAWYERS GAVE UP THEIR PRACTICES. THE POET TAGORE HAILED HIM AS 'MAHATMA.'\*

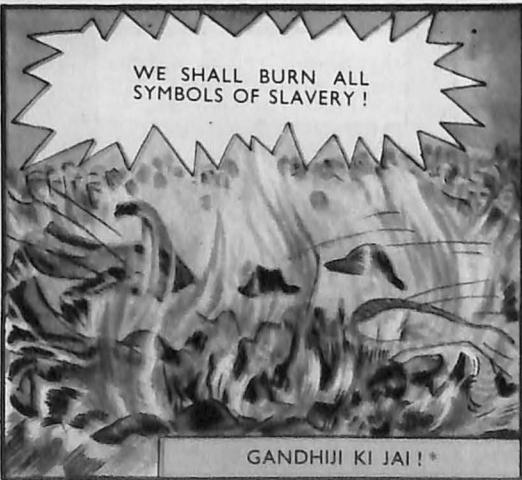


GIVE UP FOREIGN CLOTH. SPIN KHADI AND THE POOR MILLIONS WILL BE ABLE TO EARN THEIR BREAD WITH JOY AND HONESTY.



\*THE GREAT SOUL.

WE SHALL BURN ALL SYMBOLS OF SLAVERY!



GANDHIJI KI JAI!\*

I SHALL GIVE UP MY JOB.

I WON'T PAY TAX.



MAHATMA GANDHI REPLACED FOREIGN CLOTH BY KHADI\* AND HIMSELF DRESSED IN A SIMPLE LOINCLOTH. HE ENCOURAGED NATIONALIST SCHOOLS AND DIRECTED THE PEOPLE'S ENERGIES IN NEW CHANNELS. THE GOVERNMENT IMPRISONED THOUSANDS OF POLITICAL WORKERS.

\*HAND-SPUN, HAND-WOVEN CLOTH

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THE VICEROY INVITED MAHATMA GANDHI

OUR IDEAL IS TO PURIFY INDIA. ENGLAND'S EXPULSION WOULD COME AS A BY-PRODUCT.

A MAN OF SUPREME COURAGE!



WHILE MAHATMA GANDHI WAS ORGANISING MASS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN BARDOLI IN GUJARAT HE GOT SOME NEWS.

BAPU, A MOB IN CHAURI-CHAURA HAS BURNT DOWN A POLICE STATION AND LYNCHED POLICEMEN WHO HAD INSULTED AND ABUSED THE PEOPLE.

NOTHING CAN JUSTIFY MURDER. WE'LL SUSPEND NON-CO-OPERATION.



BECAUSE OF CHAURI-CHAURA, MAHATMA GANDHI FASTED FOR FIVE DAYS. THIS HE CALLED A PERSONAL CLEANSING. EVEN SO, VICEROY READING ORDERED HIS ARREST.

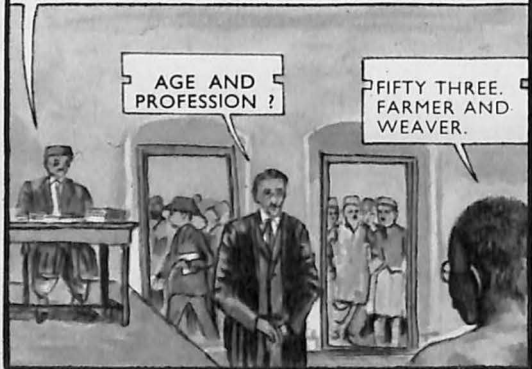
I'LL GLADLY COME, BUT AFTER MY PRAYERS.



SESSIONS CASE NO. 45 OF 1922. IMPERATOR VERSUS MR. GANDHI AND MR. BANKER.

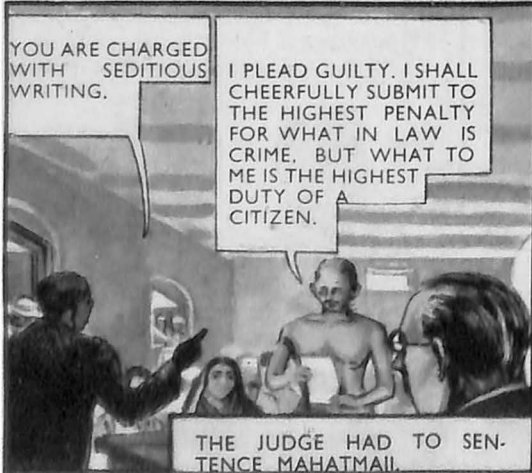
AGE AND PROFESSION?

FIFTY THREE. FARMER AND WEAVER.



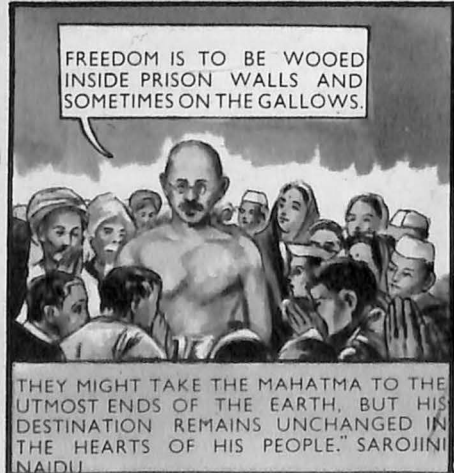
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH SEDITIOUS WRITING.

I PLEAD GUILTY. I SHALL CHEERFULLY SUBMIT TO THE HIGHEST PENALTY FOR WHAT IN LAW IS CRIME. BUT WHAT TO ME IS THE HIGHEST DUTY OF A CITIZEN.



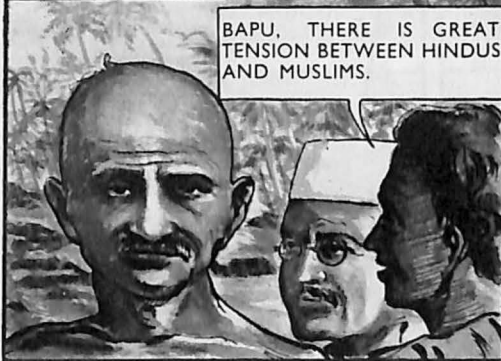
THE JUDGE HAD TO SENTENCE MAHATMA.

FREEDOM IS TO BE WOODED INSIDE PRISON WALLS AND SOMETIMES ON THE GALLOWS.



THEY MIGHT TAKE THE MAHATMA TO THE UTMOST ENDS OF THE EARTH, BUT HIS DESTINATION REMAINS UNCHANGED IN THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE." SAROJINI NAIDU

GANDHIJI WAS RELEASED AFTER HE HAD UNDERGONE AN OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS. HE WENT TO JUHU BEACH NEAR BOMBAY TO REST.



BAPU, THERE IS GREAT TENSION BETWEEN HINDUS AND MUSLIMS.

HINDU RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS USED TO PASS BY MUSLIM MOSQUES AT PRAYER TIME AND PLAY MUSIC TO PROVOKE THEM.



MUSLIMS USED TO HURT HINDU SENTIMENT BY SLAUGHTERING COWS.



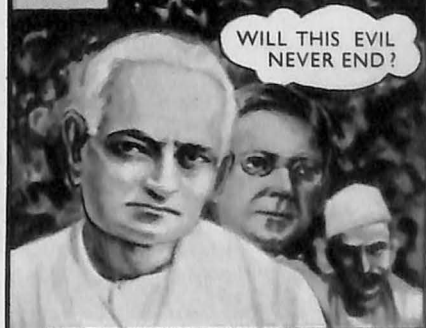
RIOTS BROKE OUT AT MANY PLACES.



IF THE PEOPLE HAD REALLY PRACTISED NON-VIOLENCE AND TRUTH, WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE.



THIS PROBLEM BAFLED EVEN GREAT LEADERS AND PATRIOTS LIKE MOTILAL NEHRU, C. R. DAS AND RAJENDRA PRASAD.



WILL THIS EVIL NEVER END?



NO, THIS CAN'T GO ON! THIS IS A DISGRACE TO RELIGION AND TO HUMANITY. ONLY THE UNITY OF HINDUS AND MUSLIMS CAN BRING INDEPENDENCE.

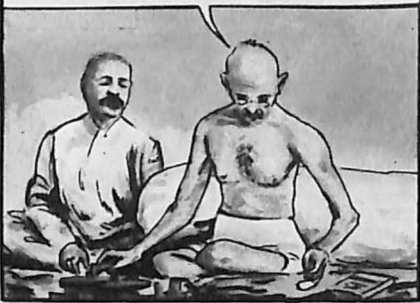
GANDHIJI FASTED FOR 21 DAYS FOR COMMUNAL UNITY.

I WANT TO GIVE UP POLITICS. YOU MUST NOT RELY ON ME FOR EVERYTHING.

BUT WE MUST HAVE YOU AS THE NEXT CONGRESS PRESIDENT!



ON ONE CONDITION. EVERY MEMBER OF THE PARTY MUST WEAR KHADI. SPINNING IS A SPIRITUAL TRAINING AND WITHOUT KHADI WE CANNOT RESTORE INDIA'S ECONOMY.



GANDHIJI TRAVELLED ALL OVER INDIA PROMOTING HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY, FIGHTING UNTOUCHABILITY AND COLLECTING FUNDS.

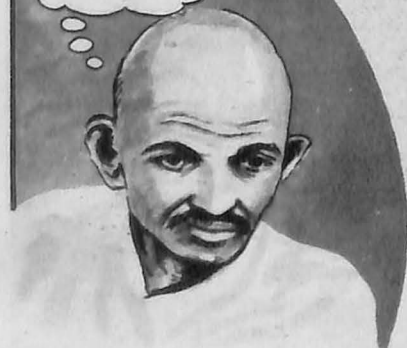


THE VICEROY INVITED HIM TO DELHI.

