

A leader of his people unsupported by any outward authority;

A politician whose success rests not upon craft nor mastery of technical devices but simply upon the convincing power of his personality;

A victorious fighter who always scorned the use of force.

A man of wisdom and humility, armed with resolve and inflexible consistency who has devoted all his strength to the uplifting of his people and the betterment of their lot.

A man that has confronted the brutality of Europe with the dignity of the simple human being and thus at all times risen superior..... ALBERT EINSTEIN

Mahatma Gandhi

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COMMENDATION

The epic story of MAHATMA GANDHI has been told -- and will continue to be told -- in many forms and through every medium of expression and communication. It is a story almost without a parallel in history. It is a story that is worth telling and worth remembering, -- for it represents the heights which can be reached by a man of the world, living as others do, and yet striving every moment to rise higher and higher towards a nobler and a more harmonious life.

To the new generation which has not seen him in flesh and blood, the story is presented here in the popular picture-word technique by Shri Eric Francis. I hope it will serve to bring home to the young, no less than to the old, the more important episodes and events of a heroic life, dedicated to the cause of India's Freedom and, through it, the freedom of all peoples.

It is the message of peace and love and harmony and yet one which arms man with a fierce and fearless courage which can conquer all hatred and anger and bring solutions to conflicting interests.

Mani Bhawan,
Bombay.

9th November 1968.

N.P. Dandekar

FROM THE PUBLISHERS

The generation which had fought for and achieved independence is fast vanishing. That was the generation which had known the charisma of Gandhiji. It had felt the full impact of his fabulous personality and was aware of the unique technique he employed to gain the country's freedom.

But Time marches on. Images tend to fade. New generations cannot possibly fully appreciate the stature of Bapu. We don't want that to happen to his memory. It is our endeavour to keep the memory of the man whom we call the Father of the Nation ever green for all the generations to come.

The present publication is one such humble attempt. With its simple visuals and easy commentary it tries to present the splendoured life of that great man who became a Mahatma. It is meant to enlarge the awareness about Bapu's contribution to the country's freedom and the attainment of nationhood.

It is but fitting that such publications are brought out in the Centenary Year. The year-long celebrations planned on a World-wide scale by the National Committee for the Gandhi Centenary provide us an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the Gandhian ideals.

Eric Francis is eminently qualified to interpret the Mahatma's life in visuals. He is not only a skilled cartoonist. He has also done painstaking research on Gandhiji's life. The script has been revised by Mr. U.R. Rao, the well known Gandhian scholar.

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Lead kindly Light,
Amidst the encircling gloom
Lead thou us on...

The night is dark
And we are far from home
Lead thou us on...

O'er moor and fen...
O'er crag and torrent till
The night is gone...
Lead thou us on...

... And from the stygian blackness of the night a Light gleamed; faintly at first and then into a blinding beam. It showed the road to victory without bloodshed

It freed a nation from fear and shed the shackles of foreign bondage.

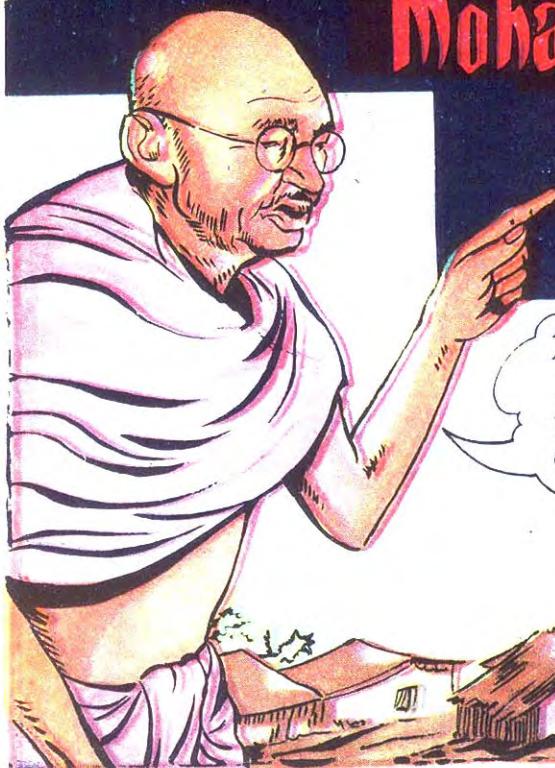
It enabled man to rise to his full stature and restored to him the power of the spirit.

It brought conqueror and conquered under its dazzling rays of Love, Goodwill, Brotherhood and Peace...

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

by ERIC FRANCIS

MAN WILL EVER REMAIN IMPERFECT AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE HIS DART TO TRY TO BE PERFECT SO THAT PERFECTION IN LOVE OR NON-POSSESSION WILL REMAIN AN UNATTAINABLE IDEAL AS LONG AS WE ARE ALIVE. BUT TOWARDS WHICH WE MUST CEASELESSLY STRIVE
— MAHATMA GANDHI



Porbandar

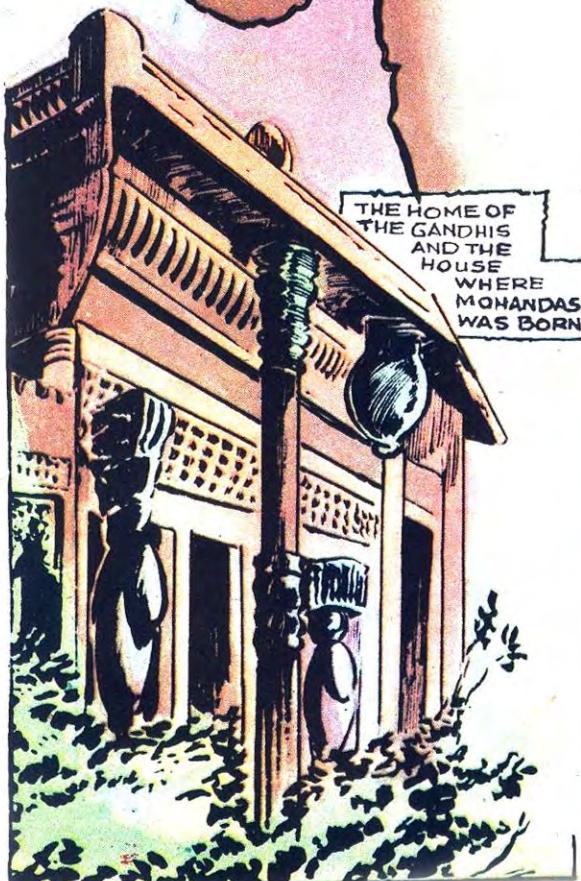
THE HOME OF THE GANDHIS

LIES ON THE WEST COAST OF INDIA IN THE STATE OF GUJARAT.

PORBANDAR AT ONE TIME WAS A PRINCELY STATE OF WHICH **UTTAM CHAND** THE GRANDFATHER OF MOHANDAS AND LATER HIS FATHER **KARAM CHAND** WERE THE CHIEF MINISTERS (DEWANS)



THE HOME OF THE GANDHIS AND THE HOUSE WHERE MOHANDAS WAS BORN



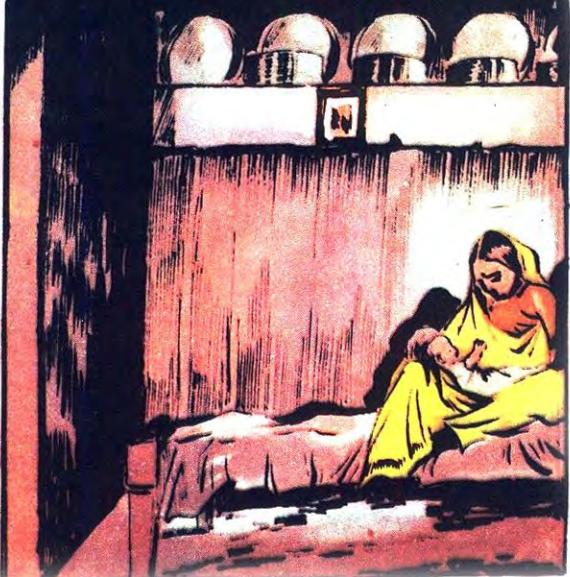
KARAMCHAND GANDHI
FATHER OF MOHANDAS
WAS A BRAVE, HONEST
AND TRUTHFUL MAN



...WHILE PUTLIBAI,
HIS WIFE, WAS A
DUTIFUL AND DEVOUT
WIFE AND MOTHER



MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI THE FOURTH AND LAST CHILD OF KARAMCHAND AND PUTLIBAI WAS BORN AT PORBANDAR ON 2ND OCTOBER 1869.



A NURSE NAMED RAMBHA WAS ENGAGED FOR HIM AND FOR WHOM HE FORMED AN ATTACHMENT WHICH CONTINUED IN LATER LIFE.



AS THE CHILD GREW UP HE WAS SENT TO A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN PORBANDAR.



LITTLE MOHANDAS AMUSED HIMSELF WITH RUBBER BALLOONS, TOPS AND GILLI-DANDA.



IN 1876 THE FAMILY MOVED TO RAJKOT



ONCE AGAIN THE YOUNG LAD FOUND HIMSELF BACK IN SCHOOL



BEING TEMPERAMENTAL BY NATURE HE WAS NOT A "GOOD MIXER" AND KEPT MOSTLY TO HIMSELF.



AT THE AGE OF 12 MOHANDAS WAS ADMITTED INTO THE ALFRED HIGH SCHOOL.



ONE DAY THE BRITISH EDUCATION INSPECTOR VISITED MOHANDAS' CLASS.



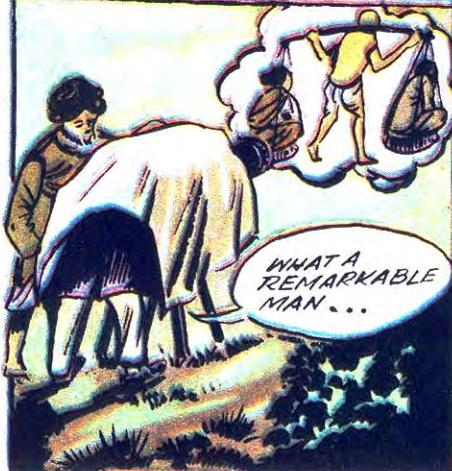
WHEN THE INSPECTOR HAD GONE... THE OLD SCHOOL MASTER WAS FURIOUS



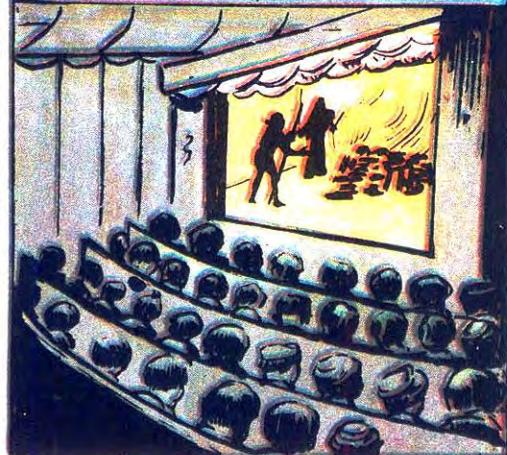
IN LIFE
SMALL
INCIDENTS
HAVE
ALTERED
THE
COURSE
OF
MEN'S
LIVES



ONE DAY IN A PEEP SHOW
HE SAW SHRAVANA KUMAR
CARRYING HIS BLIND PARENTS
ON A PILGRIMAGE...



