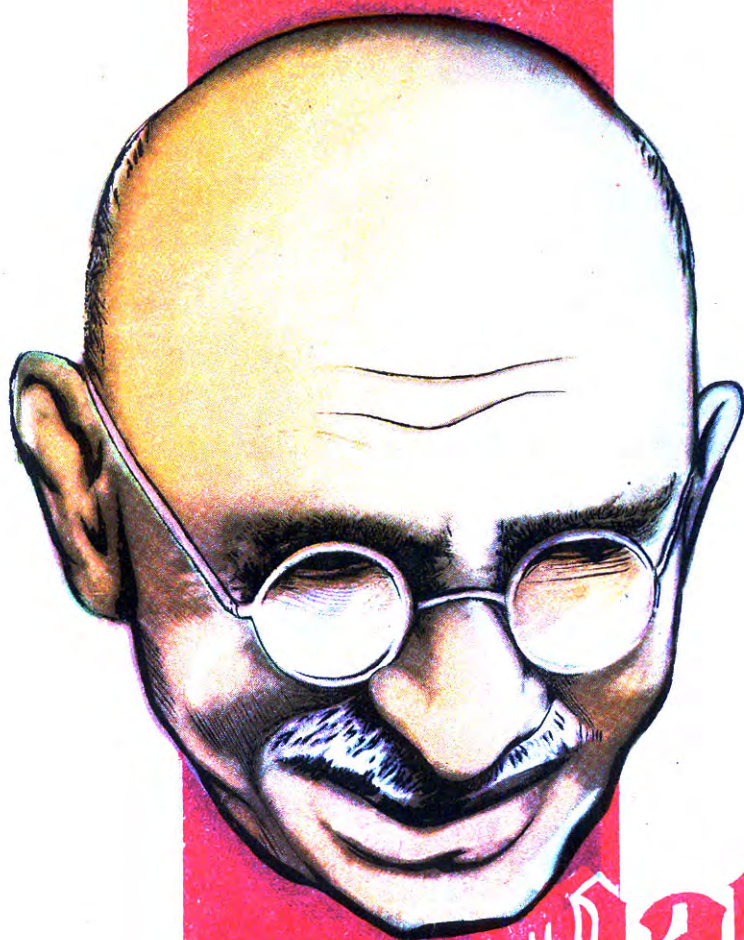




A leader of his people unsupported by any outward authority;

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.

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

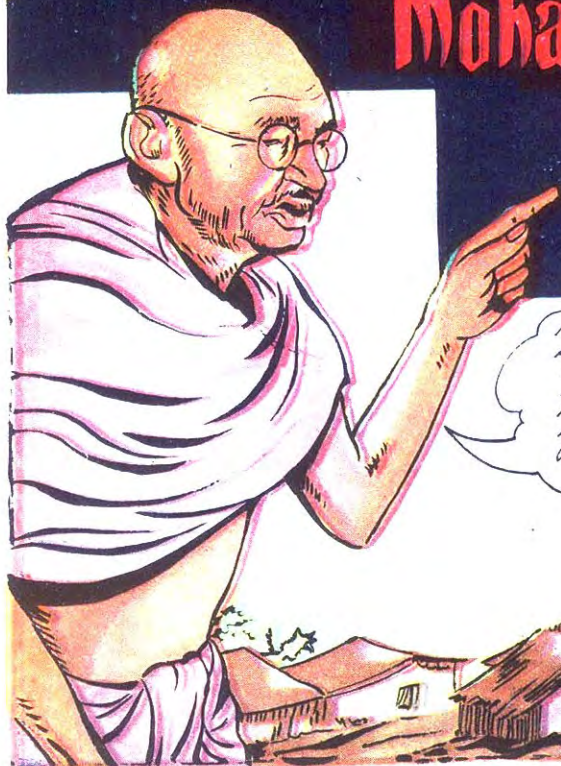
It freed a nation from fear and shed the shackles of foreign bondage.

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 PART 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 **UTTAMCHAND** THE GRANDFATHER OF **MOHANDAS** AND LATER HIS FATHER **KARAMCHAND** WERE THE CHIEF MINISTERS (DEWANS)



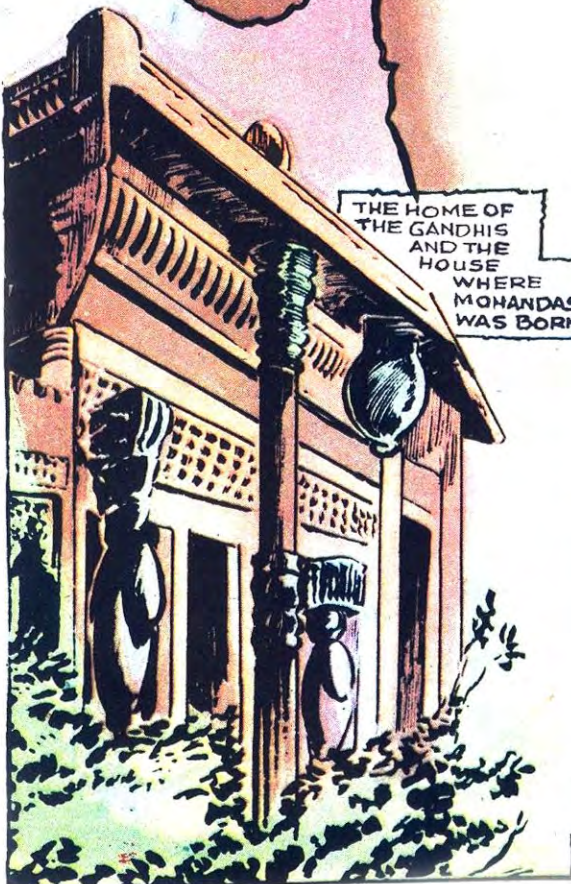
KARAMCHAND GANDHI
FATHER OF MOHANDAS
WAS A BRAVE, HONEST
AND TRUTHFUL MAN



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



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



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 FORBANDAR



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



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.