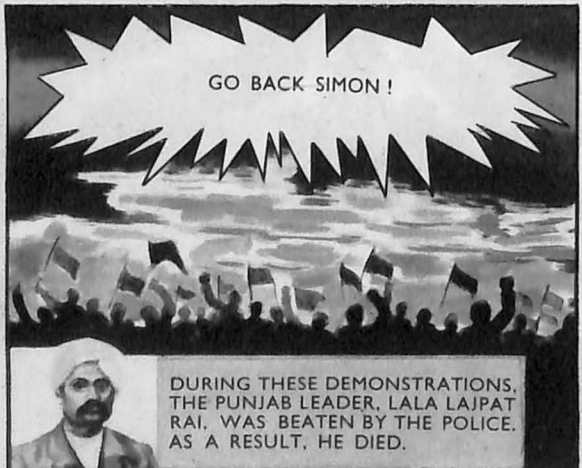
AN OFFICIAL BRITISH COMMISSION LED BY SIR JOHN SIMON IS COMING. THEY WILL STUDY INDIAN CONDITIONS AND RECOMMEND POLITICAL REFORMS.



WHAT! NO INDIAN ON THE COMMISSION? THAT IS ABSURD! WE MUST BOYCOTT IT.



GO BACK SIMON!



DURING THESE DEMONSTRATIONS, THE PUNJAB LEADER, LALA LAJPAT RAI, WAS BEATEN BY THE POLICE. AS A RESULT, HE DIED.

IN FEBRUARY 1928 MAHATMA GANDHI STARTED SATYAGRAHA AGAIN IN BARDOLI TO PROTEST AGAINST A 22% INCREASE IN LAND TAX. THE LEADER OF THE SATYAGRAHA WAS SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL.

I WILL NOT PAY ANY TAX.

NOR WILL I.

SEIZE THEIR BUFFALOES. CONFISCATE THEIR POTS AND PANS.



MANY WERE IMPRISONED.

SARDARSHRI, THE OFFICERS ARE HARASSING THE WHOLE COUNTRYSIDE. SHALL WE PLACE SPIKES ON THE ROADS TO DAMAGE THEIR CARS ?

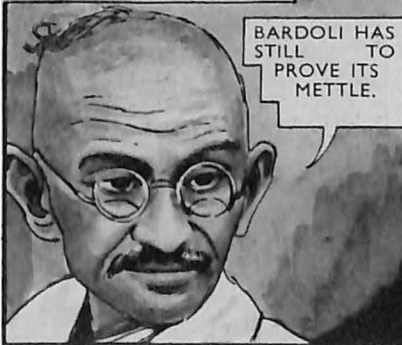
NO, YOUR FIGHT MUST NOT BE COWARDLY.



ALL OVER INDIA THE PEOPLE WANTED JUST A WORD FROM THE MAHATMA TO START SATYAGRAHA.

HE WENT TO BARDOLI.

MAHATMAJI KI JAI!



BARDOLI HAS STILL TO PROVE ITS METTLE.



IN AUGUST THE TIDE TURNED.

THE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO RELEASE ALL PRISONERS, RETURN THE CONFISCATED LAND AND TO CANCEL THE INCREASE IN LAND TAX.

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNFURLED OUR FLAG ON THE BANKS OF THE RAVI AT MIDNIGHT ON DECEMBER 31, 1929.



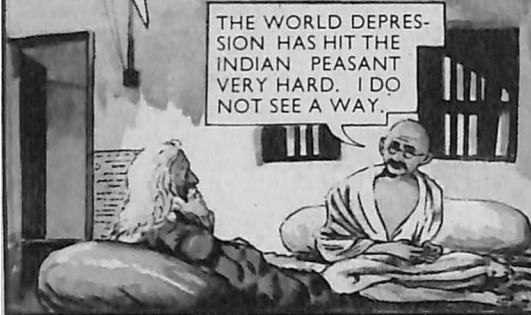
GANDHIJI SAID, JANUARY 26 WOULD NOW BE 'INDEPENDENCE DAY'.



THE POET TAGORE VISITED SABARMATI ASHRAM IN JANUARY 1930

WHAT IS THE MAHATMA'S MESSAGE, NOW?

THE WORLD DEPRESSION HAS HIT THE INDIAN PEASANT VERY HARD. I DO NOT SEE A WAY.

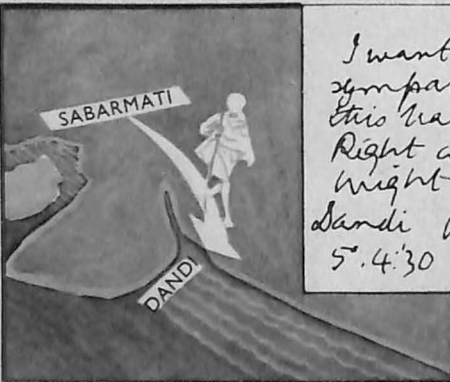


GANDHIJI WROTE TO THE VICEROY.

My dear friend,  
I hold the British rule to be a curse; it has exploited millions. Nothing but organized non-violence can check the organized violence of the British part.  
I plan Civil Disobedience by breaking the Salt Laws

SALT WAS A GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY.

Yours vj.  
M.K.Gandhi



I want world sympathy in this battle of Right against might  
Dandi M.K.Gandhi  
5.4.30

ON THE 241-MILE MARCH, THOUSANDS JOINED HIM.



A WEEK LATER MAHATMA GANDHI AND 78 OTHERS LEFT FOR DANDI. THE WHOLE COUNTRY WATCHED THE 24-DAY TREK.

AT DANDI BEACH, GANDHIJI PICKED UP SOME SALT.



THIS LITTLE ACT STIRRED THE WHOLE NATION.

INQUILAB ZINDABAD!\*  
MAHATMA GANDHI KI JAI!



\*LONG LIVE REVOLUTION

A HUNDRED THOUSAND WERE ARRESTED.



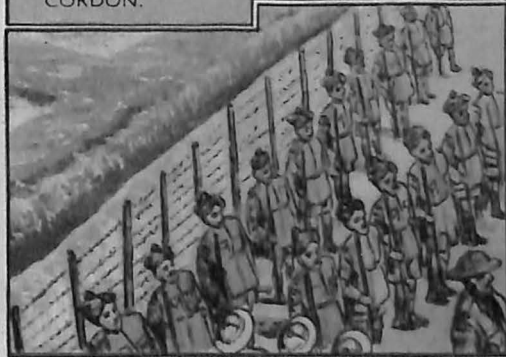
INDIA WAS RESTIVE. HARTALS WERE OBSERVED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE PICKETING. THE JAILS WERE FULL.



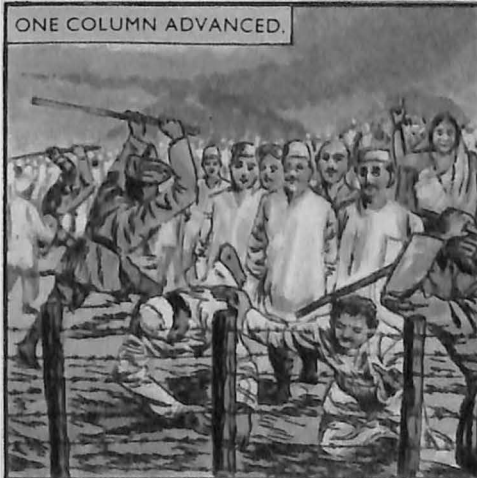
IN BIHAR THE POLICE MADE A CAVALRY CHARGE ON SALT SATYAGRAHIS.



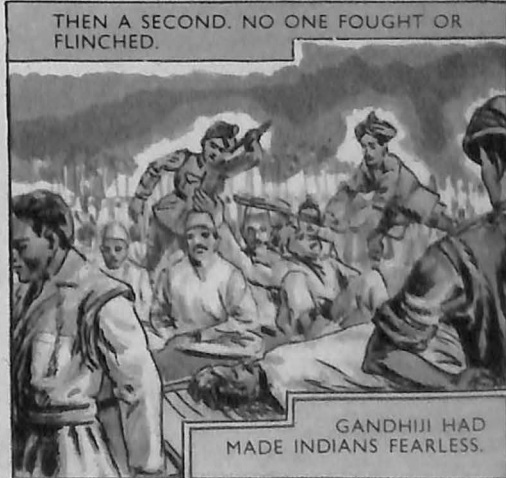
MAHATMA GANDHI WAS ARRESTED. HIS PLAN TO RAID THE DHARASANA SALT WORKS WAS CARRIED OUT BY SAROJINI NAIDU AND MANILAL GANDHI. THEIR PARTY APPROACHED THE POLICE CORDON.



ONE COLUMN ADVANCED.



THEN A SECOND. NO ONE FOUGHT OR FLINCHED.



GANDHIJI HAD MADE INDIANS FEARLESS.

A ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE WAS CONVENED IN LONDON. BUT NO CONGRESSMAN ATTENDED IT. THEN LORD IRWIN, THE VICE-ROY, MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.



THE VICEROY INVITED GANDHIJI TO DELHI. THE GANDHI-IRWIN PACT WAS SIGNED. ACCORDING TO THIS, ALL PRISONERS WERE TO BE RELEASED AND THE SATYAGRAHA CALLED OFF.

THE CONGRESS WILL ATTEND THE SECOND ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

THANK YOU, MR. GANDHI.