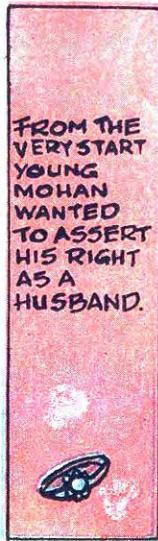
ON ANOTHER OCCASION, HE SAW
RAJA HARISHCHANDRA IN A PLAY
SUFFERING FOR THE SAKE OF
TRUTH AND DUTY



IN 1883 AT THE AGE
OF 13 HE MARRIED
KASTURBA, THE
DAUGHTER OF A RICH
PORBANDAR MERCHANT.



FROM THE
VERY START
YOUNG
MOHAN
WANTED
TO ASSERT
HIS RIGHT
AS A
HUSBAND.



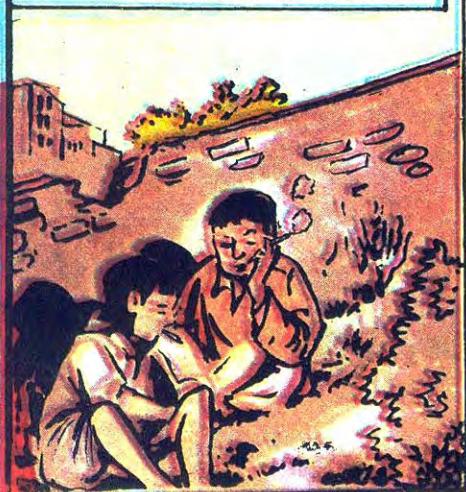
BUT KASTURBA BEING
A MERE CHILD TOOK
IT OTHERWISE...



SOON, ON HER
RETURN...



UNKNOWN TO HIS PARENTS
MOHAN TOOK TO SMOKING...



AND AGAIN, CONTRARY TO THE
CUSTOM OF HIS COMMUNITY WHO
WERE STRICT VEGETARIANS,
HE TOOK TO MEAT EATING
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF HIS
FRIEND SHEIKH MEHTAB.



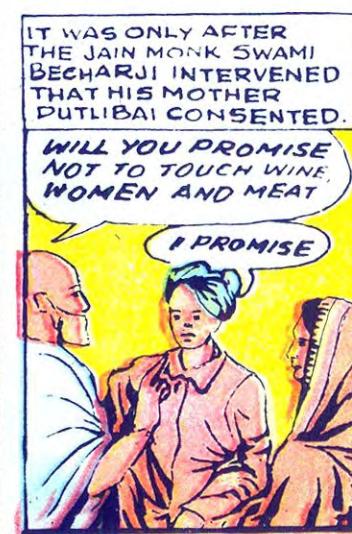
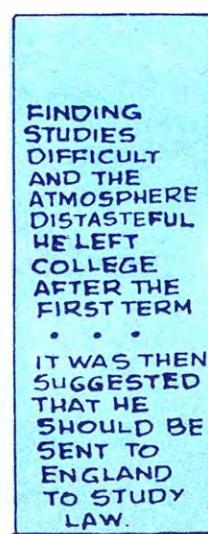
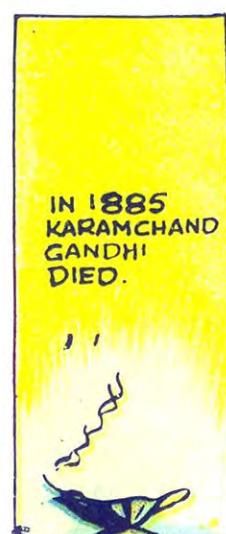
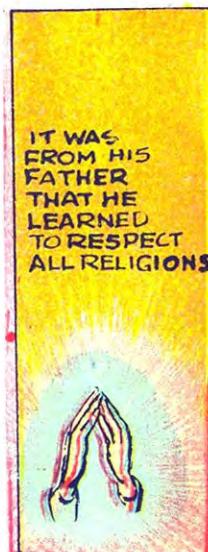
THESE
HABITS
WERE NOT
DIFFICULT
TO BREAK
AND
MOHAN
SOON
GAVE THEM
UP.



WHEN THE LAD WAS FIFTEEN
HE PILFERED A PIECE OF GOLD
FROM THE ARMLET OF HIS
ELDER BROTHER

BUT THE GNAWING
PANGS OF CONSCIENCE
WERE TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

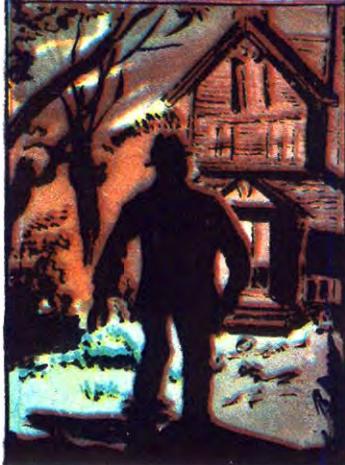
SO HE WROTE OUT A FULL
CONFESSION AND HANDED
IT OVER TO HIS BED-RIDDEN
FATHER.



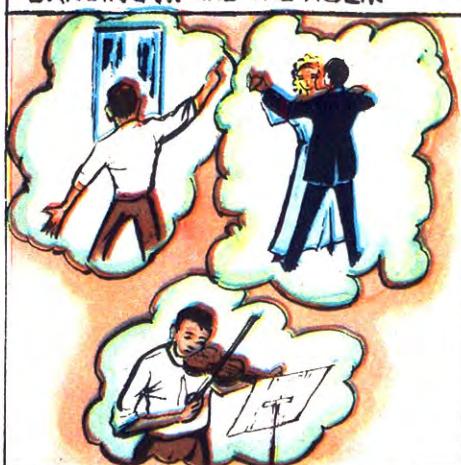
CASTE ELDERS
OPPOSED HIS GOING
OVERSEAS. DESPITE
THIS HE SAILED FOR
ENGLAND FROM
BOMBAY ON 4TH
SEPTEMBER 1888



ON ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND
ON 28TH OCTOBER HE
STAYED WITH AN
ENGLISH FAMILY



WITH THE IDEA OF IMITATING
THE ENGLISHMAN HE TOOK TO
STUDYING ELOCUTION...
DANCING... AND THE VIOLIN



SOON HE GAVE THESE UP AND
SHIFTED TO A ONE-ROOM
TENEMENT WHERE HE DID HIS
OWN COOKING OF VEGETARIAN
MEALS.



BEING A STRICT
VEGETARIAN HE
BECAME A MEMBER
OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE
VEGETARIAN
SOCIETY OF LONDON



WHEN HE WAS A SECOND
YEAR LAW STUDENT GANDHI
READ SIR EDWIN ARNOLD'S
ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF
THE BHAGAVAD GITA



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
WENT STRAIGHT TO HIS HEART.

IN LATER
YEARS IT
WAS TO
BECOME
A
BOOK
OF
DAILY
READING
HIS HOPE
AND GUIDE
IN MOMENTS
OF TRIAL



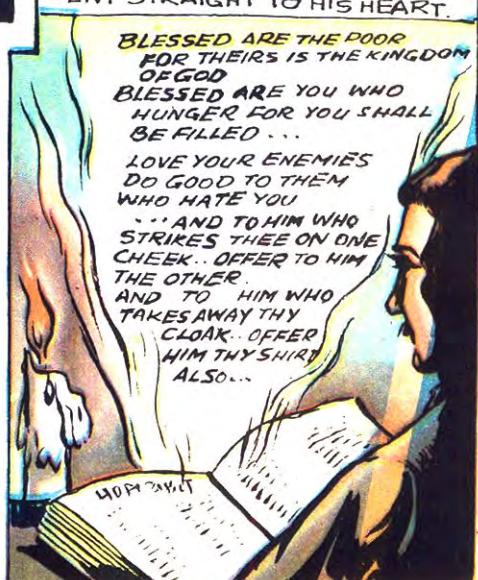
OTHER BOOKS THAT GREATLY
INFLUENCED GANDHI DURING
HIS STUDENT DAYS WAS THE
"LIGHT OF ASIA" AND THE
HOLY BIBLE



BLESSED ARE THE POOR
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM
OF GOD
BLESSED ARE YOU WHO
HUNGER FOR YOU SHALL
BE FILLED...

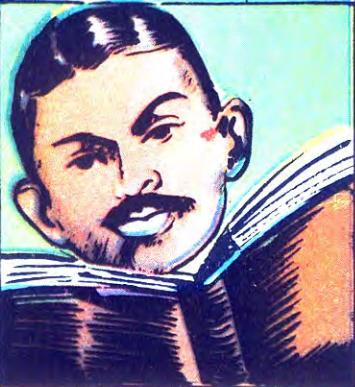
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
DO GOOD TO THEM
WHO HATE YOU

...AND TO HIM WHO
STRIKES THEE ON ONE
CHEEK.. OFFER TO HIM
THE OTHER.
AND TO HIM WHO
TAKES AWAY THY
CLOAK.. OFFER
HIM THY SHIRT
ALSO...



IN JUNE 1890 HE MATRICULATED AT THE LONDON UNIVERSITY...

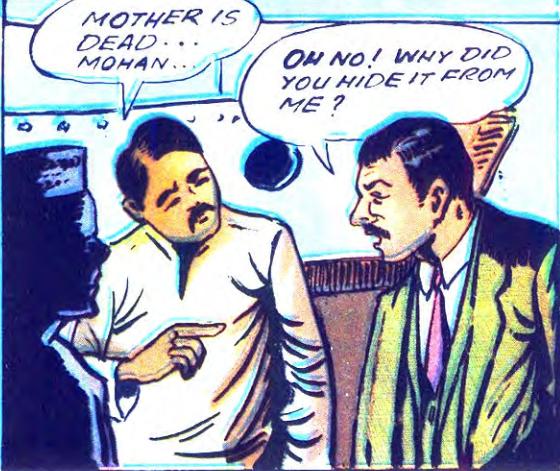
WAS CALLED TO THE BAR ON 10TH JUNE 1891 AND ENROLLED IN THE HIGH COURT ON JUNE 11TH.



THE NEXT DAY HE SAILED FOR INDIA HIS HOME.



ON LANDING IN BOMBAY HE WAS MET BY HIS BROTHER...

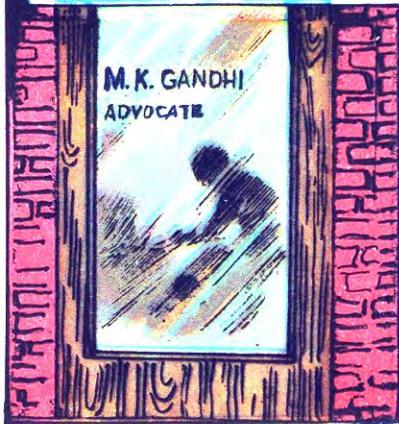


GANDHI FELT THE LOSS DEEPLY.

TO HIS MOTHER HE WAS A DEVOTED SON;
FROM HER HE INHERITED HER DEEPLY RELIGIOUS NATURE AND AUSTERE WAYS.



FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS HE STRUGGLED WITH LEGAL PRACTICE AT RAJKOT AND BOMBAY



IN APRIL 1893 HE RECEIVED AN OFFER FROM A BUSINESS FIRM OF PORBANDAR MUSLIMS TO LOOK AFTER THEIR INTERESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA



HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY AND SAILED FOR SOUTH AFRICA.