IN 1876 THE FAMILY MOVED TO RAJKOT



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



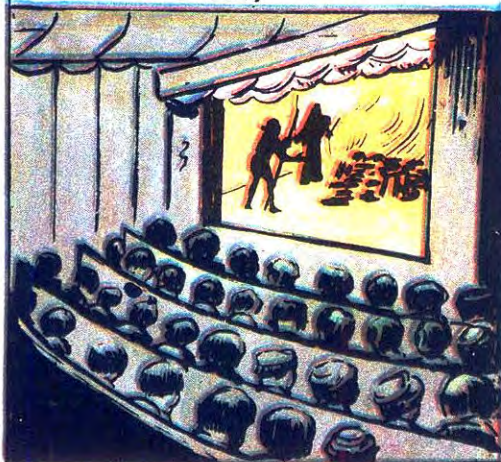
IN LIFE
SMALL
INCIDENTS
HAVE
ALTERED
THE
COURSE
OF
MEN'S
LIVES



ONE DAY IN A DEEP 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...

MOHAN, I'M GOING
OUT TO PLAY...

NO, YOU
WON'T

YES, I WILL.
WHO ARE YOU TO
STOP ME.



SOON, ON HER
RETURN...

SEE, I'VE
COME
BACK

GO AWAY
I'M NOT
TALKING WITH
YOU...



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.

GOOD HEAVENS! THIS
MEAT IS LIKE SHOE
LEATHER...



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.



WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES, HE READ THE LETTER... TORE IT UP AND LAY DOWN. MOHAN SAT NEAR HIM AND WEPT.



KARAMCHAND WAS TOO DEEPLY PAINED FOR WORDS



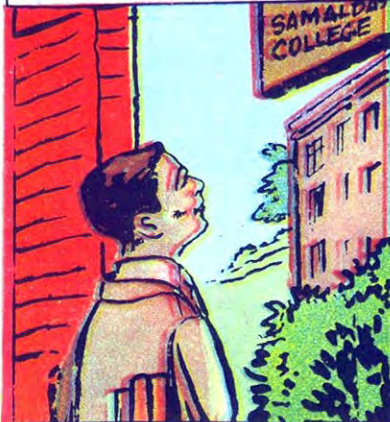
IT WAS FROM HIS FATHER THAT HE LEARNED TO RESPECT ALL RELIGIONS



OFTEN HE WOULD LISTEN TO DISCUSSIONS HIS FATHER HELD WITH LEARNED MEN OF DIFFERENT FAITHS.



TWO YEARS LATER AFTER MATRICULATING, HE JOINED THE SAMALDAS COLLEGE AT BHAVNAGAR



FINDING STUDIES DIFFICULT AND THE ATMOSPHERE DISTASTEFUL HE LEFT COLLEGE AFTER THE FIRST TERM . . .

IT WAS THEN SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD BE SENT TO ENGLAND TO STUDY LAW.

IT WAS ONLY AFTER THE JAIN MONK SWAMI BECHARJI INTERVENED THAT HIS MOTHER PUTLIBAI CONSENTED.

WILL YOU PROMISE NOT TO TOUCH WINE, WOMEN AND MEAT

I PROMISE



IN 1885 KARAMCHAND GANDHI DIED.



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



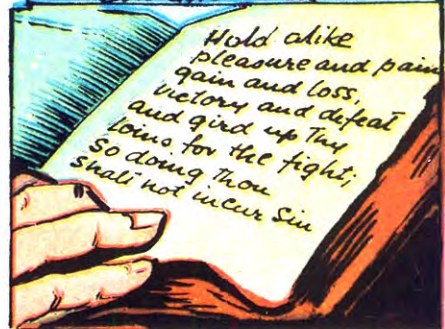
SOON HE GAVE THESE UP AND
SHIFTED TO A ONE-ROOM
TENEMENT WHERE HE DID HIS
OWN COOKING OF VEGETARIAN
MEALS.



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**

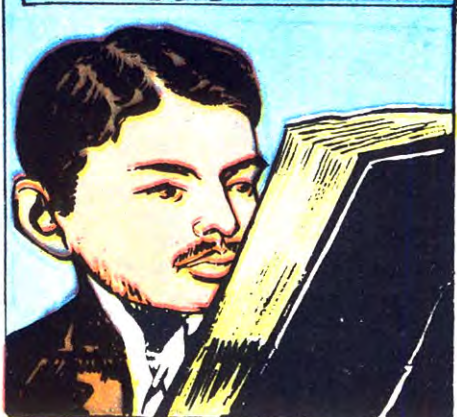


THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT
WENT STRAIGHT TO HIS HEART.

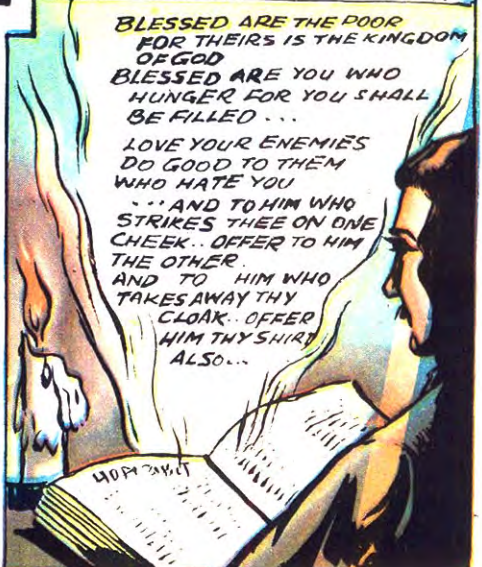
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IN MOMENTS
OF TRIAL



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



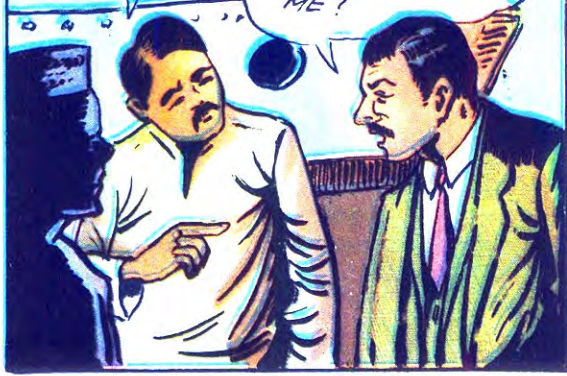
THE NEXT DAY HE SAILED FOR INDIA HIS HOME.



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

MOTHER IS DEAD... MOHAN...

OH NO! WHY DID YOU HIDE IT FROM ME?