THIS ONE TIME INNER TEMPLE LAWYER, NOW SEDITIOUS FAKIR, STRIDING HALF-NAKED UP THE STEPS OF THE VICEROY'S PALACE—A NAUSEATING SPECTACLE!  
—CHURCHILL.



GANDHIJI WAS THE SOLE CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE. HE MOVED ABOUT IN LONDON SEEKING BRITISH GOOD-WILL.



GOOD DAY, MR. GANDHI.

GOOD DAY, FRIENDS.

HE TALKED TO PROFESSORS, WRITERS AND ADDRESSED VARIOUS GATHERINGS.

MEETING YOU, MEETING THE PEOPLE IS, TO ME, THE REAL ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE. I WISH TO SOFTEN THE BRITISH SPIRIT AND PREVENT THE BRUTALISATION OF HUMAN BEINGS.



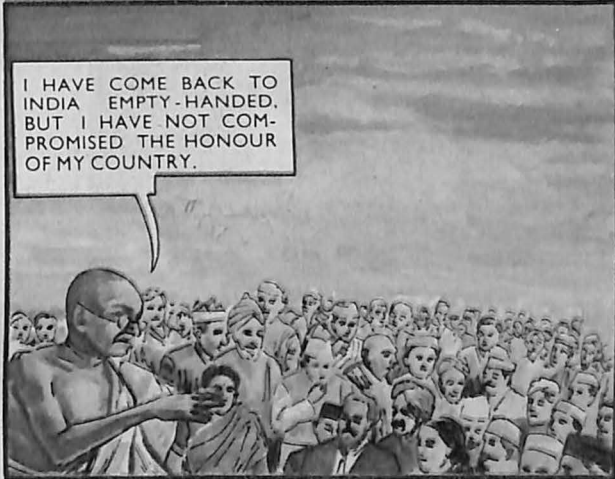
THE LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS ON MINOR ISSUES BORED GANDHIJI.

CONGRESS WANTS REAL LIBERTY, CALL IT BY ANY NAME YOU LIKE.

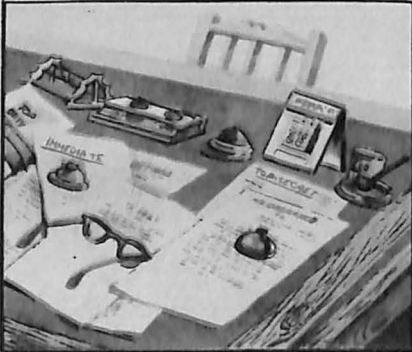


WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE MUSLIMS AND UNTOUCHABLES, TOO.

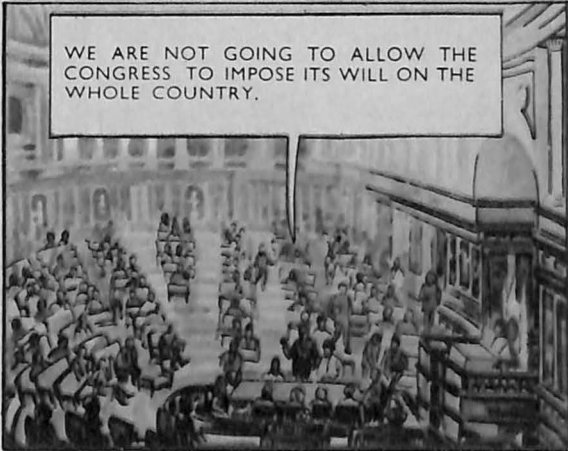
THE SECOND ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE, TOO, FAILED.



WHILE GANDHIJI WAS AWAY, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, EXPECTING THE REVIVAL OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE WHEN HE RETURNED, HAD ARMED ITSELF WITH ALL POWERS.

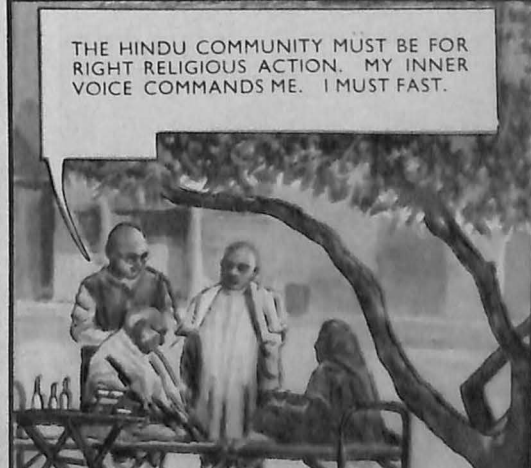


HOME MEMBER HAIG STATED IN THE ASSEMBLY



MAHATMA GANDHI WAS JAILED AND 80,000 OTHERS. FROM PRISON HE WROTE TO THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT SEPARATE ELECTORATES FOR HARIJANS.\*

*I hear that not only is it proposed to grant separate electorates to Hindus and Muslims, but also to Harijans (untouchables). You may over-represent the Harijans, but not separate them from the Hindu fold, so long as they choose to remain in it.*



\*MEN OF GOD, GANDHI'S NAME FOR UNTOUCHABLES

THE FAST BEGAN.

A SHADOW IS DARKENING OVER INDIA TODAY.



WHAT TAGORE SAID VOICED THE ANXIETY OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE.

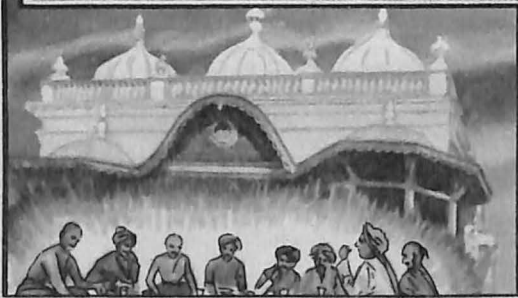
GANDHIJI'S CONDITION BECAME SERIOUS. THE HARIJAN LEADER DR. AMBEDKAR WAS SENT FOR. HE BARGAINED HARD. AT LAST RAJAGOPALACHARI BROUGHT ABOUT A COMPROMISE

I AGREE. BUT LET THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ALSO AGREE.



THE GOVERNMENT AGREED. THE FAST WAS BROKEN AFTER THIRTEEN DAYS.

GANDHI WAS RELEASED. HIS FAST WORKED A MIRACLE. AFTER CENTURIES, CASTE HINDUS THREW OPEN TEMPLES TO HARIJANS. JOINT DINNERS WERE ARRANGED.



UNTOUCHABILITY HAD BEEN HARD HIT.

WHEREVER HE WENT GANDHIJI COLLECTED FUNDS FOR HARIJAN WORK.



ALTHOUGH MUSLIM LEAGUE PROPAGANDA WAS THEN WIDENING THE GULF BETWEEN HINDUS AND MUSLIMS, GANDHIJI REMAINED ALOOF FROM POLITICS AND DEVOTED HIMSELF TO THE PROMOTION OF VILLAGE INDUSTRIES.



NOW, THERE WAS SOMETHING ON GANDHIJI'S MIND. HE SPOKE TO JAMNALAL BAJAJ AND MAHADEO DESAI.

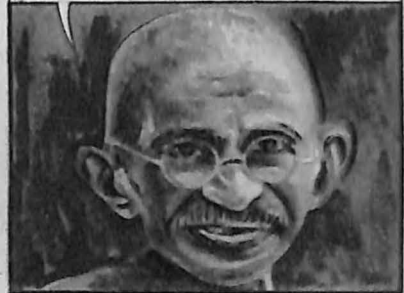
MY HEART IS IN THE VILLAGE. I MUST LIVE IN ONE.

I'LL GIVE SEGAON VILLAGE.

BUT BAPU, THERE WILL BE NO ROADS, NO POST OFFICE.



NO, MAHADEO, UNLESS I LIVE IN A VILLAGE, I WON'T UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORKERS. IT IS NO GOOD ONLY ADVISING THEM.



SO, HE SETTLED AT SEGAON, NEAR WARDHA. SLOWLY SEVAGRAM ASHRAM SPRANG UP THERE.



FROM SEVAGRAM HE GUIDED THE COUNTRY IN VARIOUS PROJECTS.



WHEN THE CONGRESS FORMED MINISTRIES IN SIX PROVINCES, SUCH CONSTRUCTIVE WORK RECEIVED OFFICIAL SUPPORT UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SET-UP.

AT SEVAGRAM ONE EVENING CAME A VISITOR, PARCHURE SHASTRI. HE WAS SUFFERING FROM LEPROSY.

BUT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD AWAIT MY REPLY.

I FELT AN IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO COME.



GANDHIJI FELT GOD WAS TESTING HIM. HE ACCEPTED PARCHURE IN THE ASHRAM AND LOVINGLY NURSED HIM.



THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE GUIDED THE PROVINCIAL MINISTRIES LIKE A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

WE RECOMMEND TOTAL PROHIBITION IN ALL THE STATES.



GANDHIJI WAS NOT A MEMBER BUT THE COMMITTEE ALWAYS SOUGHT HIS ADVICE.

GHAFFAR KHAN, LEADER OF THE KHUDAI KHIDMATGARS, TOOK GANDHIJI TO THE STORMY NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE. FOR HIS SAFETY, HE POSTED GUARDS.

NO, I SHALL NOT TOLERATE ARMED GUARDS FOR MY PROTECTION.