ON ARRIVAL IN COURT AT DURBAN...



ON HIS WAY TO PRETORIA BY TRAIN...



... AND GANDHI FOUND HIMSELF THROWN OUT OF THE FIRST CLASS COMPARTMENT - SPENDING THE NIGHT IN THE SHIVERING COLD OF THE WAITING ROOM.



A DAY OR TWO LATER WHILE TRAVELLING FROM CHARLESTOWN TO JOHANNESBURG BY A STAGE COACH...



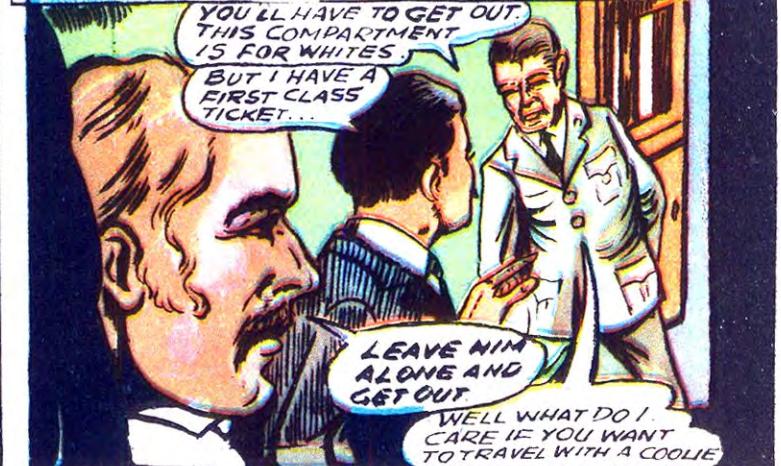
AN ENGLISH PASSENGER TRAVELLING ON THE STAGE COACH CAME TO HIS RESCUE



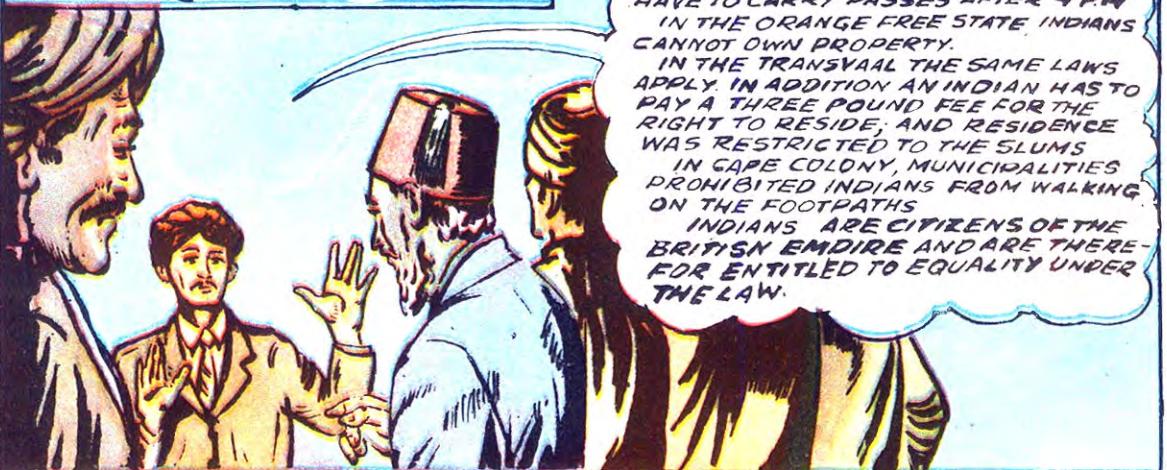
LATER AT A HOTEL...



ON HIS WAY BACK FROM JOHANNESBURG AT GERMISTON WHILE TRAVELLING IN A FIRST CLASS COMPARTMENT.



WISHING TO STUDY THE CONDITION OF INDIANS IN PRETORIA HE CALLED A MEETING ...



ONCE GANDHI'S CASE WAS SETTLED BY ARBITRATION HE RETURNED TO DURBAN



ATA FAREWELL PARTY IN DURBAN...

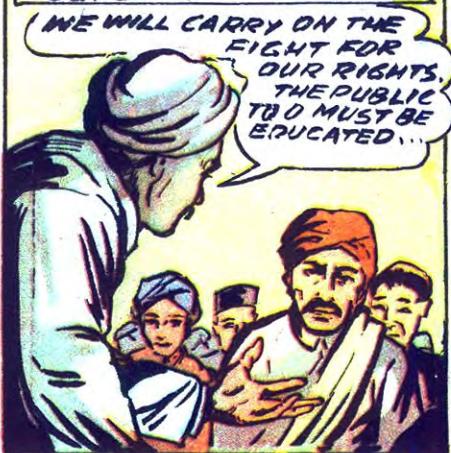


I SHALL STAY ON AND LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS DISCRIMINATION FOR THE SAKE OF NATIONAL SELFRESPECT.

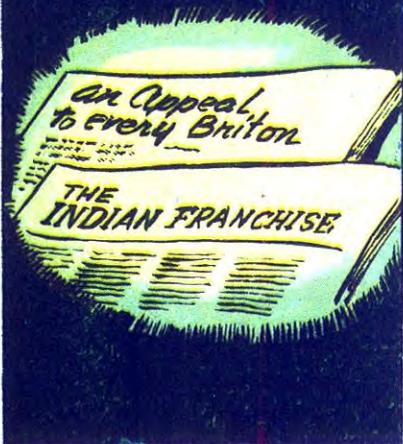


GANDHI STAYED ON IN SOUTH AFRICA. A MASS PETITION WITH 10,000 SIGNATURES WAS PRESENTED AGAINST THE BILL. THE BILL WAS POSTPONED . . . DECIDING TO USE HIS LEGAL KNOWLEDGE FOR THE INDIAN CAUSE HE ENROLLED IN THE SUPREME COURT AT NATAL.

IN 1894 THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS WAS SET UP...



TWO PAMPHLETS WERE ISSUED...



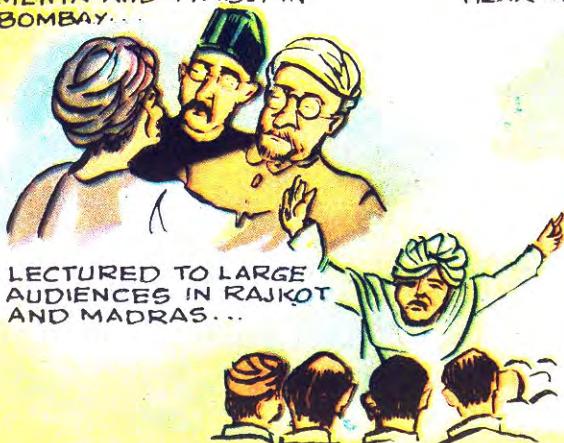
IN THE COURSE OF EVENTS BALASUNDERAM-A POOR INDENTURED LABOURER APPROACHED GANDHI...



IN 1896 GANDHI DECIDED TO RETURN HOME TO INDIA, AND PETCH HIS FAMILY; ALSO, TO EDUCATE THE PEOPLE OF INDIA ABOUT THE GRIEVANCES OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BACK IN INDIA . . .

HE MET SIR PHEROZSHAH MEHTA AND TYABJI IN BOMBAY . . .

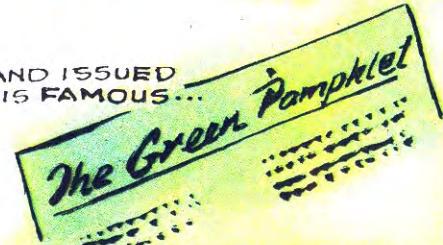


GOKHALE AND TILAK IN POONA



LECTURED TO LARGE AUDIENCES IN RAJKOT AND MADRAS . . .

AND ISSUED HIS FAMOUS . . .



HIS TOUR OF THE COUNTRY WAS CUT SHORT BY A TELEGRAM RECALLING HIM TO SOUTH AFRICA .



MEANWHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA MALICIOUS REPORTS SET THE WHITE COMMUNITY IN AFRICA IN PANIC



SO WHEN GANDHI, ON 13TH JANUARY 1897, LANDED IN AFRICA AT DURBAN . . .



THEN HE WAS MOBBED . . .



MRS. ALEXANDER THE WIFE OF THE POLICE SUPERINTENDENT STOPPED THE CROWD AND SHIELDED HIM WITH HER PARASOL

YOU POOR MAN - THANK GOODNESS I WAS PASSING BY -



THE POLICE INTERVENED AND TOOK HIM TO SAFETY, A BRUISED AND BATTERED MAN .



THE NEXT DAY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL...



IN 1899 THE BOER WAR BROKE OUT, BETWEEN THE DUTCH SETTLERS AND THE BRITISH.

GANDHI'S SYMPATHIES WERE WITH THE BOERS

YET...

THE INDIANS' CLAIM FOR EQUAL RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA IS BASED ON THEIR STATUS AS BRITISH SUBJECTS. AND SINCE THEY SOUGHT THE ADVANTAGES OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP, THEY SHOULD ACCEPT ITS OBLIGATIONS.



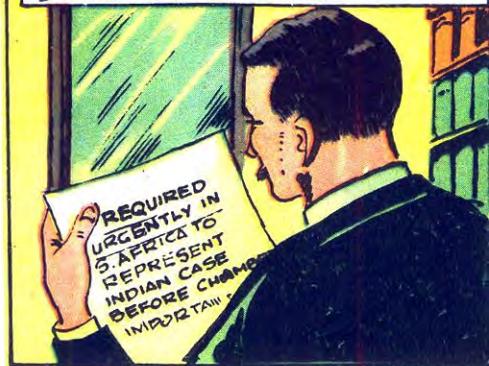
HE THEREFORE ORGANISED INDIANS AS STRETCHER BEARERS AND ORDERLIES. THE CORPS WAS LED BY GANDHI HIMSELF



RETURNING TO INDIA IN 1901, GANDHI SETTLED DOWN TO LEGAL PRACTICE IN BOMBAY.



IN NOVEMBER 1902 HE WAS AGAIN CALLED TO SOUTH AFRICA TO CHAMPION INDIA'S CAUSE AGAINST ANTI-ASIATIC LEGISLATION BEFORE JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COLONIES.



GANDHI SETTLED DOWN IN JOHANNESBURG AS A LAWYER. HIS READING OF RUSKIN'S BOOK "UNTO THIS LAST" INFLUENCED HIS OUTLOOK ON LIFE



HE SET UP THE PHOENIX SETTLEMENT FOR AN ASHRAM WAY OF LIVING.

THE INMATES MUST LEARN TO LEAD A LIFE OF POVERTY AND SIMPLICITY



TO EDUCATE THE INDIAN COMMUNITY AND LEAD THEM TO PASSIVE RESISTANCE AGAINST RACIAL LAWS, HE STARTED...



WHEN THE ZULU REBELLION BROKE OUT IN 1906, GANDHI ONCE AGAIN RAISED AN AMBULANCE CORPS

Poor man... we'll get you well.



IT WAS DURING THE LONG MARCHES THAT...