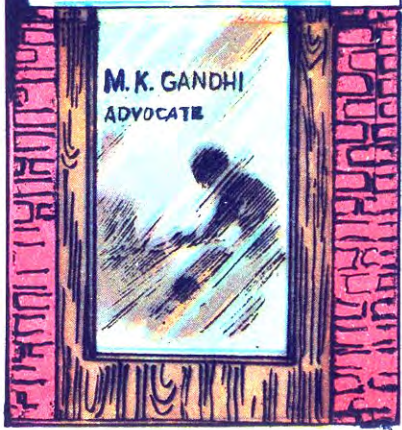


GANDHI FELT THE LOSS DEEPLY.

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.

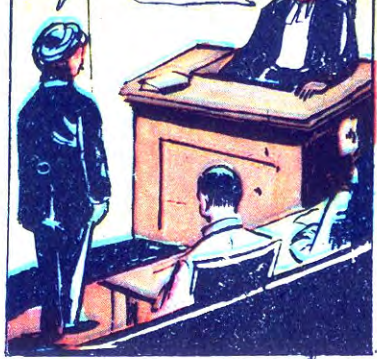


ON ARRIVAL IN COURT AT DURBAN...

TAKE OFF YOUR TURBAN

WHY... THAT'S MY DRESS...

DONT ARGUE



ON HIS WAY TO PRETORIA BY TRAIN...

A WHITE MAN OBJECTS TO YOUR TRAVELLING IN THE FIRST CLASS

BUT I HAVE A FIRST CLASS TICKET...

INSPECTOR THROW HIM OUT



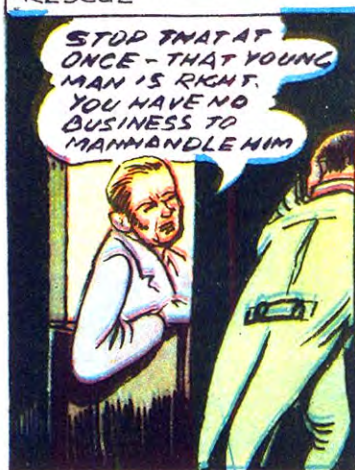
...AND GANDHI FOUND HIMSELF THROWN OUT OF THE FIRST CLASS COMPARTMENT - SPENDING THE NIGHT IN THE SHIVERING COLD OF THE WAITING ROOM.



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



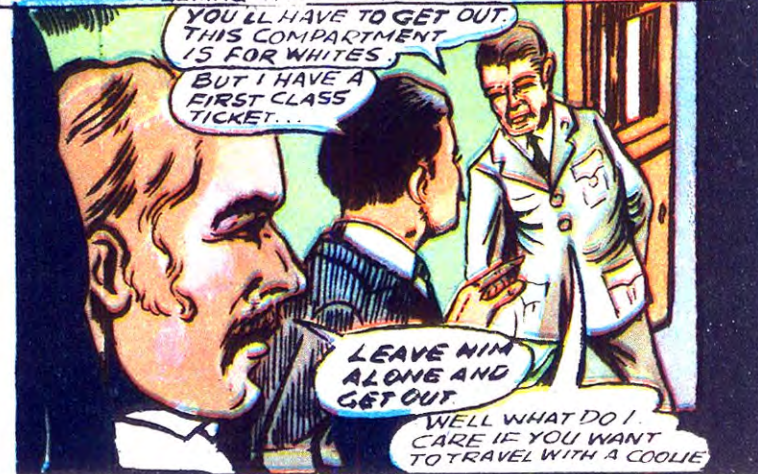
AN ENGLISH PASSENGER TRAVELLING ON THE STAGE COACH CAME TO HIS RESCUE



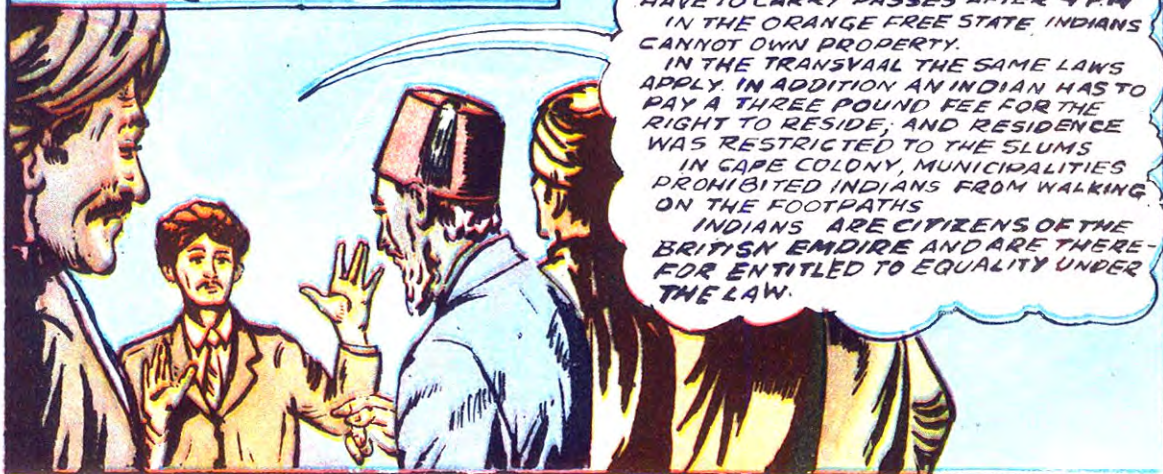
LATER AT A HOTEL...



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 SELF RESPECT



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...

WE WILL CARRY ON THE FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS. THE PUBLIC TOO MUST BE EDUCATED...



TWO PAMPHLETS WERE ISSUED...



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

GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?

MY ENGLISH EMPLOYER BEAT ME UP, SIR...



DON'T WORRY... I SHALL GET YOU RELEASED FROM INDENTURE TO YOUR MASTER



IN 1896 GANDHI DECIDED TO RETURN HOME TO INDIA, AND FETCH 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...



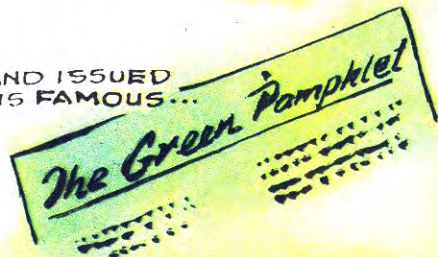
GOKHALE AND TILAK IN POONA



LECTURED TO LARGE AUDIENCES IN RAJKOT AND MADRAS...



