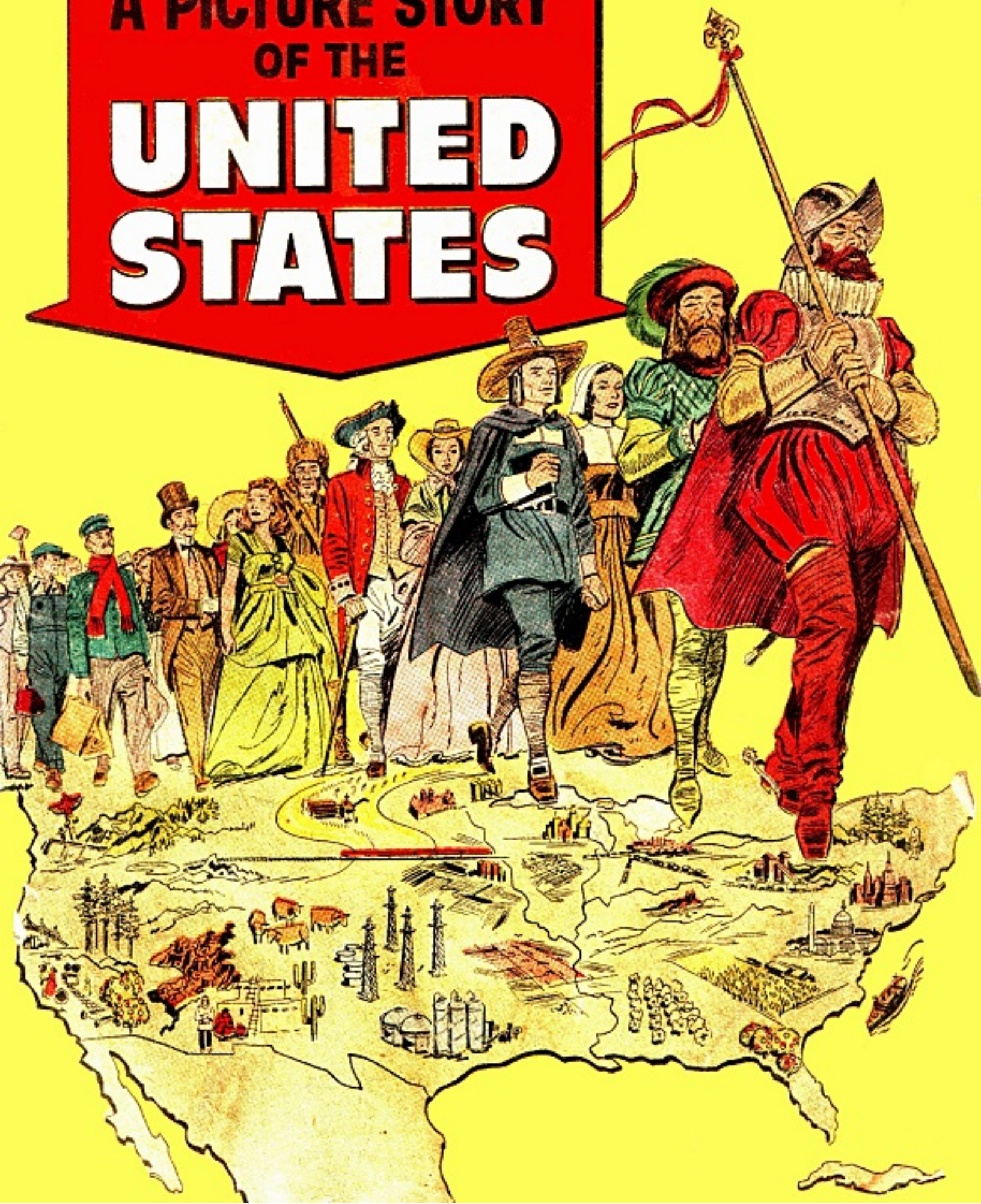