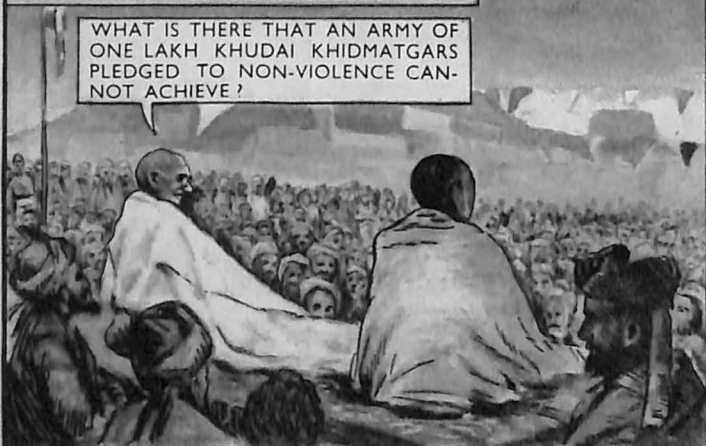
YOU HAVE GIVEN US THE BEST WEAPONS—NON-VIOLENCE AND COURAGE.



THE GUARDS WERE REMOVED.

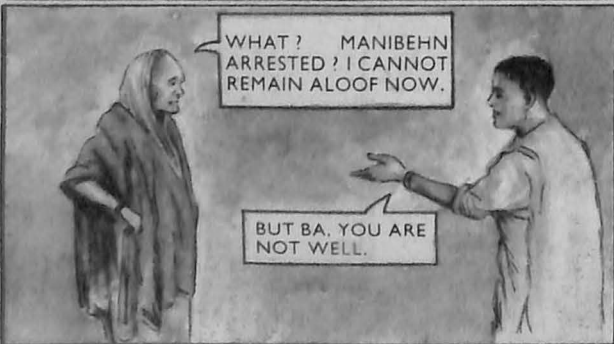
GANDHIJI TOURED THE WHOLE PROVINCE.

WHAT IS THERE THAT AN ARMY OF ONE LAKH KHUDAI KHIDMATGARS PLEDGED TO NON-VIOLENCE CANNOT ACHIEVE?



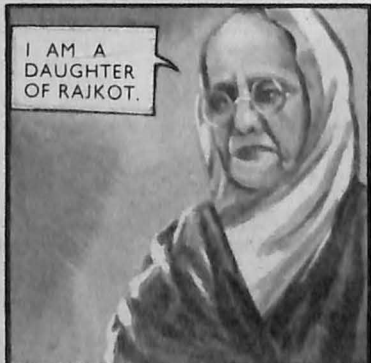
AT THIS TIME THE PEOPLE IN THE PRINCELY STATES WERE AGITATING FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS. THE RULER OF RAJKOT HAD BROKEN HIS PROMISE ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. MANY WERE ARRESTED IN THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE.

WHAT? MANIBEHN ARRESTED? I CANNOT REMAIN ALOOF NOW.



BUT BA, YOU ARE NOT WELL.

I AM A DAUGHTER OF RAJKOT.



DESPITE HER SEVENTY YEARS, SHE OFFERED SATYAGRAHA AND WAS ARRESTED.

THE SECOND WORLD WAR BROKE OUT. BRITAIN DRAGGED AN UNWILLING INDIA INTO IT. THE CONGRESS LEADERS DISCUSSED WHETHER THEY SHOULD HELP OR NOT. SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE THOUGHT...

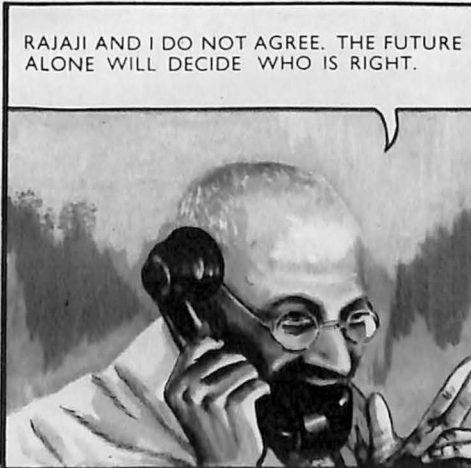


BRITAIN HAS TREATED US LIKE SLAVES.



I DO NOT WANT TO EMBARRASS BRITAIN IN HER DIFFICULTIES.

CONGRESS MUST NOT HELP UNLESS BRITAIN PROMISES FREEDOM.



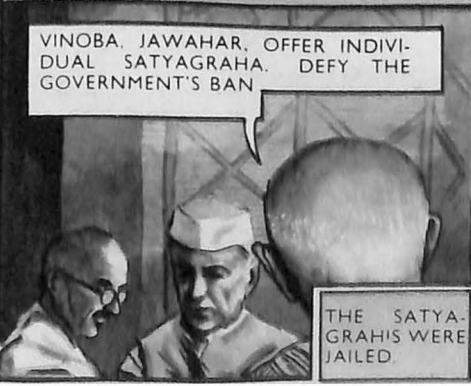
RAJAJI AND I DO NOT AGREE. THE FUTURE ALONE WILL DECIDE WHO IS RIGHT.



I SHALL NOT FORCE MY

THE CONGRESS ADOPTED RAJAJI'S VIEWS. BUT BRITAIN REJECTED THE OFFER. THE CONGRESS MINISTRIES RESIGNED.

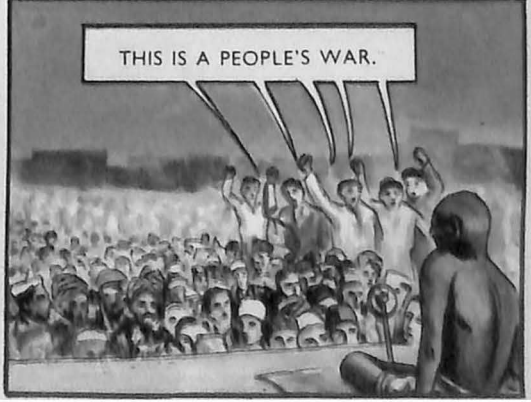
GANDHIJI WANTED TO PROTEST AGAINST THE WAR, BUT ANTI-WAR PROPAGANDA WAS BANNED.



VINOBA, JAWAHAR, OFFER INDIVIDUAL SATYAGRAHA. DEFY THE GOVERNMENT'S BAN

THE SATYAGRAHIS WERE JAILED.

EVERYWHERE THERE WAS MORE DISCONTENT. THE INDIAN COMMUNISTS SUPPORTED THE WAR.

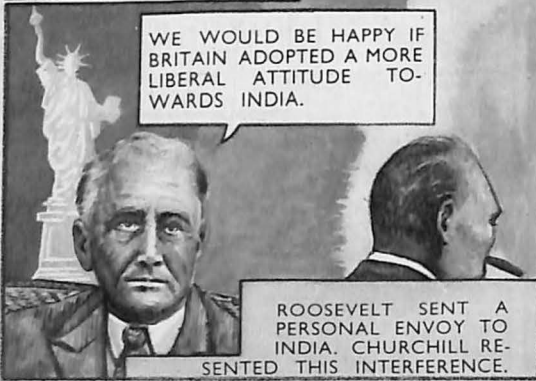


THIS IS A PEOPLE'S WAR.



THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT INDIA. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TRIED TO INFLUENCE CHURCHILL.

GANDHIJI WROTE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. July 1, 1942.

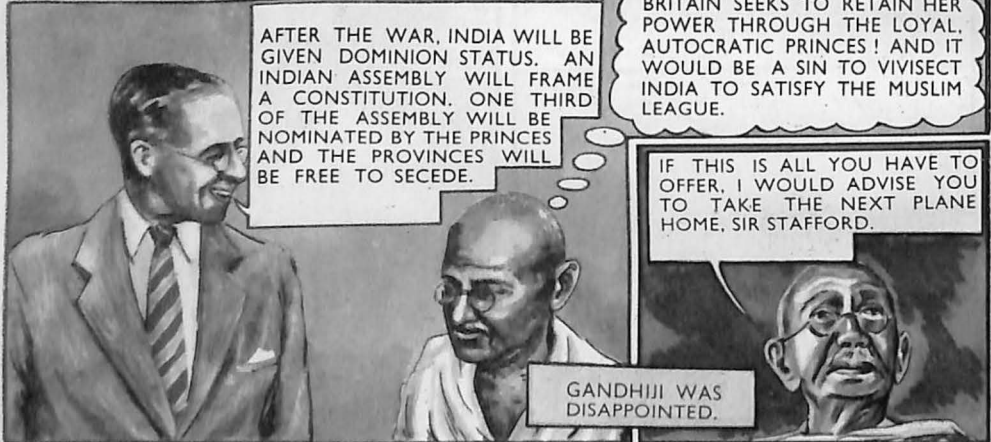


I twice missed coming to your great country. I have the privilege of having numerous friends there, both known and unknown to me.

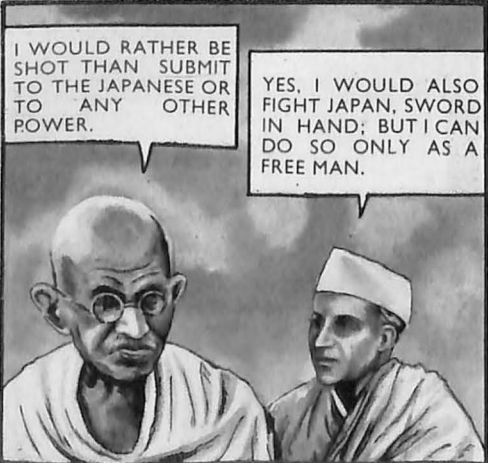
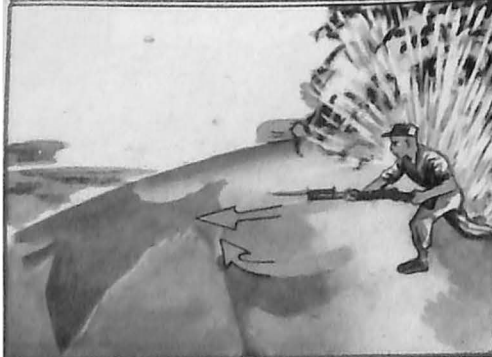
The Allied declaration that the Allies are fighting to make the world safer for the freedom of the individual and for democracy sounds hollow so long as India is exploited by Great Britain.