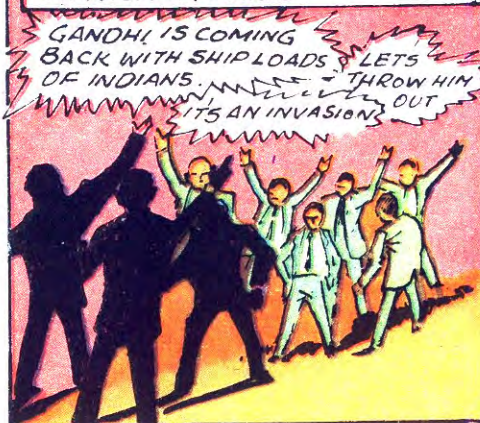
AND ISSUED HIS FAMOUS...



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...

MR. GANDHI YOU MUST PROSECUTE YOUR ASSAILANTS

NO. I DON'T WISH TO. THEY'VE BEEN MISGUIDED

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...

INDIAN OPINION
INDIAN MUST F

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

POOR MAN... WE'LL GET YOU WELL.

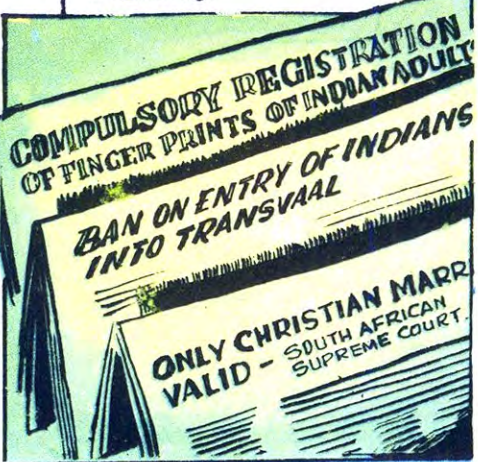


IT WAS DURING THE LONG MARCHES THAT...

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



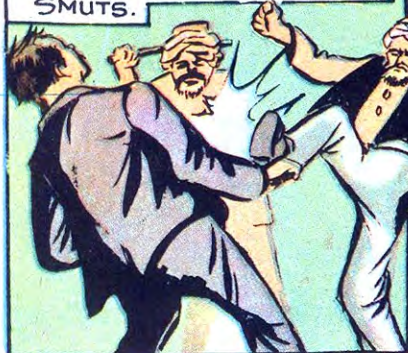
IN 1906 A SERIES OF HARSH MEASURES WERE DIRECTED AGAINST INDIANS.



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 SURRENDERED 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



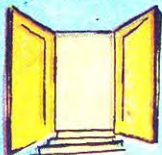
AS A CLIMAX TO THIS GREAT PASSIVE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, GANDHI LED THE GREAT MARCH IN NOVEMBER 1913 ACROSS THE BORDERS OF TRANSVAAL DEFYING THE LAWS.



ALONG WITH OTHERS GANDHI WAS ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO A PRISON IN BLOEM-FONTEIN.



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

VERY WELL MR GANDHI I WILL ARRANGE TO HAVE THE PRINCIPAL GRIEVANCES REDRESSED

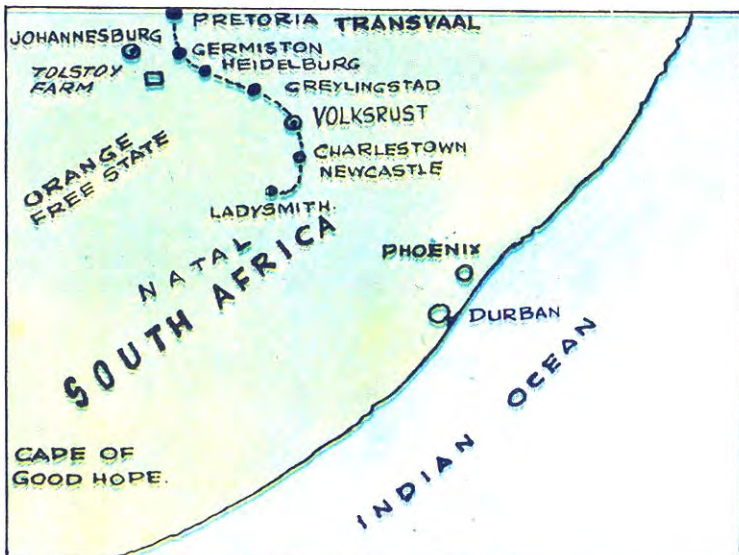


THE INDIAN RELIEF BILL WAS PASSED.



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

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WISHES BUT I CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR COSTLY PRESENTS OF JEWELLERY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN TRUST FOR USE OF THE COMMUNITY.



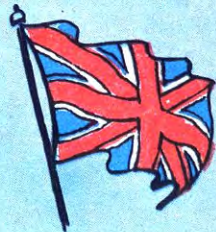
IN 1914 HE SAILED FOR INDIA. ON HIS WAY HOME HE HALTED IN ENGLAND



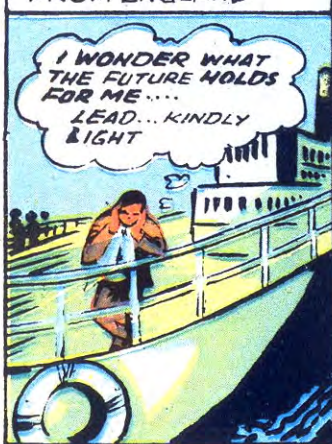
MEANWHILE THE I WORLD WAR BROKE OUT AND GANDHI ONCE AGAIN ORGANISED AN INDIAN AMBULANCE CORPS



HIS FAITH IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE WAS STILL STRONG.