I MUST GIVE UP WORLDLY PLEASURES SO THAT I CAN SERVE HUMANITY BETTER



IN 1906 A SERIES OF HARSH MEASURES WERE DIRECTED AGAINST INDIANS.



IN RETALIATION GANDHI ORDERED THE BURNING OF ALL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES



IN THE WAKE OF THESE FAST MOVING EVENTS GANDHI WAS ATTACKED BY SOME OF HIS OWN COUNTRYMEN WHO THOUGHT HE HAD SURNDERED TO GENERAL SMUTS.



FROM AFAR TOLSTOY HAILED GANDHI'S PASSIVE RESISTANCE AS ONE OF WORLD IMPORTANCE



IN APPRECIATION GANDHI SET UP "TOLSTOY FARM" FOR COMMUNITY LIVING



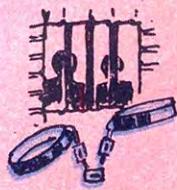
MEANWHILE GOKHALE FROM INDIA VISITED SOUTH AFRICA HE MET GANDHI WHO...



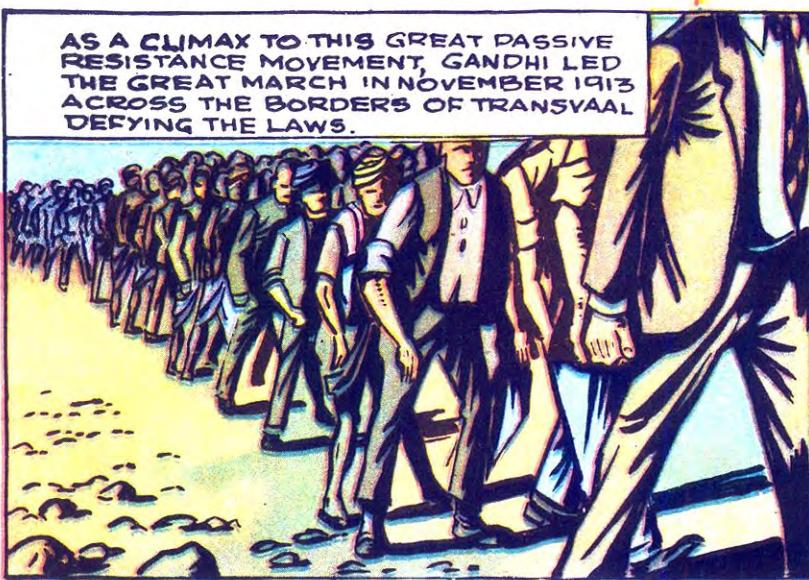
PROTESTING AGAINST A COURT VERDICT WHICH DECLARED ONLY CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES LEGAL, INDIAN WOMEN LED BY KASTURBA TOOK OUT A PROTEST MARCH



ARRESTS AND IMPRISONMENTS FOLLOWED



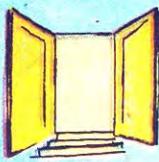
AS A CLIMAX TO THIS GREAT PASSIVE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, GANDHI LED THE GREAT MARCH IN NOVEMBER 1913 ACROSS THE BORDERS OF TRANSVAAL DEFYING THE LAWS.



ALONG WITH OTHERS GANDHI WAS ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO A PRISON IN BLOEMFONTEIN.



WISER COUNSELS SOON PREVAILED. ANDREWS AND WILSON CLOSE FRIENDS OF GANDHI VISITED SOUTH AFRICA AND NEGOTIATED WITH GENERAL SMUTS.



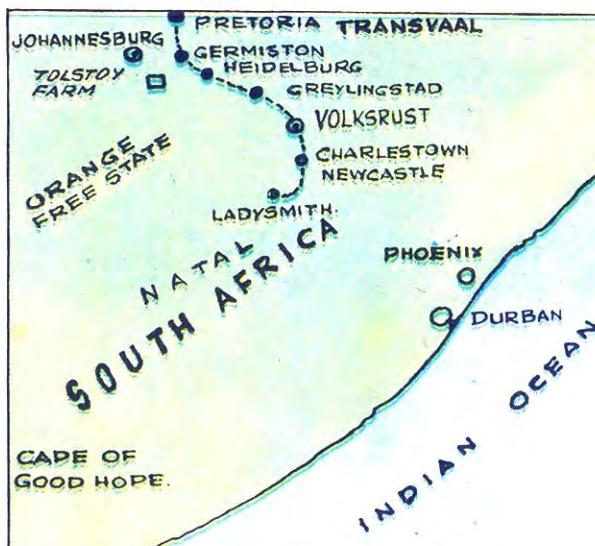
GANDHI AND OTHER LEADERS WERE UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED AND THE FAMOUS GANDHI-SMUT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED

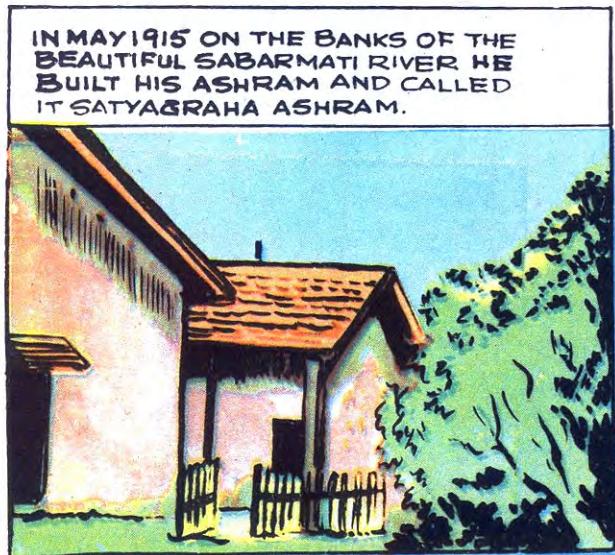
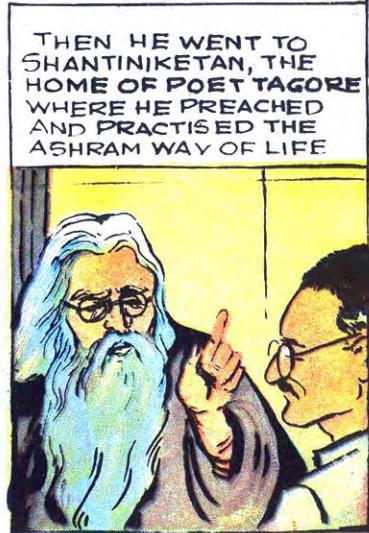
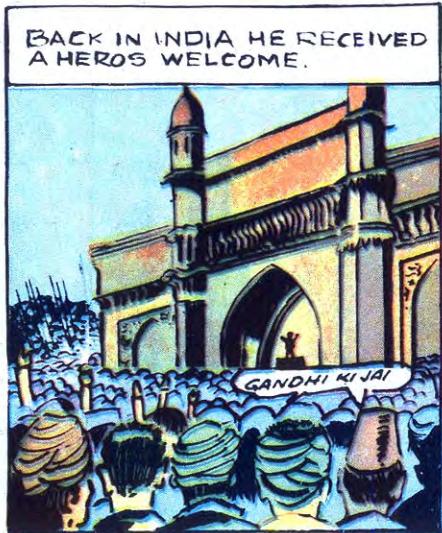


THE INDIAN RELIEF BILL WAS PASSED.



A GRATEFUL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA BADE FAREWELL TO BHAI MOHAN...





IN 1916, FEBRUARY HE CREATED A SENSATION AT THE BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION IN THE PRESENCE OF A GLITTERING GATHERING...

YESTERDAY, HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA WHO PRESIDED SPOKE ABOUT THE POVERTY IN INDIA... BUT WHAT DID WE WITNESS IN THIS GREAT PANDAL... AN EXHIBITION OF JEWELLERY WHICH MADE A SPLENDID FEAST FOR THE EYES OF THE GREATEST JEWELLER...

I COMPARE WITH THE RICHLY BEDECKED NOBLEMEN, THE MILLIONS OF THE POOR... THERE IS NO SALVATION FOR INDIA UNLESS YOU STRIP YOURSELF OF THIS JEWELLERY AND HOLD IT IN TRUST FOR YOUR COUNTRYMEN IN INDIA

WHENEVER I HEAR OF A GREAT PALACE RISING IN ANY GREAT CITY OF INDIA, I BECOME JEALOUS AND SAY, 'OH, IT'S THE MONEY COME FROM THE AGRICULTURIST.' THERE CANNOT BE MUCH SPIRIT OF SELF GOVERNMENT ABOUT US IF WE TAKE AWAY FROM THE PEASANTS ALMOST THE WHOLE RESULTS OF THEIR LABOUR. OUR SALVATION CAN ONLY COME THROUGH THE FARMER



GANDHI MET JAWAHARLAL NEHRU FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE CONGRESS SESSION IN LUCKNOW IN 1916.

HE NOW THREW HIMSELF WHOLE-HEARTEDLY ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY



AT CHAMPARAN IN BIHAR HE LED AN ENQUIRY INTO THE FORCED LABOUR ON THE INDIGO PLANTATIONS

OUR ENGLISH LANDLORDS MAKE US PLANT INDIGO ON 15% OF OUR HOLDINGS AND GIVE IT TO THEM AS RENT. NOW THAT GERMANY IS EXPORTING SYNTHETIC INDIGO, THE LANDLORDS DEMAND COMPENSATION TO OFFSET THEIR LOSSES.



THE EVIL PRACTICE WAS ABOLISHED.

IN DROUGHT-STRIKED KHEDA HE SUPPORTED THE FARMERS IN THEIR REFUSAL TO PAY TAXES

IT IS UNREASONABLE TO PAY LAND TAXES.
WE JUST CANNOT PAY.



IN SPITE OF THEIR CATTLE AND PROPERTY BEING AUCTIONED THE FARMERS HELD ON TILL EXEMPTIONS WERE GRANTED

AGAIN IN 1918 MILL LABOUR IN AHMEDABAD WENT ON STRIKE AGAINST REDUCED WAGES

YOU MUST BE PATIENT, NON-VIOLENT AND BE PREPARED TO SUFFER.



FAILING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT GANDHI WENT ON A FAST WHICH FINALLY RESULTED IN A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE MILL- OWNERS AND LABOUR.

IN 1918 NOVEMBER THE WAR CAME TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE.



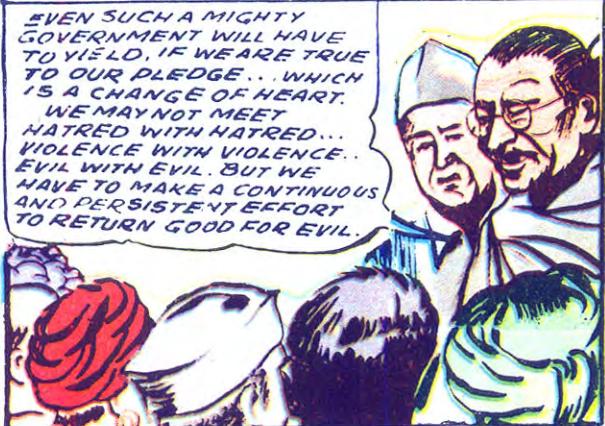
AS A 'SECURITY' MEASURE THE BRITISH HAD INTERNED TILAK. ANNIE BESANT AND THE ALI BROTHERS WERE IMPRISONED. SECRET TRIBUNALS WERE SENTENCING PEOPLE. NEWSPAPERS WERE MUZZLED

TO CROWN IT ALL THE ROWLATT ACT RECOMMENDED, IN EFFECT THE CONTINUANCE OF THESE WARTIME RIGOURS

ON 18TH MARCH 1919 THE ROWLATT ACT BECAME LAW.