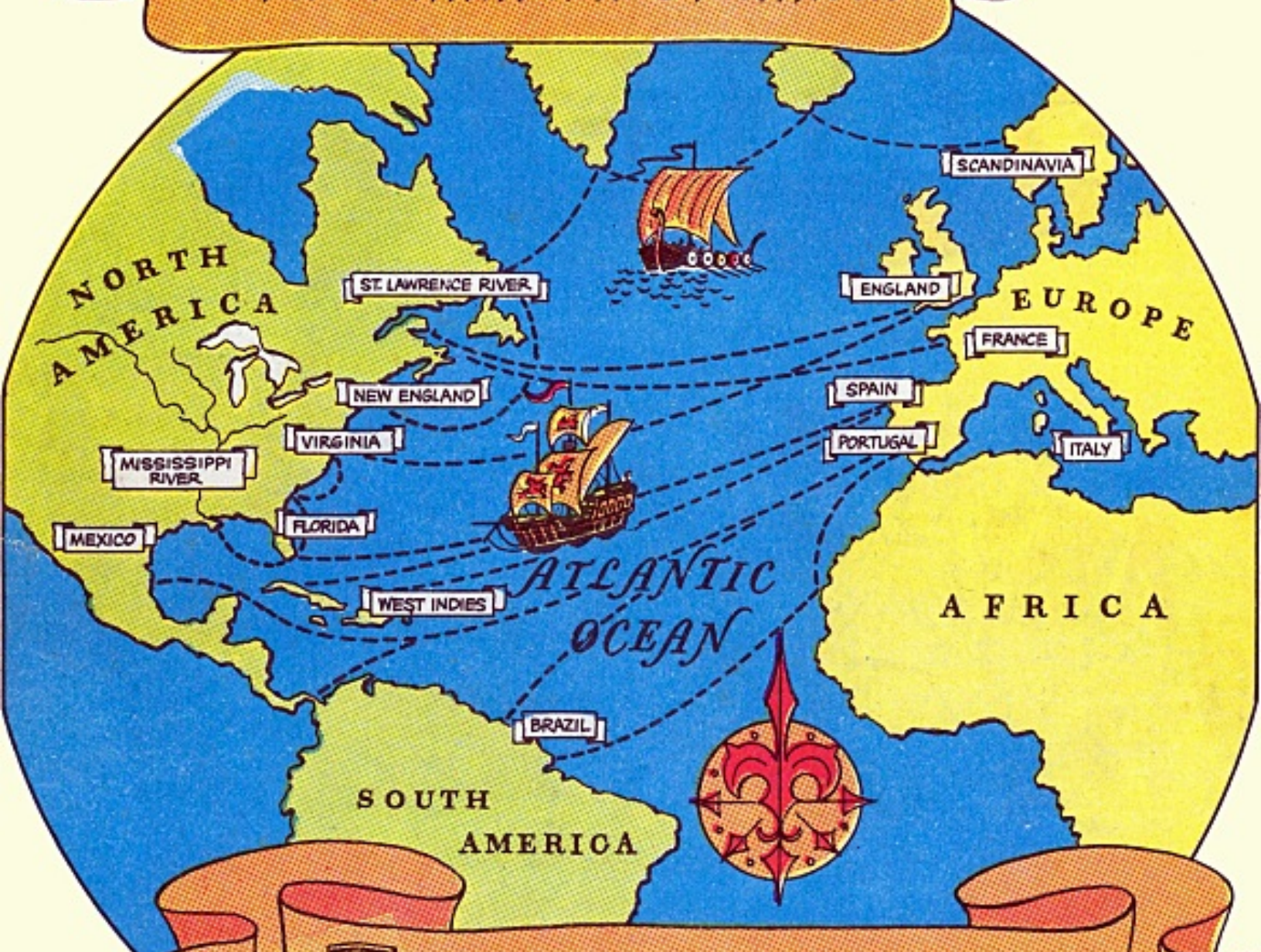