IN DECEMBER HE SAILED FOR INDIA FROM ENGLAND



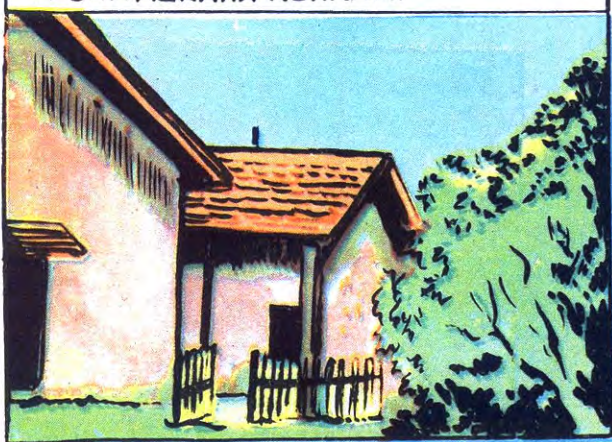
BACK IN INDIA HE RECEIVED A HERO'S WELCOME.



THEN HE WENT TO SHANTINIKETAN, THE HOME OF POET TAGORE WHERE HE PREACHED AND PRACTISED THE ASHRAM WAY OF LIFE



IN MAY 1915 ON THE BANKS OF THE BEAUTIFUL SABARMATI RIVER HE BUILT HIS ASHRAM AND CALLED IT SATYAGRAHA ASHRAM.



THE INMATES TOOK THE VOW OF NON-VIOLENCE AND BRAHMACHARYA



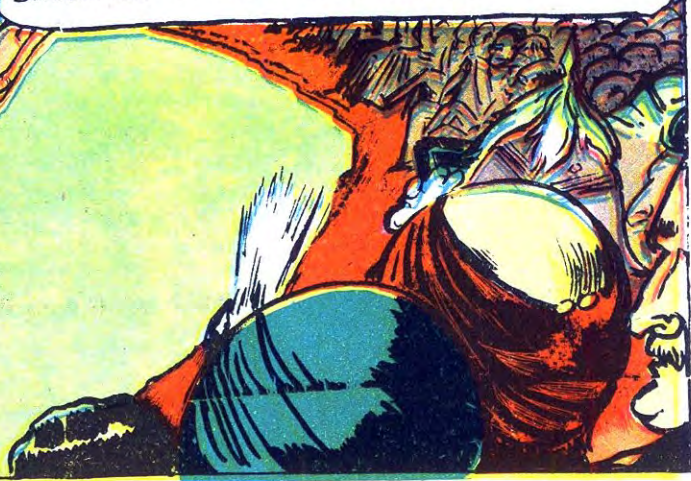
IN 1916, FEBRUARY HE CREATED A SENSATION AT THE BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION IN THE PRESENCE OF A GLITTERING GATHERING...



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 IS 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-STRICKEN
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 SUCCESS-
FUL CLOSE.



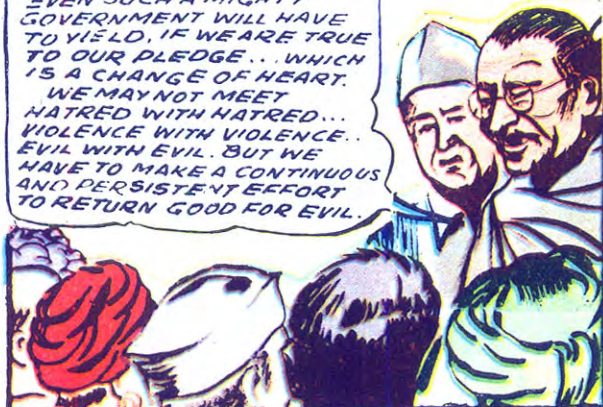
AS A 'SECURITY' MEASURE
THE BRITISH HAD
INTERINED TILAK.
ANNIE BESANT AND THE
ALI BROTHERS WERE
IMPRISONED.
SECRET TRIBUNALS
WERE SENTENCING
PEOPLE.
NEWSPAPERS WERE
MUZZLED

TO CROWN IT ALL
THE ROWLATT ACT
RECOMMENDED, IN
EFFECT THE CONTINU-
ANCE OF THESE WAR-
TIME 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 COM-
PLETE
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...

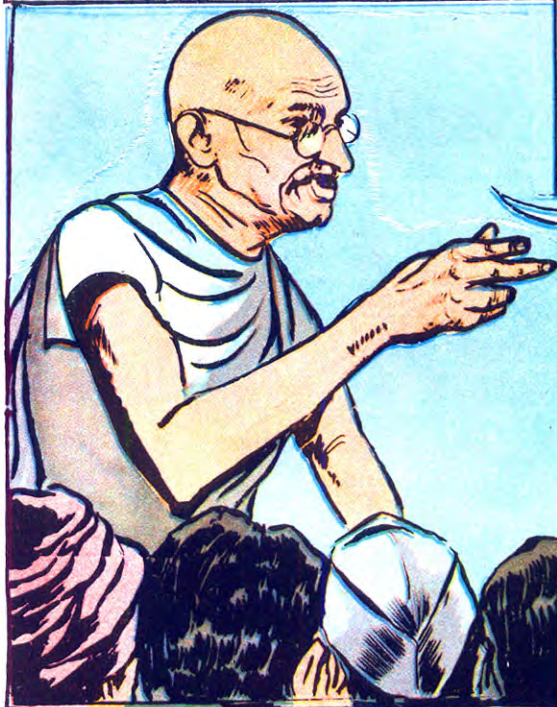
THIS MEETING CONDEMNS THE GOVERNMENT'S HIGH-HANDEDNESS IN ARRESTING OUR LEADERS



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.

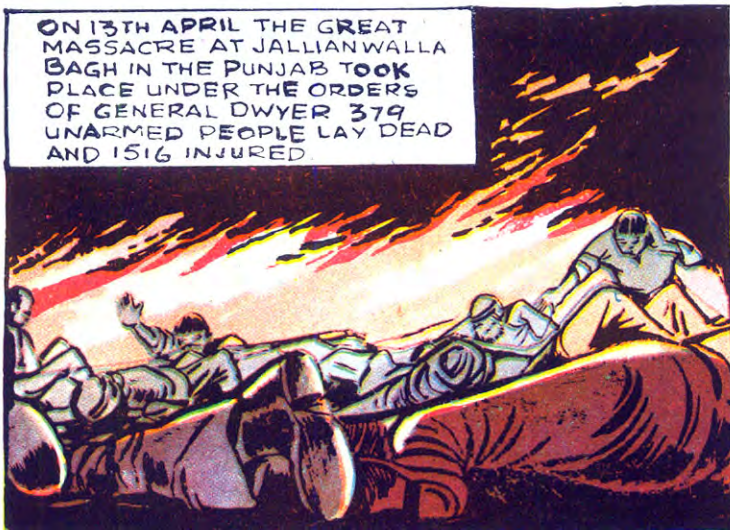
IT IS A BREACH OF RELIGIOUS DUTY TO ENDEAVOUR TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THOSE WHO HAVE COMMITTED DEEDS OF VIOLENCE.