INDIA WAS SHOCKED. GANDHI CALLED FOR AN ALL-INDIA HARTAL. 600 MEN AND WOMEN SIGNED THE SATYAGRAHA PLEDGE.

EVEN SUCH A MIGHTY GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO YIELD, IF WE ARE TRUE TO OUR PLEDGE... WHICH IS A CHANGE OF HEART. WE MAY NOT MEET HATRED WITH HATRED... VIOLENCE WITH VIOLENCE... EVIL WITH EVIL. BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE A CONTINUOUS AND PERSISTENT EFFORT TO RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL.



THE HARTAL IN BOMBAY DELHI AND THE PUNJAB WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

THE DAY BEGAN WITH PRAYER, FASTING AND THE PLEDGE OF SATYAGRAHA.



ON HIS WAY TO THE PUNJAB GANDHI WAS ARRESTED AND BROUGHT BACK TO BOMBAY.

GANDHI, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST

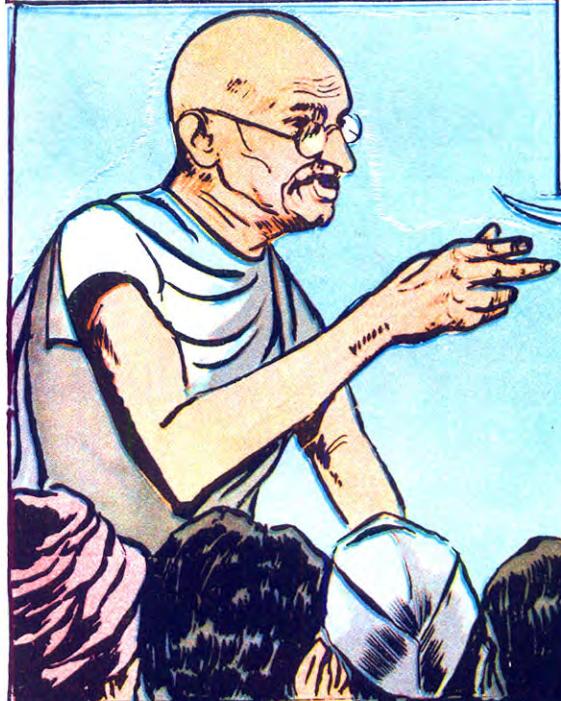


ON THE ARREST OF THE LEADERS...

THIS MEETING CONDEMNS THE GOVERNMENT'S HIGH-HANDEDNESS IN ARRESTING OUR LEADERS.

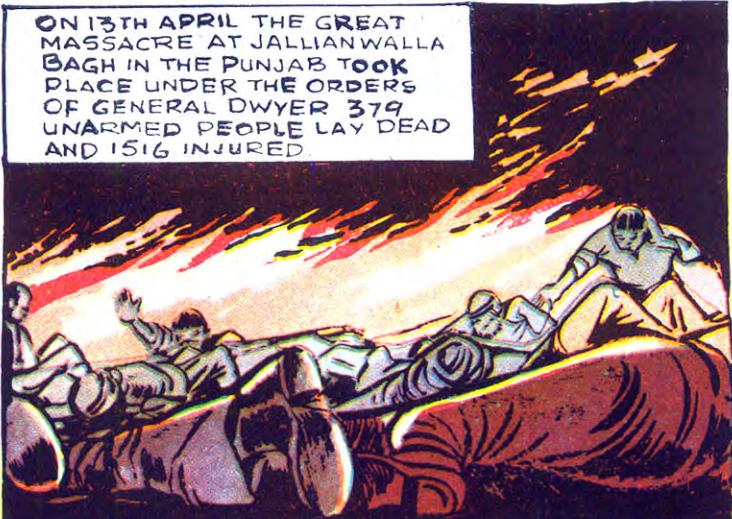
VIOLENCE BROKE OUT IN MANY TOWNS AND CITIES

THEN GANDHI ADMONISHED THE PEOPLE...



WE HAVE BEEN THROWING STONES. WE HAVE OBSTRUCTED TRAMCARS. THIS IS NOT SATYAGRAHA. WE HAVE DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF SOME MEN WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR DEEDS OF VIOLENCE. IT IS A BREACH OF RELIGIOUS DUTY TO ENDEAVOUR TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THOSE WHO HAVE COMMITTED DEEDS OF VIOLENCE. I HAVE JUST HEARD THAT SOME ENGLISHMEN HAVE BEEN INJURED. SOME MAY EVEN HAVE DIED. IF SO, IT IS A GREAT BLOT ON SATYAGRAHA. FOR ME, ENGLISHMEN TOO ARE OUR BRETHREN.

ON 13TH APRIL THE GREAT MASSACRE AT JALLIANWALLA BAGH IN THE PUNJAB TOOK PLACE UNDER THE ORDERS OF GENERAL DWYER. 379 UNARMED PEOPLE LAY DEAD AND 1516 INJURED.



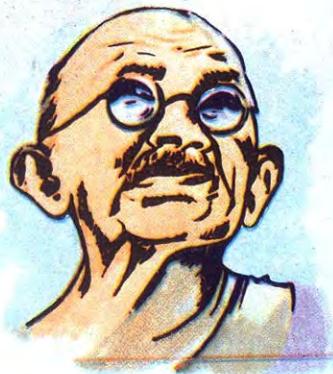
AT THE SABARMATI ASHRAM GANDHI ADDRESSED A MASS GATHERING...

I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO GO ON A FAST OF PENITENCE....



ON 8TH APRIL 1919.

SATHYAGRAHA WILL
FORTHWITH BE
SUSPENDED.



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER
SAW GANDHI ASSUME THE
EDITORSHIP OF THE
NAVJIVAN AND YOUNG
INDIA WEEKLIES.



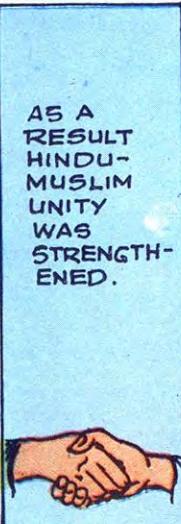
AT THE END
OF THE I WORLD
WAR THE
BRITISH
GOVERNMENT
TRIED TO
REDUCE THE
IMPORTANCE
OF THE
CALIPHATE
IN TURKEY



PROTESTING AGAINST THIS,
THE INDIAN MUSLIMS HELD
AN ALL INDIA CONFERENCE
IN DELHI IN NOVEMBER.
THIS WAS KNOWN AS THE
KHILAFAH MOVEMENT.
GANDHI ADDRESSED THE
MEETING..



AS A
RESULT
HINDU-
MUSLIM
UNITY
WAS
STRENGTH-
ENED.



AT THE CONGRESS MEETING
AT AMRITSAR IN DECEMBER
1919...



AS A PROTEST
AGAINST THE
REPRESSIVE
POLICY OF THE
GOVERNMENT,
THE CONGRESS
ACCEPTED THE
NON-COOPERATION
PROGRAMME OF GANDHI
IN SEPTEMBER
1920
.....

AS A PROTEST
ALSO, HE
RETURNED
THE KAISER-I-
HIND AND BOER
WAR MEDALS

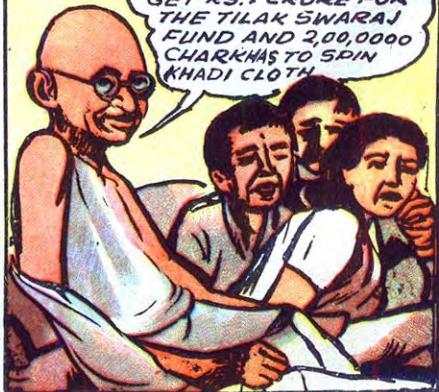
AT THE NAGPUR SESSION
OF THE CONGRESS IN
DECEMBER 1920

THE OBJECT OF THE
CONGRESS IS TO OBTAIN
COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE
BY LEGITIMATE MEANS.)



APRIL 1921 SAW THE
LAUNCHING OF THE PROG-
RAMME OF GANDHI.

I MUST ENLIST 1 CRORE
OF WORKERS...
GET RS. 1 CRORE FOR
THE TILAK SWARAJ
FUND AND 2,00,000
CHARKHAS TO SPIN
KHADI CLOTH



STRUCK BY THE POVERTY OF HIS COUNTRYMEN GANDHI ADOPTED THE LOIN-CLOTH, WHICH HE WORE TILL THE END



THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST BONFIRE OF FOREIGN CLOTH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE SWADESHI MOVEMENT.



AT THE CONGRESS SESSION IN AHMEDABAD GANDHI WAS GIVEN DICTATORIAL POWERS, IN DECEMBER . . .

A NOTICE WAS ACCORDINGLY SENT TO THE VICEROY THAT HE WAS LAUNCHING A SATYAGRAHA CAMPAIGN IN BARDOLI IN FEBRUARY 1922.



MEANWHILE IN CHAURI CHAURA 21 POLICE CONSTABLES AND A SUB INSPECTOR WERE BURNED TO DEATH BY AN ANGRY MOB.



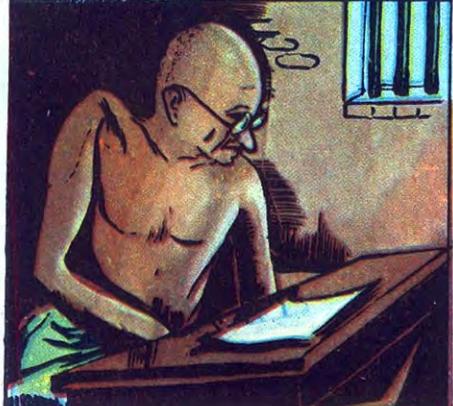
IMMEDIATELY GANDHI SUSPENDED CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE



ON 10TH MARCH 1922 GANDHI WAS ARRESTED



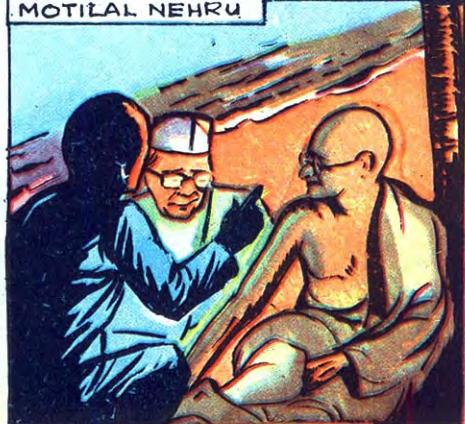
IN YERAVDA JAIL GANDHI STARTED WRITING HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, THE STORY OF MY EXPERIMENTS WITH TRUTH.