A PICTURE STORY OF THE UNITED STATES



An Unknown Sea... An Unknown Continent



FOR CENTURIES, THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE GAZED AT THE BLUE WATER STRETCHING TO THE WEST AND WONDERED WHAT, IF ANYTHING, LAY BEYOND.

MANY BELIEVED IT LED ONLY TO THE EDGE OF A FLAT WORLD. TALES WERE TOLD OF TERRIBLE MONSTERS IN ITS DEPTHS.

BUT AS THE DARK AGES PASSED, AS NAVIGATORS GREW MORE DARING AND RESOURCEFUL, BOLD MEN BEGAN TO MAKE THEIR WAY ACROSS THAT MYSTERIOUS AND SEEMINGLY ENDLESS SEA.



ABOUT THE YEAR 1000

SEA-ROVING VIKINGS FROM SCANDINAVIA MADE THE PERILOUS CROSSING.



'TIS A BEAUTIFUL LAND, LEIF ERICSON. LOOK AT THE TREES...THE VINES

AYE. WE SHALL CALL IT VINELAND

BUT THE RESTLESS VIKINGS LEFT NO PERMANENT SETTLEMENTS... VINELAND WAS LOST IN THE MISTS OF TIME.

4 CENTURIES LATER, IN GENOA, ITALY, A YOUTH NAMED CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DISCOVERED A WONDERFUL BOOK.



MARCO POLO WROTE OF CHINA, WHERE MEN KNEW HOW TO WEAVE FINE SILKS, TO MAKE PAPER AND TO PRINT...



WHERE DO YOU COME FROM, STRANGER, AND WHY?

I COME FROM VENICE, O KUBLAI KHAN, TO SEE THE WONDERS OF CATHAY



MARCO POLO WROTE, TOO, OF INDIA... ITS RICH BAZAARS, ITS BEAUTIFUL TEMPLES...



IN GENOA'S MARKETPLACE YOUNG COLUMBUS COULD SEE SILKS AND SPICES BROUGHT FROM THE EAST BY LONG, DANGEROUS LAND ROUTES...AND AS HE GREW OLDER, HE CONCEIVED A GREAT IDEA.



IF THE WORLD IS INDEED ROUND, WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH THE EAST BY SAILING WEST?

IT WOULD, COLUMBUS, BUT PEOPLE WILL NOT BELIEVE YOU

PEOPLE DID NOT BELIEVE HIM. HIS SEARCH FOR SUPPORT OF AN EXPEDITION THAT WOULD PROVE HIS THEORY CARRIED HIM TO PORTUGAL, THENCE TO SPAIN.



THE POOR FELLOW IS MAD. THINKS THE WORLD IS ROUND

A PITY. HE SEEMS QUITE HARMLESS OTHERWISE

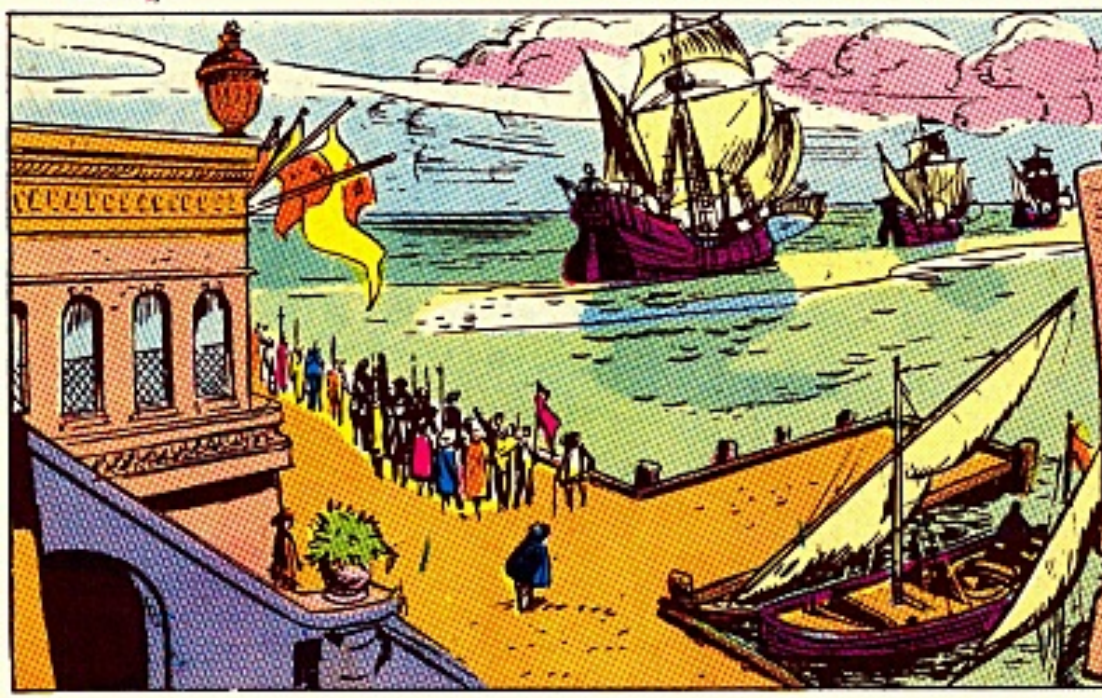
COLUMBUS WAS LEAVING SPAIN IN DISCOURAGEMENT WHEN HE RECEIVED AN UNEXPECTED SUMMONS FROM QUEEN ISABELLA.