I HAVE JUST HEARD THAT SOME ENGLISHMEN HAVE BEEN INJURED. SOME MAY EVEN HAVE DIED.

IF SO, IT IS A GREAT BLQOT 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....

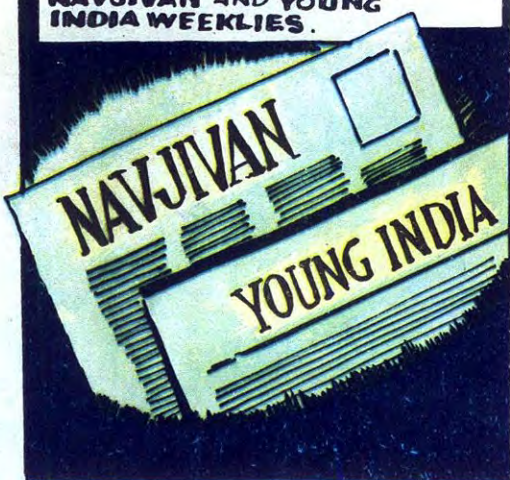


ON 8TH APRIL 1919.

SATYAGRAHA WILL FORTHWITH BE SUSPENDED.



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



AT THE END OF THE 1 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 KHILAFAT MOVEMENT. GANDHI ADDRESSED THE MEETING...

INDIA WILL STAND BY TURKEY

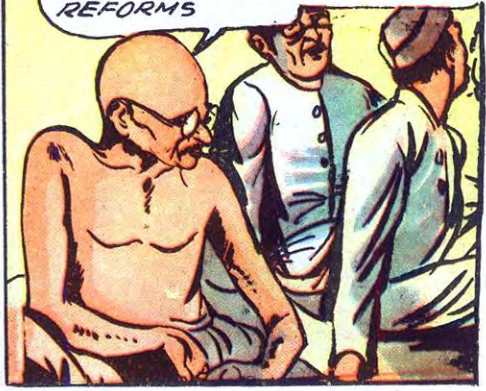


AS A RESULT HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY WAS STRENGTHENED.



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

I RECOMMEND THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONTAGUE-CHELMSFORD REFORMS



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 PROGRAMME 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 BEGIN-
NING 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
BURNT TO DEATH BY AN ANGRY
MOB.



IMMEDIATELY
GANDHI
SUSPENDED
CIVIL
DISOBEDIENCE

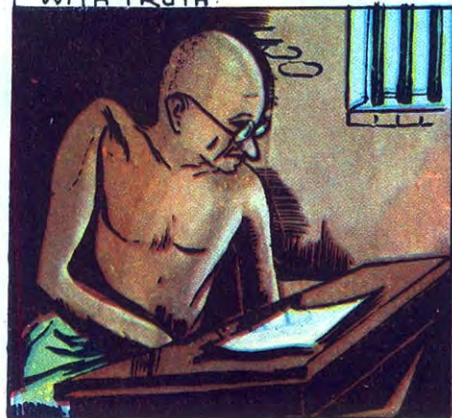


ON 10TH MARCH 1922
GANDHI WAS ARRESTED

YOU ARE CHARGED WITH
SEDITION AND HEREBY
SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS
IMPRISONMENT.



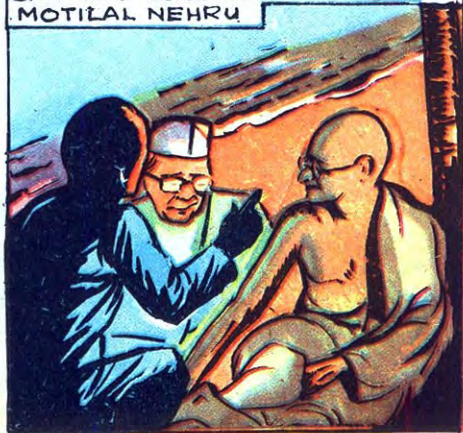
IN YERAVDA JAIL GANDHI
STARTED WRITING HIS
AUTOBIOGRAPHY, THE
STORY OF MY EXPERIMENTS
WITH TRUTH.



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

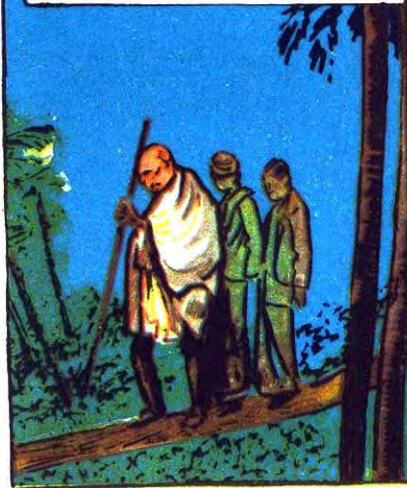


AT THE BELGAUM SESSION OF THE CONGRESS IN DECEMBER 1924.

INDIA MUST BOYCOTT FOREIGN CLOTH AND USE KHADI



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 BEGIN
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.

ALL PRISONERS WILL
BE RELEASED AND THE
SATYAGRAHA CALLED OFF



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"

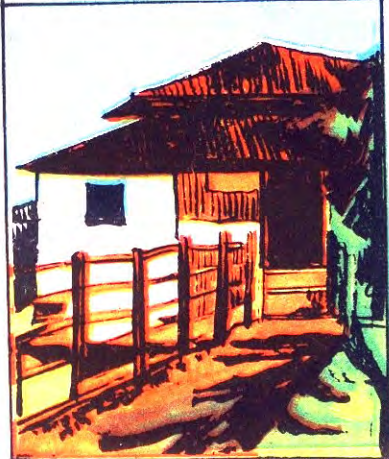


GANDHI NOW DECIDED TO LEAVE THE CONGRESS...