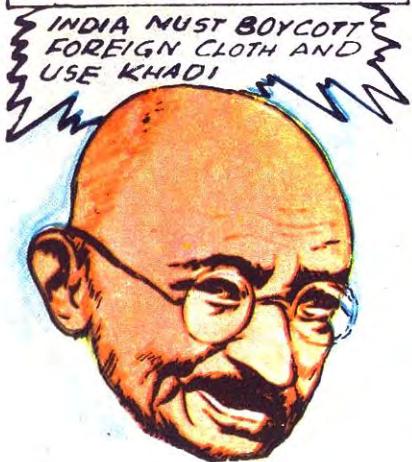
IN 1924 AFTER HIS OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS HE WAS RELEASED



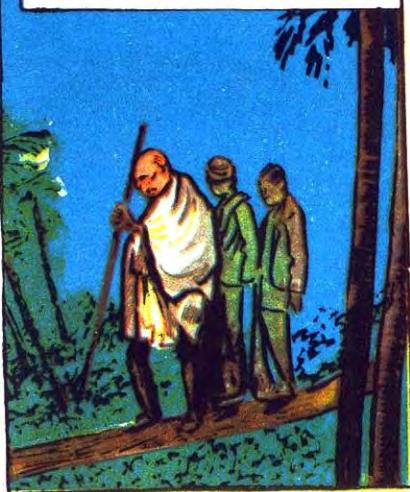
WHILE GANDHI RECOUPED AT JUHU BEACH, HE HELD TALKS WITH SWARAJ PARTY LEADERS CHITTARANJAN DAS AND MOTILAL NEHRU



AT THE BELGAUM SESSION
OF THE CONGRESS IN
DECEMBER 1924.



IN 1925 HE TOURED THE
COUNTRY IN THE SOUTH



THE VAIKOM SATYA-
GRAHA IN TRAVANCORE

THE UNTOUCHABLES ARE HUMAN
BEINGS.. THEY MUST
BE PERMITTED TO
USE THE PUBLIC
ROAD.



AT THE PATNA
CONGRESS
GANDHI'S
RESOLUTION
FOR SETTING
UP THE ALL-
INDIA
SPINNERS
ASSOCIATION
FOR THE
PROMOTION
OF SPINNING
WAS
ADOPTED.

HE HIMSELF DEVOTED HOURS
DAILY TO SPINNING.



IN 1926, HE TOOK THE
VOW OF POLITICAL
SILENCE CONFINING
HIMSELF TO THE
SABARMATI ASHRAM.



IN 1927, GANDHI
WAS INFORMED
BY THE VICEROY
LORD IRWIN
OF THE
APPOINTMENT
OF THE SIMON
COMMISSION
TO CONSIDER
POLITICAL
REFORMS

AS NO INDIAN WAS APPOINTED
ON THE COMMISSION...



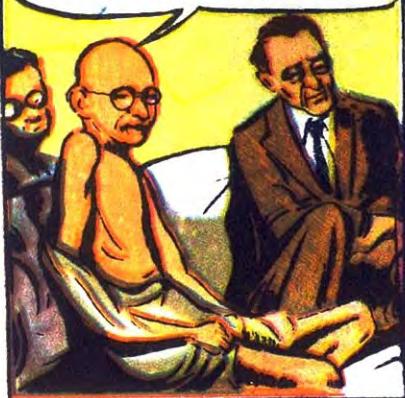
AT THE CALCUTTA
CONGRESS IN 1928..

DOMINION STATUS
FOR INDIA IS THE
GOAL AND MUST
BE GRANTED



IN DECEMBER 1929 THE LAHORE CONGRESS ...

THIS SESSION RESOLVES THAT INDIA BE GIVEN COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE

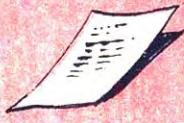


IN 1930 THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS

THE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT WILL BE LAUNCHED FORTHWITH.



GANDHI SENT HIS "ULTIMATUM" TO THE VICEROY AND SENT OUT HIS CALL FOR SATYAGRAHA



THE COUNTRY SOON PLUNGED INTO THE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT. GANDHI DECIDED TO BREAK THE SALT LAW. WITH HIS FOLLOWERS HE MARCHED ON TO DANDI BEACH.



HE WAS IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED AND WITH HIM OVER 1,00,000 PEOPLE.
INDIA BECAME RESTLESS



IN 1931 ON THE RELEASE OF GANDHI, THE GANDHI-IRWIN PACT WAS SIGNED.



IN 1931 THE CONGRESS DECIDED TO SEND GANDHI AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

BRITISH POLITICIANS ARE BENT ON DIVIDING OUR PEOPLE



THE CONFERENCE FAILED



IN LANCASHIRE GANDHI MET HUNDREDS OF BRITISH PEOPLE ... AND WON THEIR SYMPATHY.

GOOD AFTERNOON FRIENDS

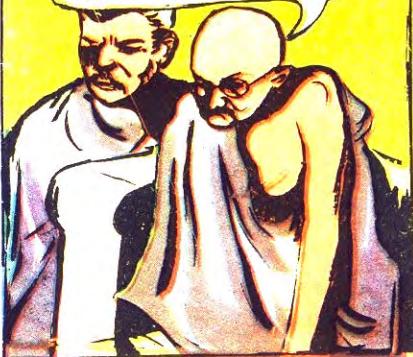


ON HIS ARRIVAL IN INDIA GANDHI WAS ARRESTED ALONG WITH OTHER LEADERS AND KEPT IN YERAVDA JAIL



IN SEPTEMBER 1932 WHILE IN JAIL, HE COMMENCED A FAST UNTO DEATH

IN THE COMMUNAL AWARDS SEPARATE ELECTORATES FOR UNTOUCHABLES MUST BE ABOLISHED.



THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED HIS DEMAND AND GANDHI BROKE HIS FAST.

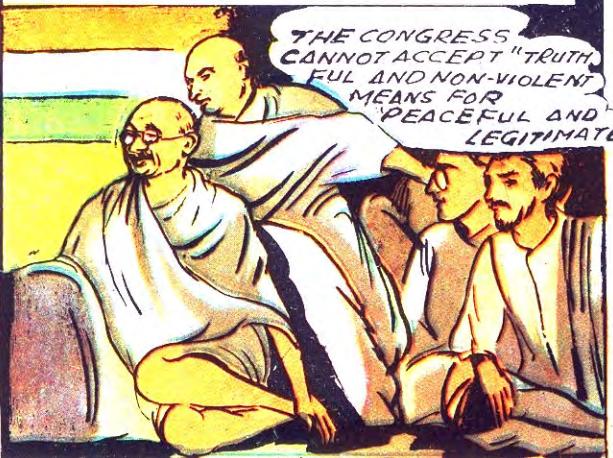


IN 1933 GANDHI STARTED THE GREAT HARIJAN REFORM MOVEMENT.



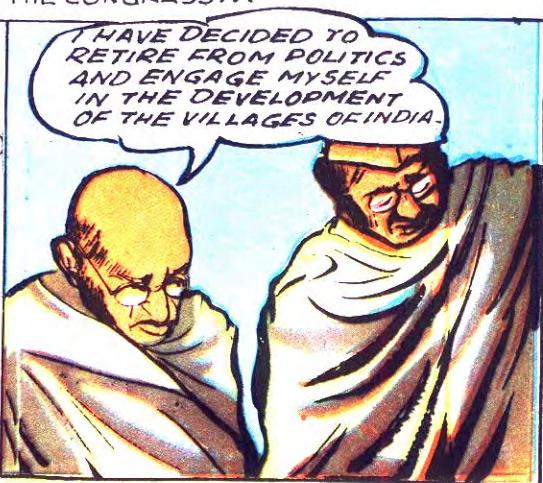
THE ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE IN 1934...

THE CONGRESS CANNOT ACCEPT "TRUTHFUL AND NON-VIOLENT MEANS FOR PEACEFUL AND LEGITIMATE"

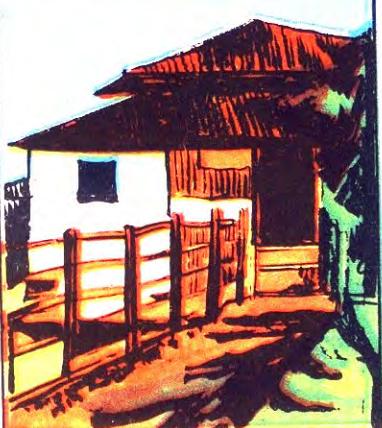


GANDHI NOW DECIDED TO LEAVE THE CONGRESS...

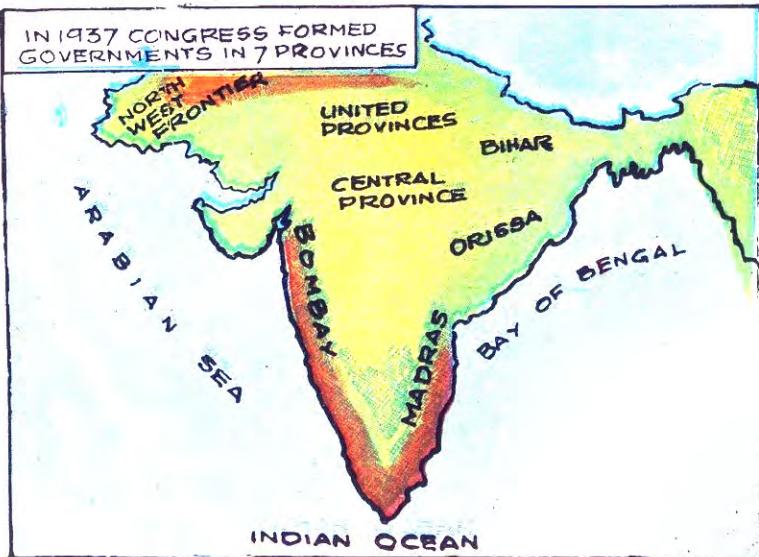
I HAVE DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM POLITICS AND ENGAGE MYSELF IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGES OF INDIA.



IN 1936, HE SETTLED AT SEVAGRAM, A VILLAGE NEAR WARDHA.



IN 1937 CONGRESS FORMED GOVERNMENTS IN 7 PROVINCES



IN 1933 GANDHI STARTED THE HARIJAN.
HE GAVE EXPRESSION TO HIS THOUGHTS
THROUGH ITS COLUMNS ON ALL ASPECTS
OF LIFE.

A SMALL BODY OF
DETERMINED SPIRITS
FIRED BY AN UNQUENCHABLE
FAITH IN THEIR MISSION CAN
ALTER THE COURSE OF HISTORY
- 19.11.38

TRUTH AND NON-VIOLENCE
ARE NOT FOR THE DENSE.
PURSUIT OF THEM IS BOUND
TO RESULT IN ALL ROUND
GROWTH OF THE BODY
MIND AND HEART.
- 8.5.37

THE IMPENETRABLE
DARKNESS THAT SURROUNDS
US IS NOT A CURSE BUT A
BLESSING. HE HAS GIVEN US
POWER TO SEE ONLY THE STEP
IN FRONT OF US, AND IT SHOULD
BE ENOUGH IF HEAVENLY LIGHT
REVEALS THAT STEP TO US.
20.4.34

THE SOCIETY OF THE
FUTURE WAS TO BE A
SOCIETY IN WHICH THERE
WOULD BE NO DISTINCTION
BETWEEN RICH AND POOR,
OR COLOUR AND COLOUR, OR
COUNTRY OR COUNTRY
3.11.46.