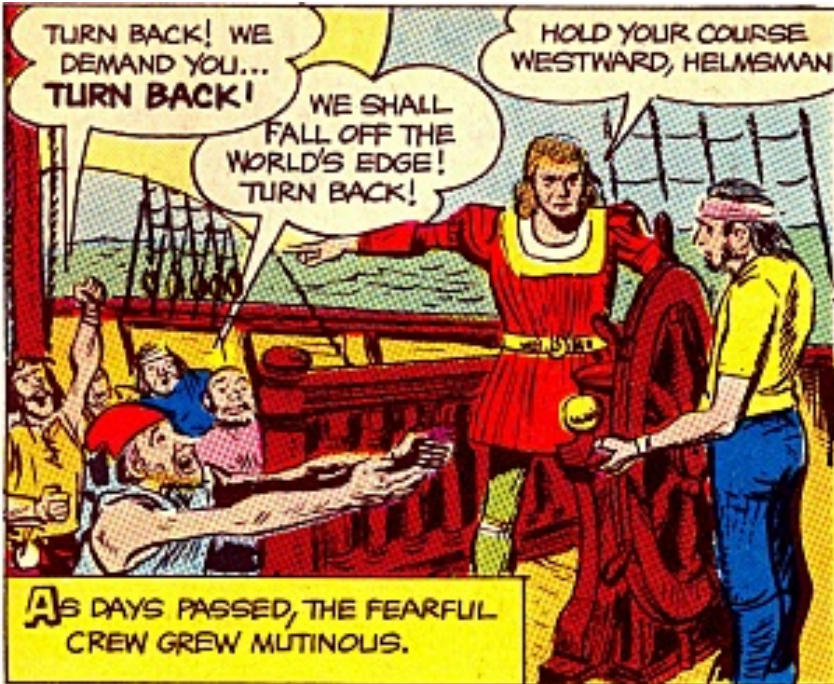
I BELIEVE YOU, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. YOU SHALL HAVE THE SHIPS AND MEN THAT YOU NEED

MAY THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN BLESS YOUR MAJESTY

THE QUEEN, ACCORDING TO LEGEND, SOLD HER JEWELS TO FINANCE A VOYAGE TO THE WEST.



AUGUST 3, 1492
COLUMBUS SET SAIL FROM PALOS, SPAIN, WITH 88 MEN IN 3 SMALL SHIPS... THE *NIÑA*, *PINTA* AND *SANTA MARIA*. HE NEVER DREAMED THAT BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE ORIENT LAY A VAST CONTINENT.



TURN BACK! WE DEMAND YOU... TURN BACK!

WE SHALL FALL OFF THE WORLD'S EDGE! TURN BACK!

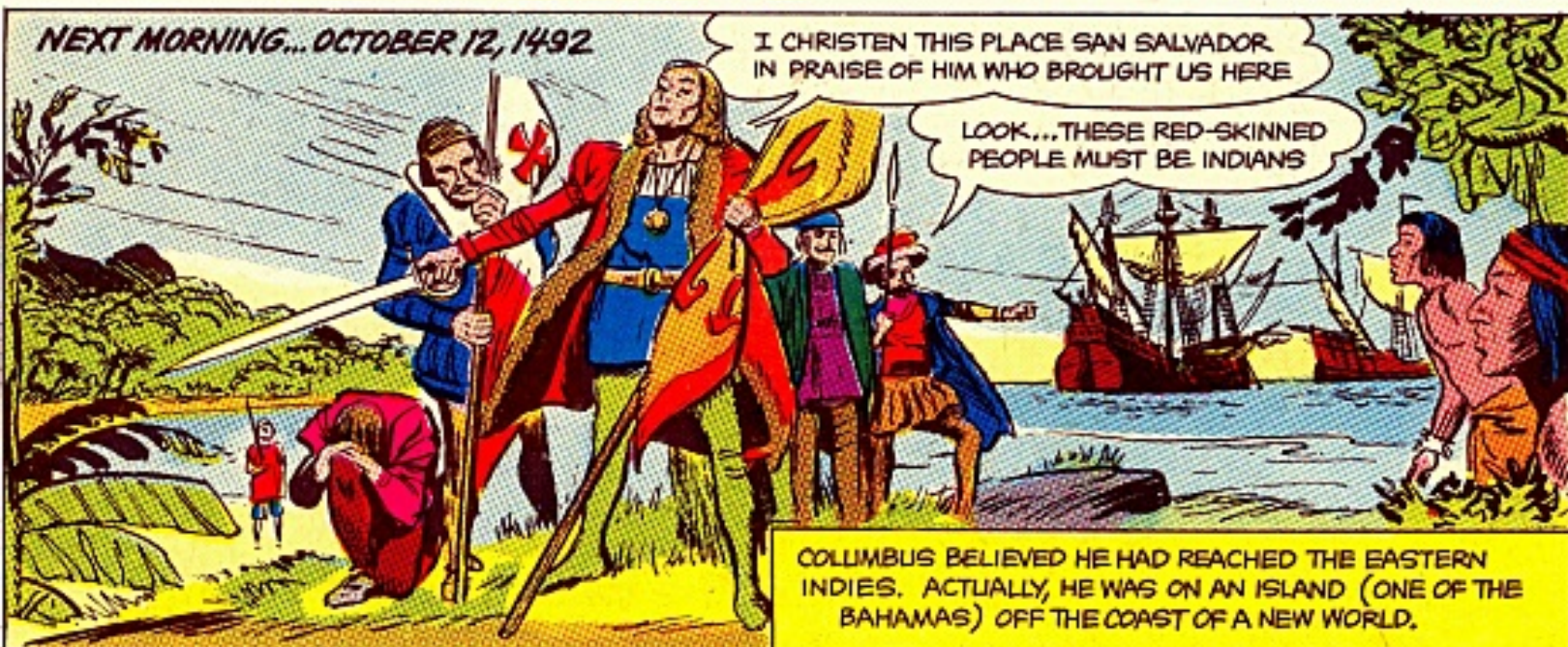
HOLD YOUR COURSE WESTWARD, HELMSMAN!