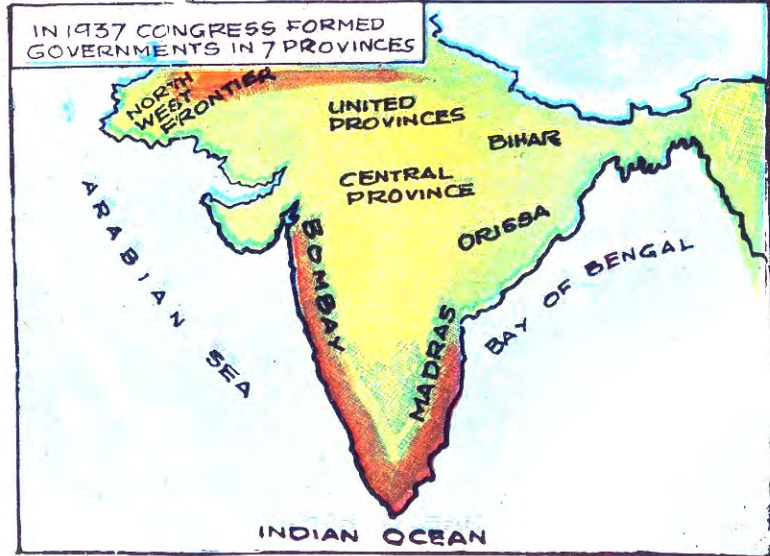
I HAVE DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM POLITICS AND ENGAGE MYSELF IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGES OF INDIA.



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

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

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

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.

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

REAL EDUCATION CONSISTS OF DRAWING THE BEST OUT OF YOURSELF. WHAT BETTER BOOK CAN THERE BE THAN THE BOOK OF HUMANITY
30.3.34.

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
9.10.38

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 TOURED 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 GOVERNMENT 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

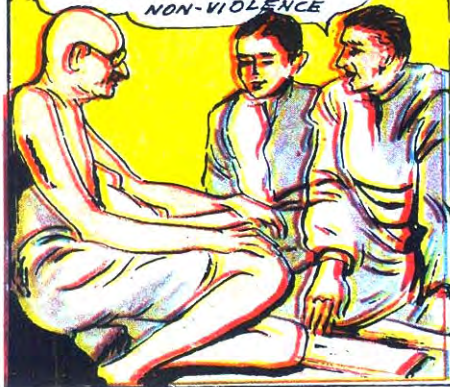
FREE INDIA NOW

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 CIPPS WAS SENT TO INDIA...

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

IT IS A POST-DATED CHEQUE



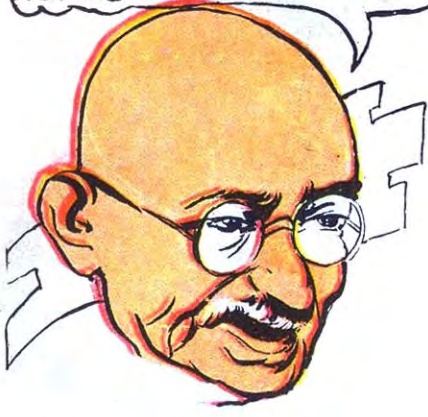
ON THE 8TH AUGUST 1942 GANDHI ADDRESSED THE ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

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.



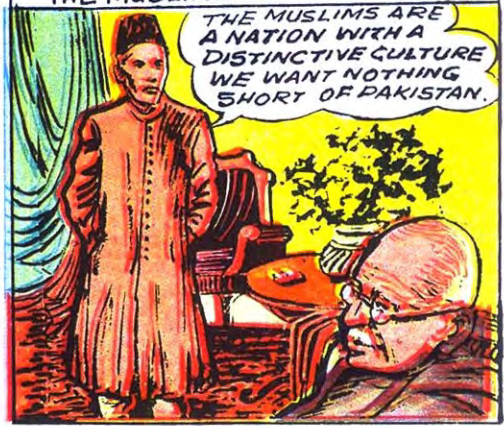
IN AUGUST 1942 MAHADEV DESAI, WHO WAS ALMOST A SON TO GANDHI, DIED IN PRISON



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



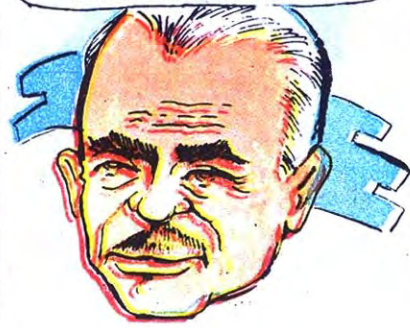
IN SEPTEMBER, 1944 HE HELD PROLONGED TALKS WITH MAHOMED ALI JINNAH, THE LEADER OF THE MUSLIMS.



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 WAYELL 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...



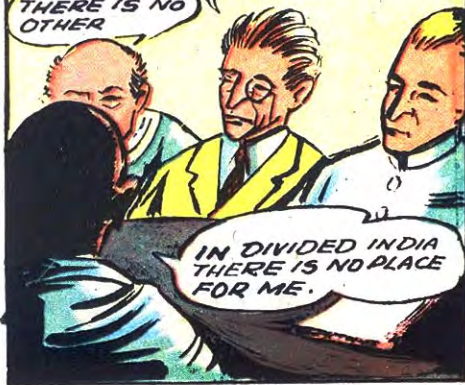
BRINGING SOLACE AND COURAGE TO THE AFFLICTED...RESTORING PEACE



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

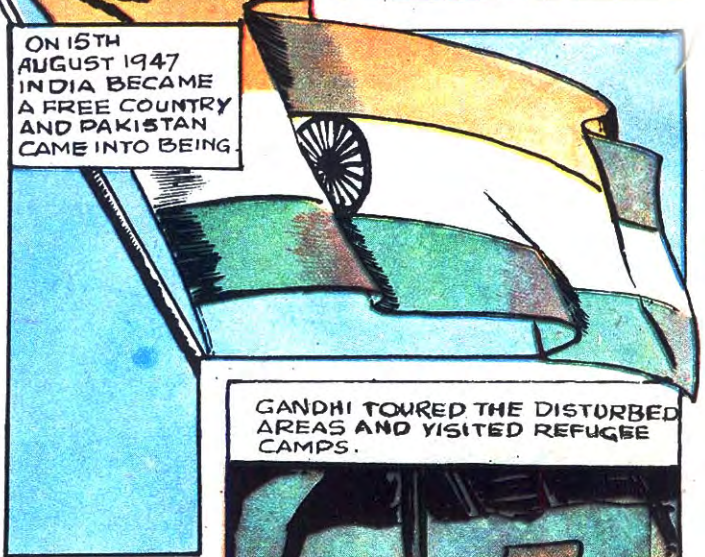
THE CREATION OF PAKISTAN IS THE ONLY SOLUTION