RELIGION IS A PERSONAL
MATTER. WE SHOULD BY
LIVING THE LIFE ACCORDING
TO OUR LIGHTS SHARE
THE BEST WITH ONE
ANOTHER, THUS ADDING
TO THE SUM TOTAL OF
HUMAN EFFORT TO REACH
GOD.
28.11.36

THE ART OF PRODUCING
GOOD MUSIC FROM A
CULTIVATED VOICE CAN
BE ACHIEVED BY MANY
BUT THE ART OF PRODUC-
ING THAT MUSIC FROM
THE HARMONY OF A PURE
LIFE IS ACHIEVED VERY
RARILY. 19.2.38.

IF WE CULTIVATE THE HABIT
OF PUNCTUALITY... THE INDEX
OF NATIONAL EFFICIENCY WILL
GO UP 24.9.38

REAL EDUCATION CONSISTS
OF DRAWING THE BEST OUT
OF YOURSELF. WHAT BETTER
BOOK CAN THERE BE THAN
THE BOOK OF HUMANITY
30.5.34.

NO MATTER HOW INSIGNIFICANT THE
THING YOU HAVE TO DO, DO IT AS WELL
AS YOU CAN; GIVE IT AS MUCH OF YOUR
CARE AND ATTENTION AS YOU WOULD
GIVE TO THE THING YOU REGARD AS
MOST IMPORTANT. FOR IT WILL BE
BY THOSE SMALL THINGS THAT YOU SHALL
BE JUDGED. 27.7.35

JOY LIES IN THE FIGHT, IN THE
ATTEMPT, IN THE SUFFERING
INVOLVED, NOT IN THE VICTORY
ITSELF. FOR, VICTORY IS IMPLIED
IN SUCH AN ATTEMPT.
23.12.39

THERE IS NO DISCREDIT
GREATER THAN THE REFUSAL
TO ACKNOWLEDGE ERRORS
8.10.38

WE CAN ONLY WIN OVER THE
OPPONENT BY LOVE, NEVER BY HATE.
HATE IS THE SUBTLEST FORM OF
VIOLENCE. WE CANNOT BE REALLY
NON-VIOLENT AND YET HAVE HATE IN
US. 17.4.34

AT THE INVITATION OF KHAN ABDUL GAFFAR KHAN, THE PATHAN LEADER, GANDHI TOUR ED THE FRONTIER PROVINCE

THE MUNICH PACT IN GERMANY IS A TRIUMPH FOR VIOLENCE.

IN 1939
THE
SECOND
WORLD
WAR
BROKE
OUT.

INDIA
WAS
FORCIBLY
DRAGGED
INTO IT.

REVIEWING THE WAR SITUATION, CONGRESS...

INDIA CANNOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE WAR SAID TO BE FOR DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM WHEN THAT VERY FREEDOM IS DENIED TO HER.

MEANWHILE
THE GOVERN-
MENT
DECLARED
ITS READINESS
TO HOLD
TALKS WITH
NATIONAL
LEADERS

THE
DECLARATION
PROVED
DISAPPOINTING
AND CONGRESS
MINISTRIES
RESIGNED.

SINCE GANDHI FAILED
TO REACH AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE
VICEROY, HE LAUNCHED
HIS INDIVIDUAL
SATYAGRAHA.
VINOBA BHAVE WAS
THE FIRST SATYAGRAHI
TO COURT ARREST.



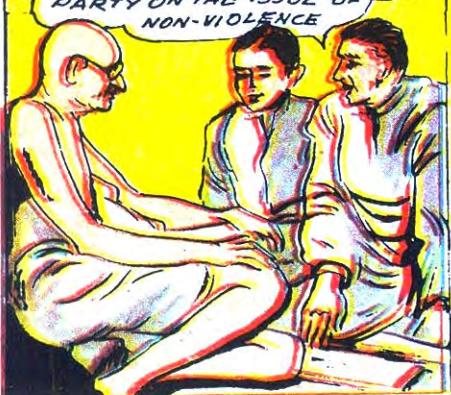
THE AGITATION CONTINUED.
THOUSANDS WERE ARRESTED

DOWN WITH BRITISH RULE
FREE INDIA NOW
BRITAIN MUST QUIT INDIA



AT BARDOLI, THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE...

THE COMMITTEE AGREES
TO RELIEVE YOU OF THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS
PARTY ON THE ISSUE OF
NON-VIOLENCE



IN 1942 SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS WAS SENT TO INDIA...

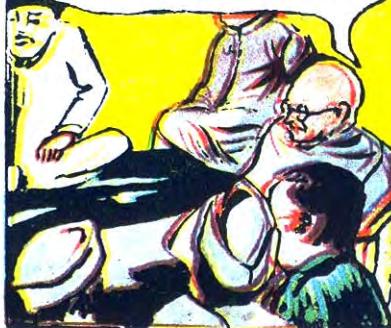
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE DECIDED TO GRANT INDIA DOMINION STATUS AFTER THE WAR.

IT IS A POST-DATED CHEQUE



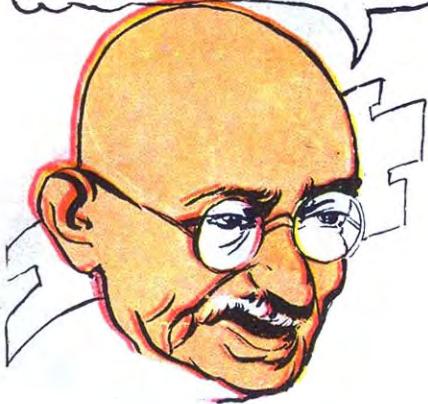
ON THE 8TH AUGUST 1942
GANDHI ADDRESSED
THE ALL INDIA CONGRESS
COMMITTEE

I WILL FIRST PRESS
THE VICEROY TO ACCEPT
THE CONGRESS DEMAND
BEFORE I LAUNCH THE
"QUIT INDIA" CAMPAIGN.



MEANWHILE

EVERYONE OF YOU SHOULD FROM THIS MOMENT CONSIDER YOURSELF A FREE MAN AND ACT AS IF YOU ARE FREE.



EARLY NEXT MORNING GANDHI WAS ARRESTED AND INTERNED IN THE AGA KHANS PALACE AT POONA.



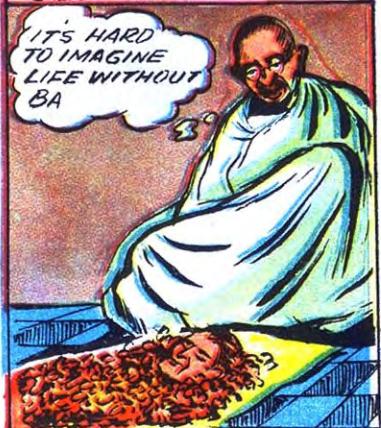
SIMULTANEOUSLY VIOLENCE BROKE OUT ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.



IN AUGUST 1942 MAHADEV DESAI, WHO WAS ALMOST A SON TO GANDHI, DIED IN PRISON



EARLY IN 1944 GANDHI LOST HIS DEAR WIFE KASTURBA. SHE ALSO DIED IN JAIL.



IN SEPTEMBER, 1944 HE HELD PROLONGED TALKS WITH MAHOMED ALI JINNAH, THE LEADER OF THE MUSLIMS.



ON 23RD MARCH 1945, THE BRITISH CABINET MISSION - LORD PETHICK-LAWRENCE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRADE AND A.V. ALEXANDER FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY ARRIVED IN INDIA, TO SETTLE THE TERMS OF THE LIBERATION

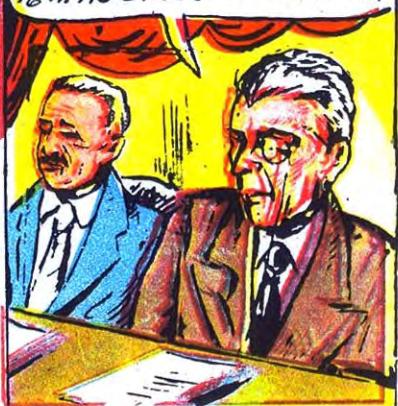
PLANS WERE WORKED OUT BUT THE CONGRESS AND THE MUSLIM LEAGUE FAILED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. THE VICEROY LORD WAVELL THEN TOOK A DECISION...

SINCE THE CONGRESS AND THE MUSLIM LEAGUE CANNOT AGREE... I WILL APPOINT A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

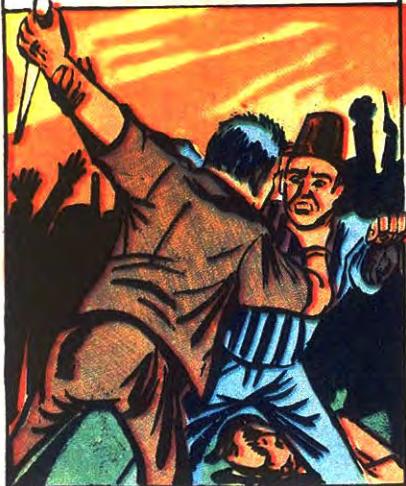


JINNAH REACTED SHARPLY

WE WILL NOT JOIN ANY PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WE WILL OBSERVE AUGUST 16TH AS DIRECT ACTION DAY.



COMMUNAL RIOTS BROKE OUT IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY



GANDHI TOURED THE RIOT-AFFECTED AREAS IN NOAKHALI ON HIS BARE FEET.. FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE HE WENT...



BRINGING SOLACE AND COURAGE TO THE AFFLICTED.. RESTORING PEACE



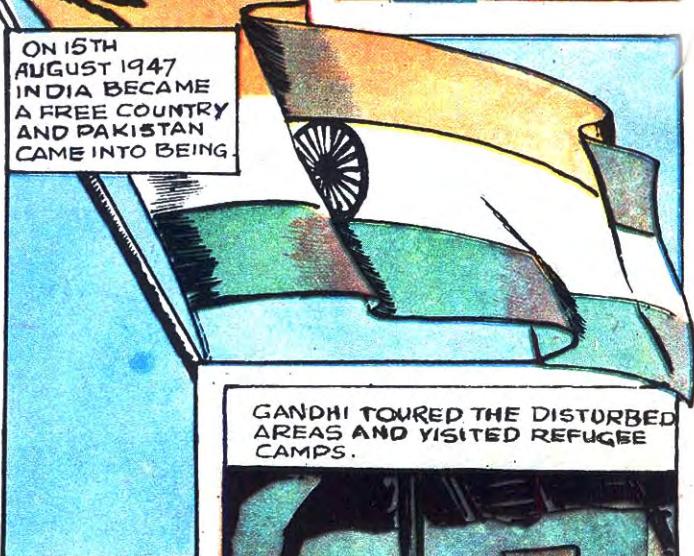
MEANWHILE ON 30TH JANUARY 1947 LORD MOUNTBATTEN, THE NEW VICEROY ARRIVED

(THE CREATION OF PAKISTAN IS THE ONLY SOLUTION)

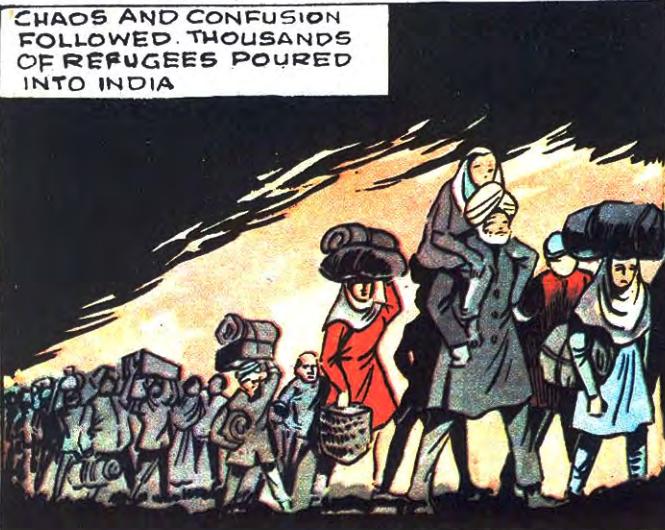
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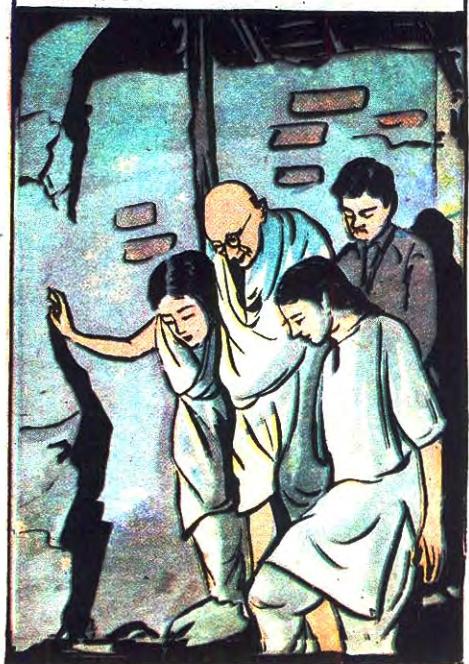
ON 15TH AUGUST 1947 INDIA BECAME A FREE COUNTRY AND PAKISTAN CAME INTO BEING.