AS DAYS PASSED, THE FEARFUL CREW GREW MUTINOUS.

AFTER 70 DAYS... WHEN IT SEEMED THAT THE REBELLIOUS MEN MIGHT KILL THEIR STEADFAST COMMANDER.



I SEE A LIGHT! IT MUST BE LAND!



NEXT MORNING... OCTOBER 12, 1492

I CHRISTEN THIS PLACE SAN SALVADOR IN PRAISE OF HIM WHO BROUGHT US HERE

LOOK...THESE RED-SKINNED PEOPLE MUST BE INDIANS

COLUMBUS BELIEVED HE HAD REACHED THE EASTERN INDIES. ACTUALLY, HE WAS ON AN ISLAND (ONE OF THE BAHAMAS) OFF THE COAST OF A NEW WORLD.

COLUMBUS RETURNED TO SPAIN ... AND TO ROYAL HONORS. BUT WHEN THREE MORE VOYAGES FAILED TO FIND THE RICHES OF THE ORIENT, HIS TRIUMPH TURNED TO ASHES. PEOPLE CALLED HIM THE "ADMIRAL OF MOSQUITO LAND!"



IN 1506, STILL UNAWARE THAT HE HAD OPENED A NEW WORLD, HE DIED IN OBSCURE POVERTY.

COLUMBUS WAS DENIED EVEN THE HONOR OF GIVING HIS NAME TO THE NEW WORLD. HIS EXPLORATIONS HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY THOSE OF A FELLOW ITALIAN, AMERIGO VESPUCCI, AND IN 1507, A GERMAN GEOGRAPHER PREPARED A NEW MAP...



HAVING BEEN DISCOVERED BY AMERIGO VESPUCCI, THE NEW LAND MAY FAIRLY BE CALLED AFTER HIM...



A CENTURY OF EXPLORATION



JOHN CABOT (1497), EXPLORED AMERICA'S NORTH-EAST COAST FOR ENGLAND, ESTABLISHING ITS CLAIMS IN THE NEW WORLD.



JACQUES CARTIER (1534), SAILED UP THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, ESTABLISHING THE CLAIMS OF FRANCE.



HERNANDO CORTEZ (1520), CONQUERED THE AZTEC INDIAN EMPIRE IN MEXICO FOR SPAIN.



PONCE DE LEON (1520), SEEKING A FABLED FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, EXPLORED FLORIDA FOR SPAIN.

THERE WERE MANY OTHERS... BUT SPAIN WAS AHEAD. ITS SOUTHWESTERN COLONIES FLOURISHED. IN FLORIDA, IN 1565, TINY ST. AUGUSTINE BECAME THE FIRST PERMANENT COLONY IN WHAT WAS TO BE THE UNITED STATES.



IN 1607, A PRIVATE ENGLISH COMPANY SENT A HANDFUL OF SETTLERS TO JAMESTOWN, IN VIRGINIA. THEY GOT OFF TO A BAD START...

NO MAN MAY OWN LAND. ALL SHALL DRAW FOOD FROM A COMMON STOREHOUSE

HUMPH. WHY SHOULD I WORK TO FEED THE LAZY ONES?