THERE IS NO OTHER

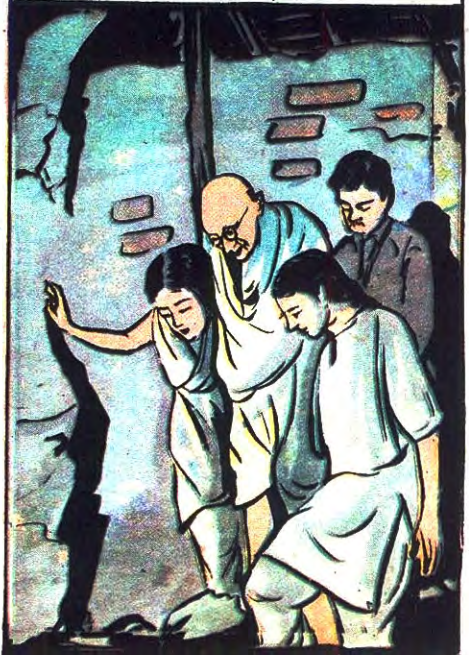


IN DIVIDED INDIA THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ME.

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



GANDHI TOURED THE DISTURBED AREAS AND VISITED REFUGEE CAMPS.



CHAOS AND CONFUSION FOLLOWED. THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES POURED INTO INDIA



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

AT QUESTION HOUR AFTER HIS USUAL PRAYER MEETING, A HAND-BOMB WAS HURLED OVER THE WALL.

WHAT WAS THAT?

A HAND-BOMB... I THINK

THE MAN, A REFUGEE NAMED MADANLAL WAS OVER POWERED.

DON'T 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...

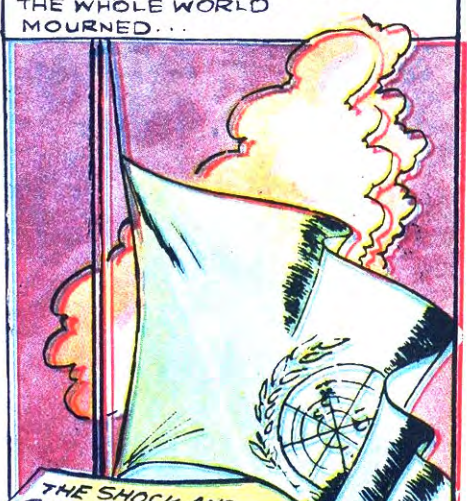
MEDICAL AID WAS OF NO AVAIL. GODSE'S BULLETS HAD DONE THEIR FOUL WORK THOROUGHLY



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
EXTRA ORDINARY 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 ..

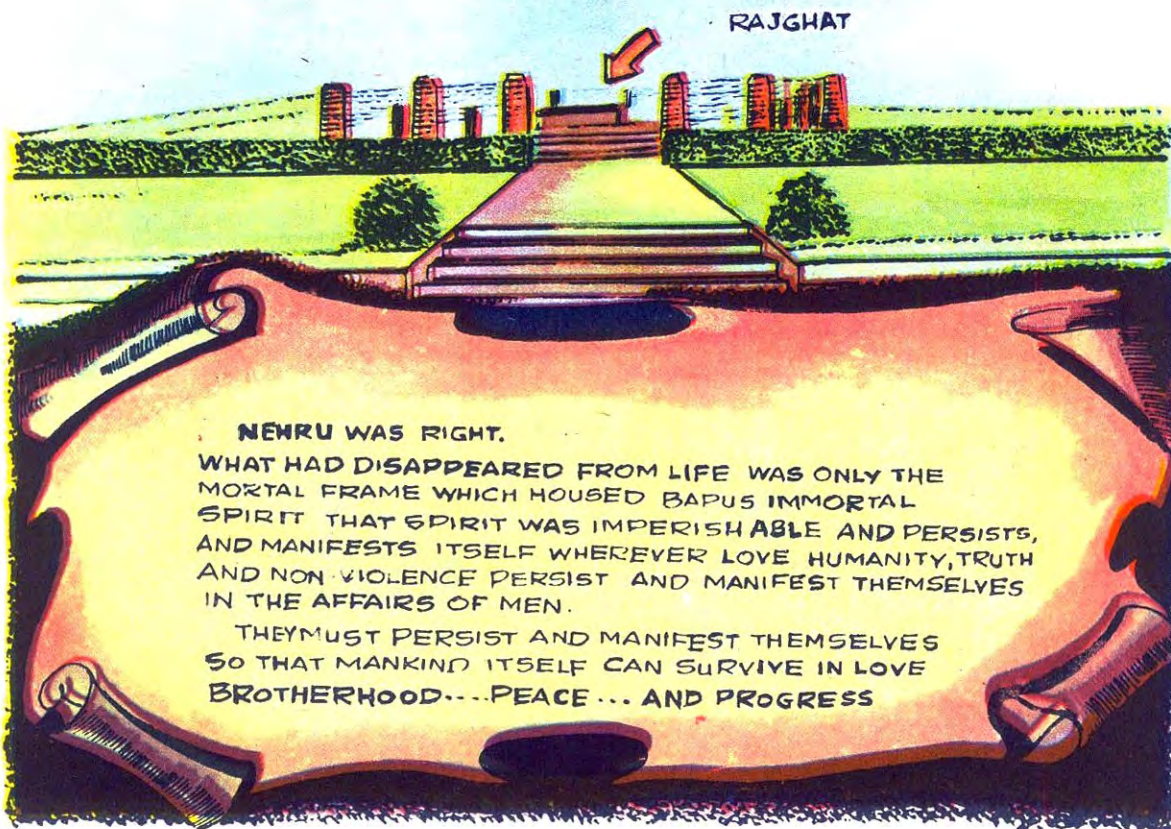


*THE LIGHT HAS GONE OUT OF OUR LIVES AND
THERE IS DARKNESS EVERYWHERE ..*

*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...*



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