CHAOS AND CONFUSION FOLLOWED. THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES POURED INTO INDIA



GANDHI TOUR ED THE DISTURBED AREAS AND VISITED REFUGEE CAMPS.



IN A BID TO RESTORE PEACE AND HARMONY GANDHI WENT ON A FAST.



DURING HIS FAST HE DICTATED A STATEMENT...

THE INDIAN UNION MUST PAY TO PAKISTAN RS. 550 MILLION. THIS IS PAKISTAN'S SHARE IN THE ASSETS OF PRE-PARTITIONED INDIA



GANDHI'S STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS AND HONESTY LED TO MISUNDERSTANDING

WHAT WAS THAT?



THE MAN, A REFUGEE NAMED MADANLAL WAS OVER POWERED.

DONT MOLEST THAT YOUNG MAN... TRY AND CONVERT HIM TO RIGHT THINKING AND RIGHT DOING...



ON 30TH JANUARY 1948 GANDHI WAS LATE FOR HIS USUAL PRAYER MEETING.

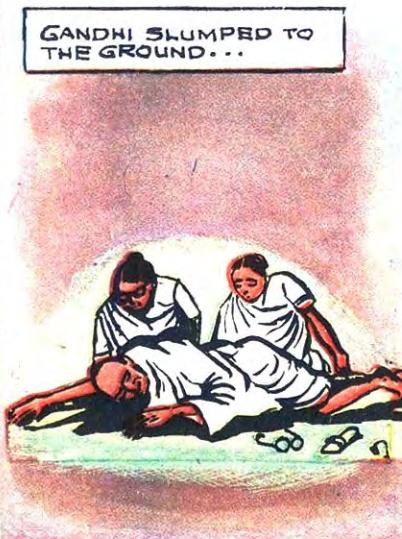


A MAN, NATHURAM GODSE MINGLED WITH THE CROWD. HE HAD ARRIVED FROM POONA.



ELBOWING HIS WAY THROUGH THE CROWD HE PLANTED HIMSELF IN FRONT OF GANDHI. SUDDENLY SHOTS RANG OUT...

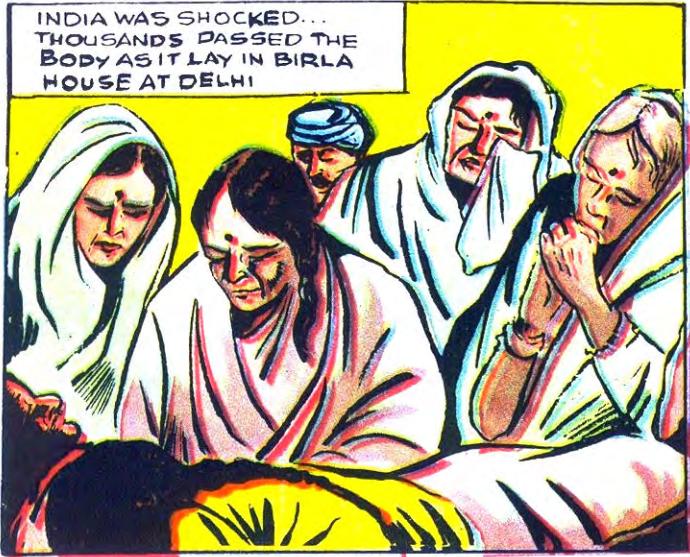
GANDHI SLUMPED TO THE GROUND...



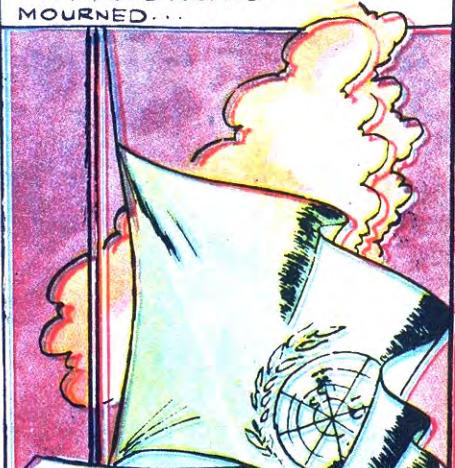
MEDICAL AID WAS OF NO AVAIL.
GODSE'S BULLETS HAD DONE THEIR FOUL WORK THOROUGHLY



INDIA WAS SHOCKED... THOUSANDS PASSED THE BODY AS IT LAY IN BIRLA HOUSE AT DELHI



THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLEW AT HALF MAST THE WHOLE WORLD MOURNED...



MILLIONS FOLLOWED THE CORTEGE WHILE MILLIONS PAID HOMAGE FROM TREE TOPS AND HOUSE TOPS.



THE SHOCK AND SORROW THAT FOLLOWED THE NEW DELHI TRAGEDY SHOWS THAT WE STILL RESPECT SAINTHOOD...

IT IS A CRUEL BLOW AGAINST THE FORCES OF GOOD IN THE WORLD.

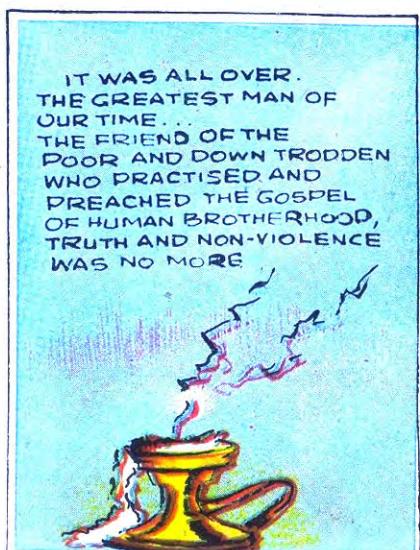
FRIEND OF THE POOREST, LONELIEST AND THE LOST

THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BEEN PLUNGED INTO MOURNING BY THE DEATH OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY MAN

AT 4.45 P.M. RAMDAS, GANDHI'S SON LIT THE FUNERAL PYRE...



IT WAS ALL OVER. THE GREATEST MAN OF OUR TIME... THE FRIEND OF THE POOR AND DOWN TRODDEN WHO PRACTISED AND PREACHED THE GOSPEL OF HUMAN BROTHERHOOD, TRUTH AND NON-VIOLENCE WAS NO MORE



IN HIS BROADCAST TO THE NATION PRIME MINISTER NEHRU ..



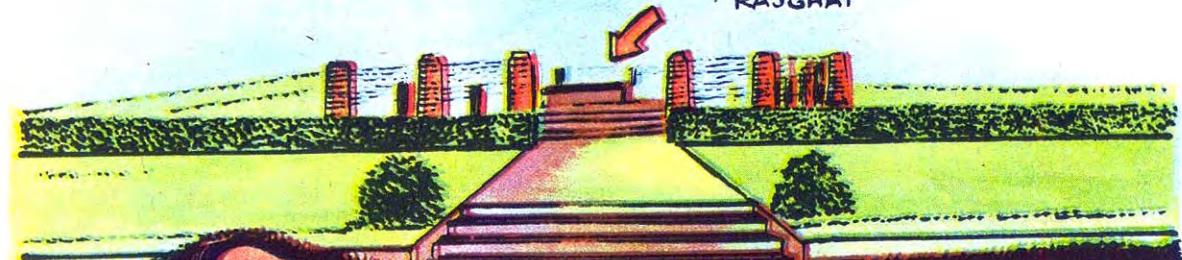
THE LIGHT HAS GONE OUT OF OUR LIVES AND THERE IS DARKNESS EVERYWHERE ..

THE LIGHT HAS GONE OUT, I SAID, AND YET I WAS WRONG. FOR THE LIGHT THAT SHONE IN THIS COUNTRY WAS NO ORDINARY LIGHT.

THE LIGHT THAT ILLUMINED THIS COUNTRY FOR THESE MANY YEARS WILL ILLUMINE THIS COUNTRY FOR MANY MORE YEARS AND A THOUSAND YEARS LATER THAT LIGHT WILL STILL BE SEEN IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE WORLD WILL SEE IT AND IT WILL GIVE SOLACE TO INNUMERABLE HEARTS.

FOR THE LIGHT REPRESENTED THE LIVING TRUTH AND THE ETERNAL MAN WAS WITH US WITH HIS ETERNAL TRUTH REMINDING US OF THE RIGHT PATH, DRAWING US FROM ERROR, TAKING THIS ANCIENT COUNTRY TO FREEDOM...

RAJGHAT



NEHRU WAS RIGHT.

WHAT HAD DISAPPEARED FROM LIFE WAS ONLY THE MORTAL FRAME WHICH HOUSED BAPUS IMMORTAL SPIRIT THAT SPIRIT WAS IMPERISHABLE AND PERSISTS, AND MANIFESTS ITSELF WHEREVER LOVE HUMANITY, TRUTH AND NON-VIOLENCE PERSIST AND MANIFEST THEMSELVES IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN.

THEY MUST PERSIST AND MANIFEST THEMSELVES SO THAT MANKIND ITSELF CAN SURVIVE IN LOVE BROTHERHOOD... PEACE ... AND PROGRESS

He stopped at the threshold of
the huts of thousands of dispossessed
dressed like one of their own.

He spoke to them in their own
language.

Here was living truth at last and
not quotations from books.

For this reason, the Mahatma
the name given to him by the
people of India is his real name.

Who else has felt like him that
all Indians are his own flesh
and blood?

When Love came to the door of
India, that door was opened wide.

At Gandhi's call India blossomed
forth to new greatness, just as one
before, in earlier times when Buddha
proclaimed the truth of fellow-feeling
and compassion amongst all living
creatures...

... RABINDRANATH TAGORE



Generations to come will scarce
believe that such a one as this, ever
in flesh and blood, walked upon
this earth.

- ALBERT EINSTEIN