I write this to enlist your active sympathy.

CHURCHILL SENT CRIPPS TO INDIA TO NEGOTIATE.



MEANWHILE, JAPANESE FORCES THREATENED INDIA. ENGLAND DID NOT SEEM STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT HER. THE INDIANS WERE HELPLESS. SOME BECAME PANICKY, SOME FELT ANGRY.



IF INDIA IS NOT TO FALL LIKE MALAYA AND BURMA, THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY MUST BE INSPIRED WITH THE SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE.



THE CONGRESS DECLARED: 'THE BRITISH RULE IN INDIA MUST END IMMEDIATELY' AND PLACED ALL POWERS IN GANDHIJI'S HANDS. GANDHIJI SPOKE TO THE ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE IN BOMBAY.

THE ACTUAL STRUGGLE DOES NOT BEGIN THIS VERY MOMENT. I SHALL FIRST PLEAD WITH THE VICEROY TO ACCEPT THE CONGRESS DEMAND.



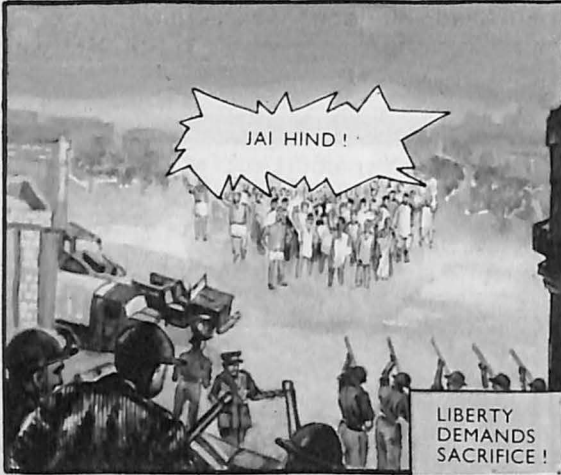
MEANWHILE EVERY ONE  
OF YOU SHOULD FROM THIS  
MOMENT CONSIDER YOURSELF  
AS A FREE MAN AND ACT  
AS IF YOU  
ARE FREE

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING THE GOVERNMENT ARRESTED GANDHIJI AND INTERNED HIM IN THE AGA-KHAN PALACE NEAR POONA.



AS SOON AS MAHATMAJI WAS ARRESTED, THERE WAS AN UPROAR. PEOPLE SET FIRE TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND TO WHATEVER THEY CONSIDERED SYMBOLS OF BRITISH RULE.





"VICTORY TO INDIA

CHURCHILL ADDED FUEL TO THE FIRE.

I HAVE NOT BECOME THE KING'S FIRST MINISTER IN ORDER TO PRESIDE AT THE LIQUIDATION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE!



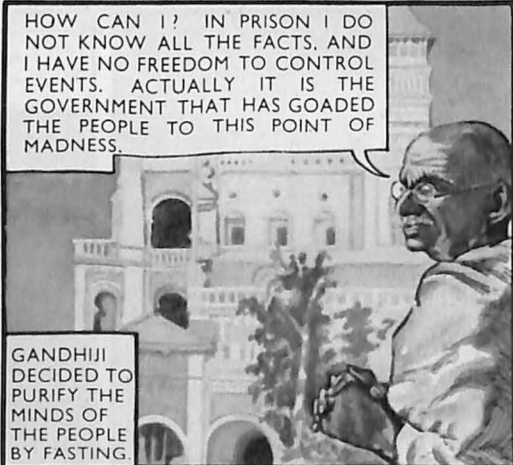
THE VICEROY BLAMED GANDHIJI.

MR. GANDHI IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS CHAOS. HE MUST CONDEMN VIOLENCE.



HOW CAN I? IN PRISON I DO NOT KNOW ALL THE FACTS, AND I HAVE NO FREEDOM TO CONTROL EVENTS. ACTUALLY IT IS THE GOVERNMENT THAT HAS GOADED THE PEOPLE TO THIS POINT OF MADNESS.

GANDHIJI DECIDED TO PURIFY THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE BY FASTING.



MAHATMA GANDHI'S HEALTH DETERIORATED DURING THE 21-DAY FAST. THE VICEROY TURNED DOWN ALL SUGGESTIONS TO FREE HIM. CROWDS GATHERED. THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWED SOME OF GANDHIJI'S CO-WORKERS TO VISIT HIM.



KASTURBA PRAYED FOR HER HUSBAND'S LIFE.

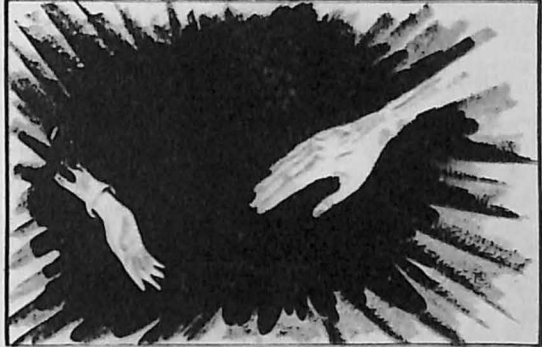


THE MAHATMA SURVIVED THE GREAT ORDEAL

BUT SOON, KASTURBA HERSELF LAY SERIOUSLY ILL. SHE WAS 74.

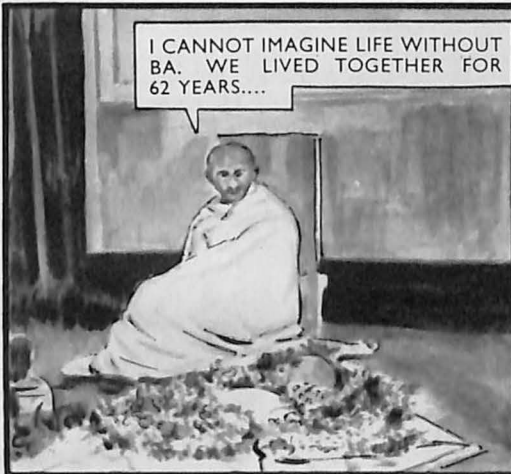


EMINENT PHYSICIANS TRIED TO SAVE HER LIFE. MAHATMA GANDHI NURSED HER.



BUT SHE DIED IN HER HUSBAND'S LAP.

I CANNOT IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT BA. WE LIVED TOGETHER FOR 62 YEARS....



A MONTH AND A HALF LATER, HE HAD AN ATTACK OF MALARIA. HIS TEMPERATURE ROSE TO 105°. IT WAS A TIME OF GREAT ANXIETY.



EVERYWHERE PEOPLE AGITATED.

RELEASE MAHATMAJI!



FINALLY, THE GOVERNMENT RELEASED GANDHIJI. HE WAS IN PRISON FOR 2089 DAYS IN INDIA AND FOR 249 DAYS IN SOUTH AFRICA.



MOHAMED ALI JINNAH WAS THE UNDISPUTED LEADER OF THE MUSLIM LEAGUE.

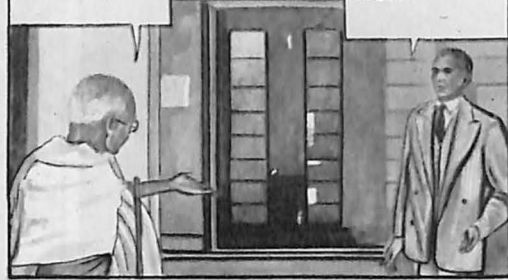
MY GOAL WAS HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY; BUT I FOUND THAT UNITY WAS HOPELESS. GANDHI DOES NOT WANT IT.



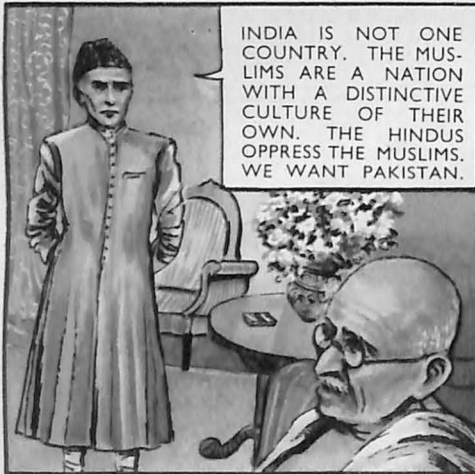
RAJAGOPALACHARI INDUCED THE MAHATMA AND JINNAH TO HOLD TALKS.

IF THE CONGRESS AND THE LEAGUE AGREE, THE BRITISH WILL HAVE TO QUIT. I SHOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE LEAGUE IF YOU ALLOW ME.

A MOST EXTRAORDINARY SUGGESTION!

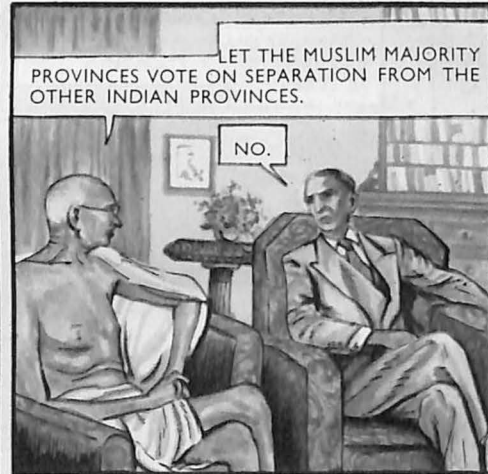


INDIA IS NOT ONE COUNTRY. THE MUSLIMS ARE A NATION WITH A DISTINCTIVE CULTURE OF THEIR OWN. THE HINDUS OPPRESS THE MUSLIMS. WE WANT PAKISTAN.



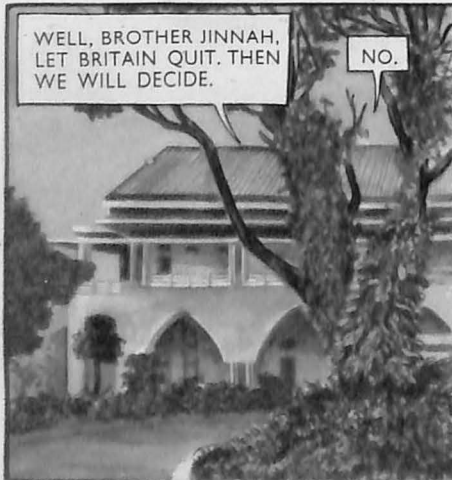
LET THE MUSLIM MAJORITY PROVINCES VOTE ON SEPARATION FROM THE OTHER INDIAN PROVINCES.

NO.



WELL, BROTHER JINNAH, LET BRITAIN QUIT. THEN WE WILL DECIDE.

NO.

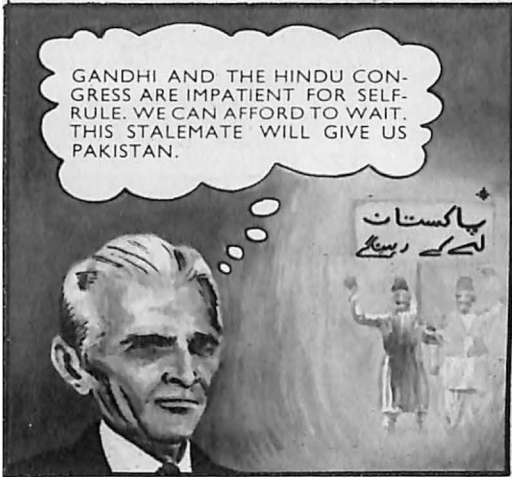


THE PARLEYS WENT ON...

ALL RIGHT, LET THE TWO STATES AT LEAST HAVE JOINT CONTROL OVER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND THE LIKE.

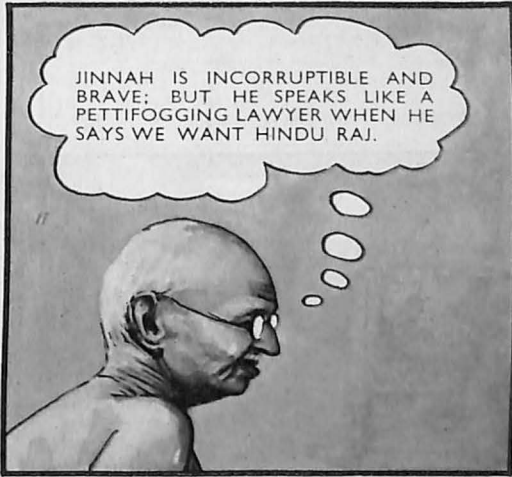
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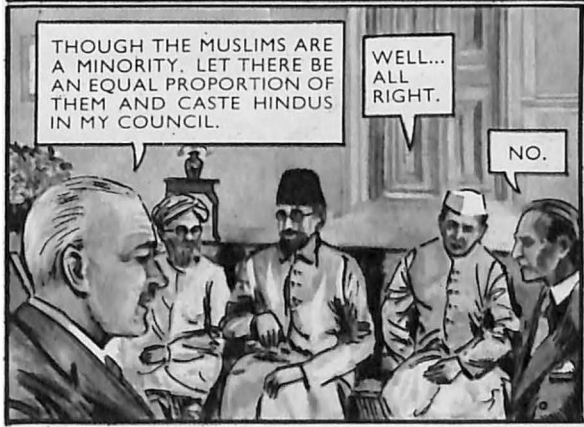
GANDHI AND THE HINDU CONGRESS ARE IMPATIENT FOR SELF-RULE. WE CAN AFFORD TO WAIT. THIS STALEMATE WILL GIVE US PAKISTAN.

WE WILL HAVE PAKISTAN



JINNAH IS INCORRUPTIBLE AND BRAVE; BUT HE SPEAKS LIKE A PETTIFOGGING LAWYER WHEN HE SAYS WE WANT HINDU RAJ.

VICEROY WAVELL SUMMONED ALL THE LEADERS TO SIMLA, INDIA'S SUMMER CAPITAL, FOR TALKS.

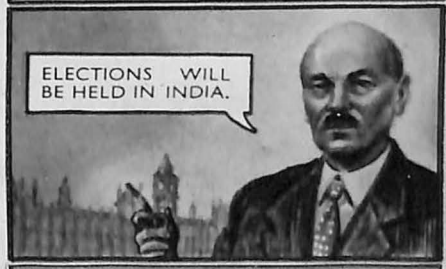


THOUGH THE MUSLIMS ARE A MINORITY, LET THERE BE AN EQUAL PROPORTION OF THEM AND CASTE HINDUS IN MY COUNCIL.

WELL... ALL RIGHT.

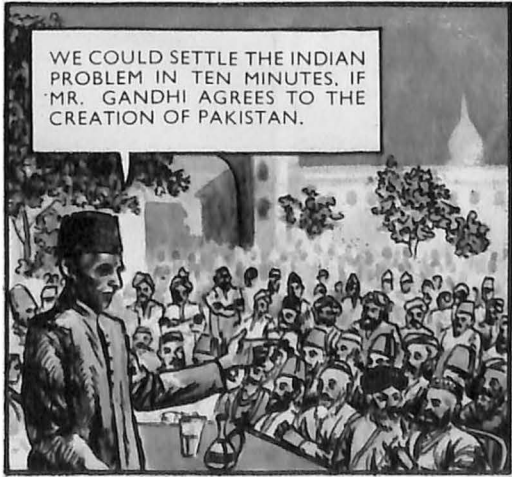
NO.

THEN ATTLEE, THE NEW BRITISH LABOUR PRIME MINISTER MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT.



ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN INDIA.

THE CONGRESS WON MOST NON-MUSLIM SEATS; THE LEAGUE WON MOST MUSLIM SEATS. THE DEADLOCK CONTINUED.



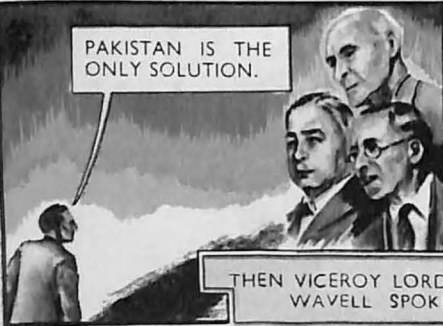
WE COULD SETTLE THE INDIAN PROBLEM IN TEN MINUTES, IF MR. GANDHI AGREES TO THE CREATION OF PAKISTAN.



NO, I CANNOT AGREE TO VIVISECT MOTHER INDIA.

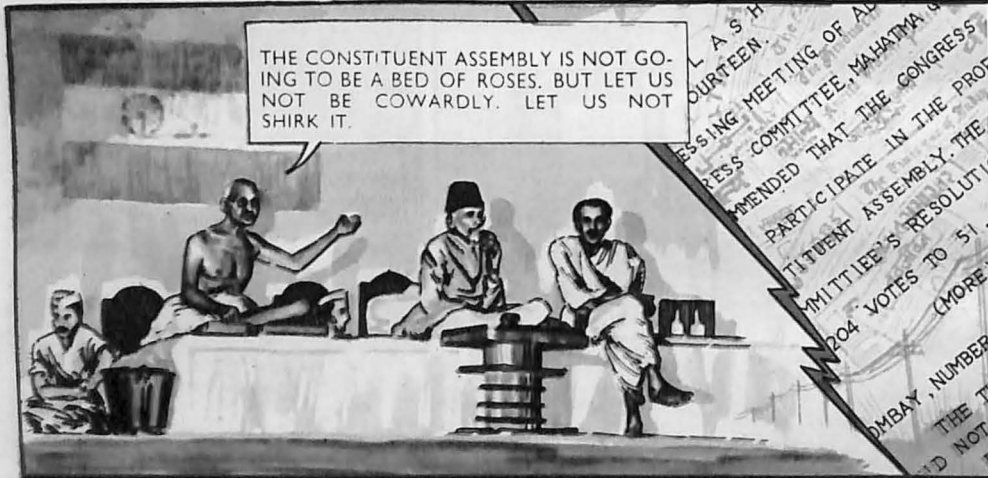
ATLEE ANNOUNCED A THREE-MAN BRITISH CABINET MISSION TO SETTLE THE TERMS OF INDIA'S LIBERATION. THEY HELD DISCUSSIONS BUT THE CONGRESS AND THE LEAGUE FAILED TO AGREE ON VITAL ISSUES.

AS THE CONGRESS AND THE LEAGUE HAVE FAILED TO AGREE, I SHALL APPOINT A NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE NEWLY ELECTED PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES WILL ELECT MEMBERS OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO DRAFT INDIA'S CONSTITUTION.



PAKISTAN IS THE ONLY SOLUTION.

THEN VICEROY LORD WAVELL SPOKE.



THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IS NOT GOING TO BE A BED OF ROSES. BUT LET US NOT BE COWARDLY. LET US NOT SHIRK IT.

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WE WILL NOT JOIN THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. WE WILL OBSERVE AUGUST 16 AS "DIRECT ACTION" DAY.



SAVAGE RIOTS BROKE OUT IN CALCUTTA. PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THOUSANDS. HINDUS AS WELL AS MUSLIMS SUFFERED.



ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1946, PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU BECAME THE LEADER OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. SOON AFTER, MR. JINNAH ALSO NOMINATED FIVE PEOPLE TO THE GOVERNMENT. FOUR OF THESE WERE MUSLIMS AND THE FIFTH WAS AN UNTOUCHABLE HINDU WHO WAS AGAINST THE CONGRESS.

THE MINISTERS COULD NOT WORK AS A TEAM AND THE COMMUNAL STRIFE BECAME WORSE.

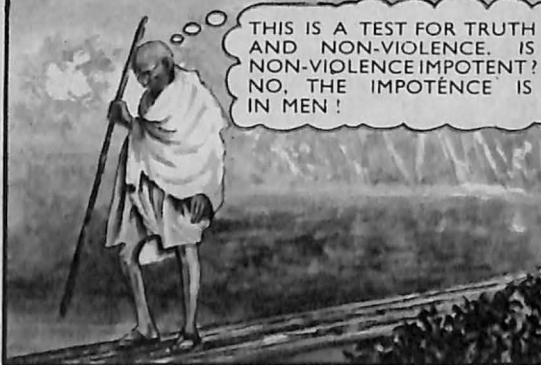
TO AVENGE WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN CALCUTTA, MUSLIMS STARTED KILLING AND CONVERTING HINDUS IN NOAKHALI AND TIPPERA IN EAST BENGAL. RIOTS FLARED UP IN BOMBAY, PUNJAB AND BIHAR.



WE ARE NEARING A CIVIL WAR. IT IS HARD TO MAINTAIN DETACHMENT OF MIND IN THE MIST OF SUCH A RAGING FIRE.



MAHATMA GANDHI WENT TO NOAKHALI AND TIPPERA.



THIS IS A TEST FOR TRUTH AND NON-VIOLENCE. IS NON-VIOLENCE IMPOTENT? NO, THE IMPOTENCE IS IN MEN!



WILL GOD TAKE ME OUT OF THIS DARKNESS INTO HIS LIGHT?

I BEAR NOT THE LEAST ILL WILL TOWARDS ANYBODY. THAT IS WHY I AM MOVING AND LIVING AMONG THOSE WHO MISTRUST ME.



EACH MEMBER OF HIS PARTY WAS ASKED TO SETTLE IN AN AFFECTED VILLAGE. ONE MEMBER, AMTUS SALAM, STARTED A FAST FOR PEACE.



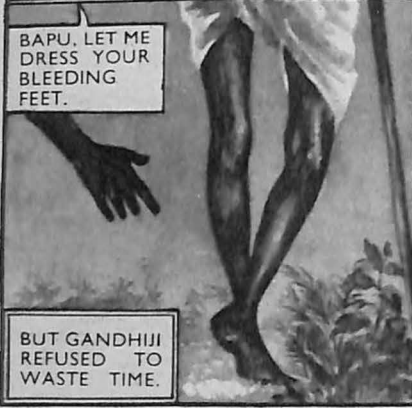
AFTER 25 DAYS THE MUSLIMS THERE GAVE AN ASSURANCE OF PEACE. GANDHIJI PERSUADED HER TO BREAK THE FAST.



GANDHIJI WALKED BAREFOOT—A VILLAGE A DAY.

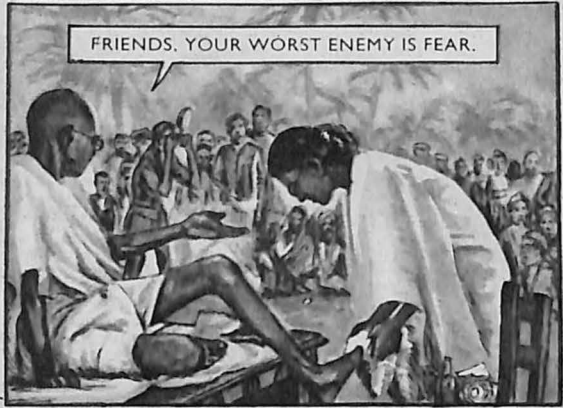
BAPU, LET ME DRESS YOUR BLEEDING FEET.

BUT GANDHIJI REFUSED TO WASTE TIME.



HE ONLY ALLOWED HIS FEET TO BE DRESSED WHILE HE WAS ADDRESSING A MEETING, TO SAVE TIME.

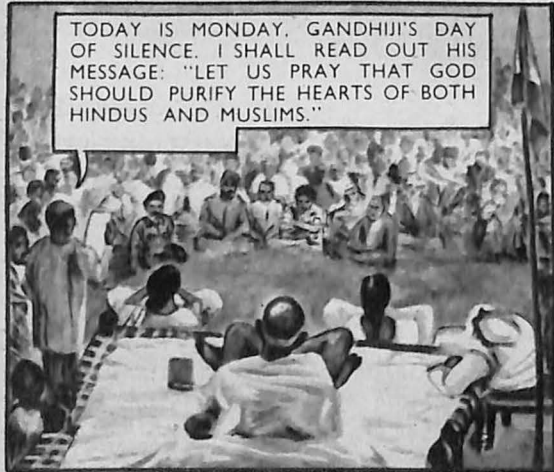
FRIENDS, YOUR WORST ENEMY IS FEAR.



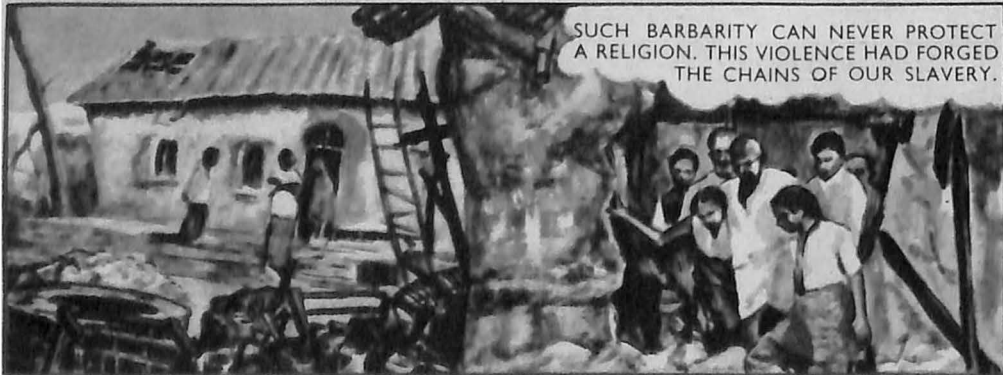
HE MOVED ON, EVEN WHEN ILL, TO WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM EVERY EYE.



TODAY IS MONDAY, GANDHIJI'S DAY OF SILENCE. I SHALL READ OUT HIS MESSAGE: "LET US PRAY THAT GOD SHOULD PURIFY THE HEARTS OF BOTH HINDUS AND MUSLIMS."



AFTER WALKING BAREFOOT ABOUT 116 MILES IN 49 VILLAGES, GANDHIJI WENT TO BIHAR, WHERE HINDUS HAD KILLED MUSLIMS AND BURNT THEIR HOUSES.



SUCH BARBARITY CAN NEVER PROTECT A RELIGION. THIS VIOLENCE HAD FORGED THE CHAINS OF OUR SLAVERY.

MAHATMA GANDHI SPOKE TO THE HINDUS IN BIHAR.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOU ARE HUMAN BEINGS?



THE POLITICAL TANGLE REMAINED UNSOLVED.



LORD MOUNTBATTEN, THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL, ARRIVED.



CREATING PAKISTAN SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY PRACTICAL SOLUTION.

THERE'S NO WAY BUT PAKISTAN.



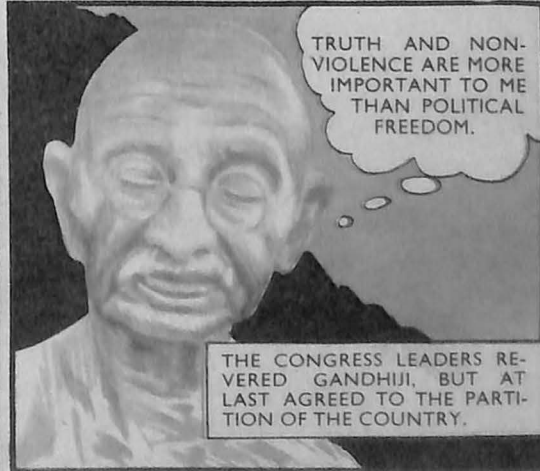
OR GIVE UP THE HOPE OF GETTING INDEPENDENCE.



IN DIVIDED INDIA THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ME!

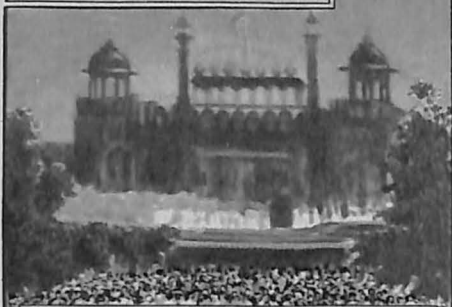


TRUTH AND NON-VIOLENCE ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN POLITICAL FREEDOM.



THE CONGRESS LEADERS REVERED GANDHIJI, BUT AT LAST AGREED TO THE PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY.

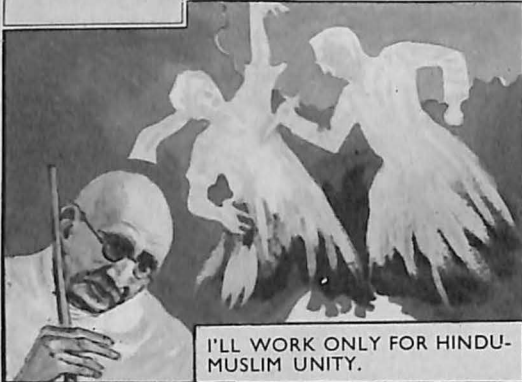
ON AUGUST 15, 1947 INDIA BECAME FREE, AND PAKISTAN WAS BORN.



IN DELHI, JUBILANT CROWDS THROGGED THE ANCIENT LAL QILA. \*

\*RED FORT

SINCE AUGUST 16, 1946, WHEN JINNAH STARTED HIS 'DIRECT ACTION', CALCUTTA HAD BEEN SUBMERGED IN A BLOOD-BATH.



I'LL WORK ONLY FOR HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY.

GANDHIJI WALKED THE STREETS OF RIOT-STRICKEN CALCUTTA ALONG WITH SUHRAWARDY, THE FORMER CHIEF MINISTER OF BENGAL.



GANDHIJI KI JAI!

LONG LIVE UNITY!

BUT COMMUNALISM WAS NOT YET DEAD.

ONE NIGHT SOME FANATICS TRIED TO ASSAULT EVEN GANDHIJI.



I SHALL FAST TILL SANITY RETURNS TO CALCUTTA.



THE FAST MOVED THE PEOPLE. HINDU, MUSLIM AND SIKH LEADERS HASTENED ANXIOUSLY TO MAHATMA GANDHI.

PLEASE END YOUR FAST.

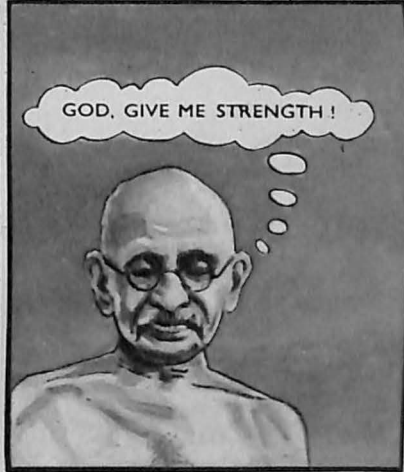
WE PROMISE, WE WILL CONTROL OUR PEOPLE.

ALL RIGHT; BUT IF THIS PROMISE IS BROKEN, I SHALL BEGIN A FAST WHICH WILL BE IRREVOCABLE.

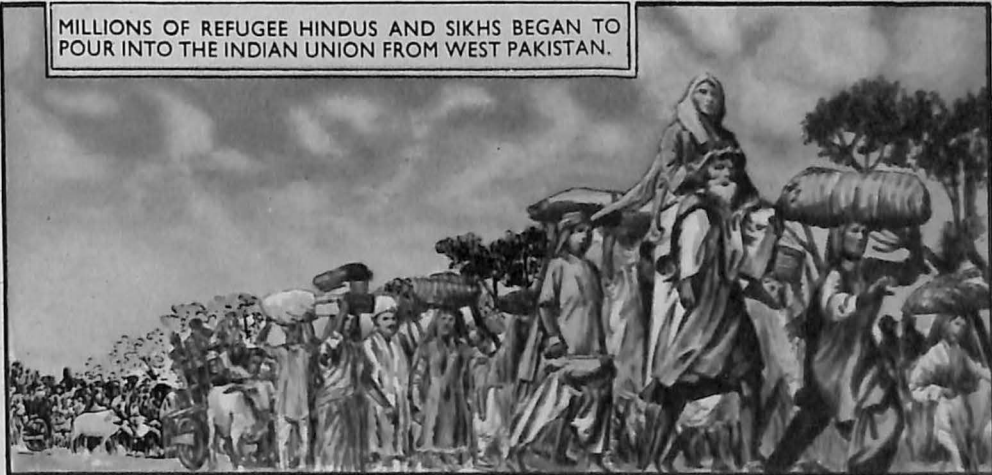


THERE WERE NO MORE RIOTS.

LARGE-SCALE RIOTS BROKE OUT IN PUNJAB.



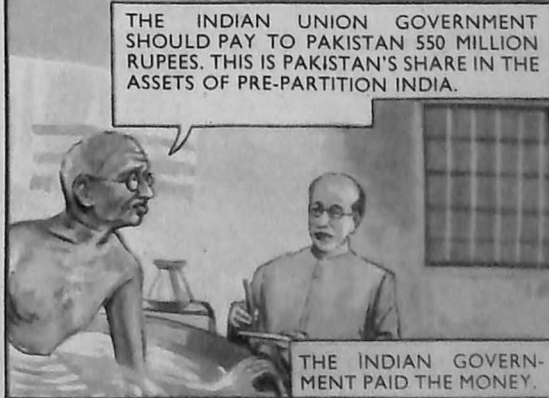
MILLIONS OF REFUGEE HINDUS AND SIKHS BEGAN TO POUR INTO THE INDIAN UNION FROM WEST PAKISTAN.



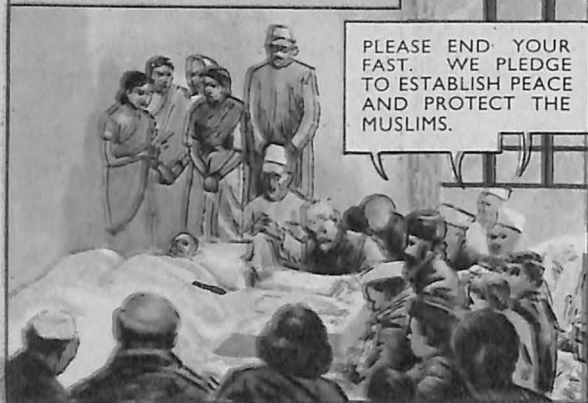
GANDHIJI CAME TO THE CAPITAL. HE FOUND IT IN THE GRIP OF COMMUNAL FRENZY. HE VISITED REFUGEE CAMPS. HE HELD PRAYER MEETINGS. SLOWLY DELHI RETURNED TO NORMAL. BUT HATRED AND MISTRUST WERE RAM-PANT ELSEWHERE.



GANDHIJI BECAME VERY WEAK, BUT HE STILL DICTATED A STATEMENT.

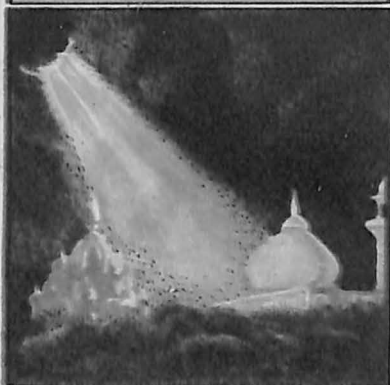


POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS VISITED THE FASTING MAHATMA.



PLEASE END YOUR FAST. WE PLEDGE TO ESTABLISH PEACE AND PROTECT THE MUSLIMS.

GANDHIJI WAS PERSUADED TO BREAK HIS FAST.



BUT SOME EXTREMIST HINDU HOT-HEADS WERE FURIOUS BECAUSE GANDHIJI MADE INDIA GIVE 550 MILLION RUPEES TO PAKISTAN.



WHAT'S THAT?

A BOMB EXPLOSION!

MADANLAL, A REFUGEE WHO HAD THROWN THE BOMB, WAS TRIED.

WHY DID YOU DO IT?

I HAD FOUND SHELTER IN A MUSLIM MOSQUE. GANDHI RESTORED ALL MOSQUES TO THE MUSLIMS. I BECAME HOMELESS AGAIN.



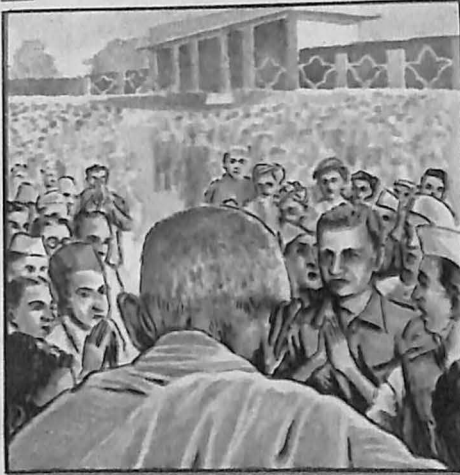
NATHURAM GODSE, ANOTHER FANATIC, CAME FROM POONA TO DELHI, WITH A DRASTIC PLAN. HE, TOO, BELIEVED THAT GANDHIJI UNDULY FAVOURED MUSLIMS.

GANDHI HAS RUINED INDIA. FIFTY-FIVE CRORES TO PAKISTAN! I MUST SAVE HINDUISM.



JANUARY 30TH. GANDHIJI WAS LATE FOR HIS PRAYER MEETING.





THE WORLD WAS IMMERSSED IN SORROW. THE UNITED NATIONS LOWERED ITS FLAG.



THE LIGHT HAS GONE OUT OF OUR LIVES... THAT LIGHT REPRESENTED THE LIVING TRUTH ...REMINING US OF THE RIGHT PATH, TAKING THIS ANCIENT COUNTRY TO FREEDOM.

GENERATIONS TO COME WILL SCARCE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A ONE AS THIS EVER IN FLESH AND BLOOD WALKED UPON THIS EARTH.

—ALBERT EINSTEIN.