WITHOUT SOIL OF THEIR OWN, THE SETTLERS WORKED HALF-HEARTEDLY... IT SEEMED AS IF THE COLONY WOULD DIE OUT. BUT A GREAT LAND REFORM SAVED THE DAY.

WIVES AND CHILDREN ARRIVED, AND EACH FAMILY WAS GIVEN ITS OWN TRACT...

THIS LAND IS OURS! WE'LL PRODUCE THE FINEST TOBACCO IN VIRGINIA



...AND SOON, JAMESTOWN PROSPERED.

ONE MORNING, IN 1619, A MAN O' WAR ARRIVED FROM AFRICA...

I HAVE 20 BLACK SLAVES FOR SALE

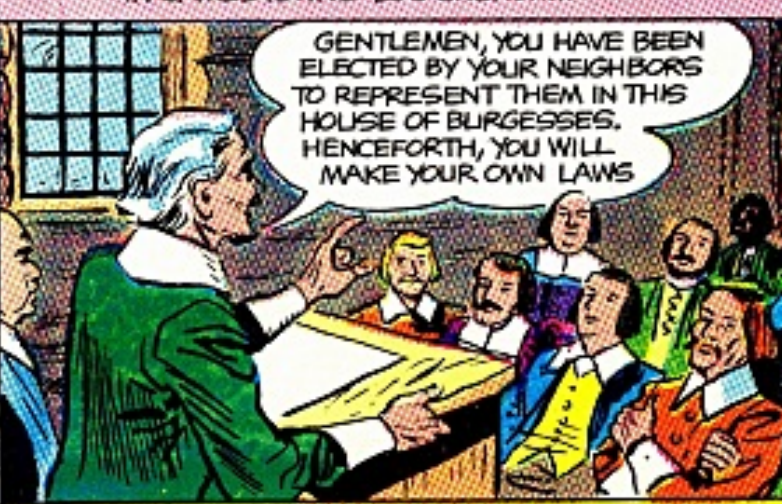
GOOD. THEY'LL MAKE OUR LIVES EASIER

SLAVERY IS NEVER GOOD! THIS IS AN EVIL DAY



A MORE AUSPICIOUS EVENT OCCURRED THAT SAME YEAR, IN JAMESTOWN'S LOG CHURCH...

GENTLEMEN, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY YOUR NEIGHBORS TO REPRESENT THEM IN THIS HOUSE OF BURGESSES. HENCEFORTH, YOU WILL MAKE YOUR OWN LAWS



THIS WAS THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF LAW-MAKERS IN AMERICA.

VIRGINIA BECKONED TO ANOTHER GROUP OF ENGLISH FOLK WHO SOUGHT, NOT MATERIAL PROSPERITY, BUT THE RIGHT TO WORSHIP AS THEY PLEASED. KNOWN AS "PILGRIMS," THEY HAD REBELLED AGAINST THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH AND BEEN FORCED TO FLEE TO HOLLAND...



THIS LAND HAS BEEN KIND, BUT WE REMAIN AS STRANGERS. I HAVE BEEN THINKING... ABOUT THE NEW WORLD

GO HAVE I, WILL BRADFORD. BUT IT WOULD GO HARD WITH OUR WOMENFOLK.

YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT US!



THEIR DREAMS TOOK SHAPE... IN SEPTEMBER, 1620, A TINY SHIP, THE **MAYFLOWER**, CARRIED 102 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN INTO THE WILD ATLANTIC.

THEIR SHIP WAS BLOWN OFF COURSE, FAR TO THE NORTH. ON DECEMBER 20, THE PILGRIMS CAME ASHORE AT **PLYMOUTH ROCK**.



I SEE ONLY FROZEN FORESTS BEYOND

PROVIDENCE HAS BROUGHT US HERE. HERE WE SHALL STAY

IN THAT FIRST TERRIBLE WINTER, NEARLY HALF OF THE LITTLE BAND PERISHED. IN EARLY SPRING...



THE MAYFLOWER RETURNS TO ENGLAND. SHALL OUR PEOPLE GO WITH HER, GOVERNOR BRADFORD?

NO, CAPTAIN STANDISH. WE WILL NOT ABANDON OUR DEAD

AS SPRING TURNED TO SUMMER, CROPS FLOURISHED, ONCE HOSTILE INDIANS BECAME FRIENDLY. WHEN HARVEST TIME CAME IN THE RED AND GOLD AUTUMN OF "NEW ENGLAND..."



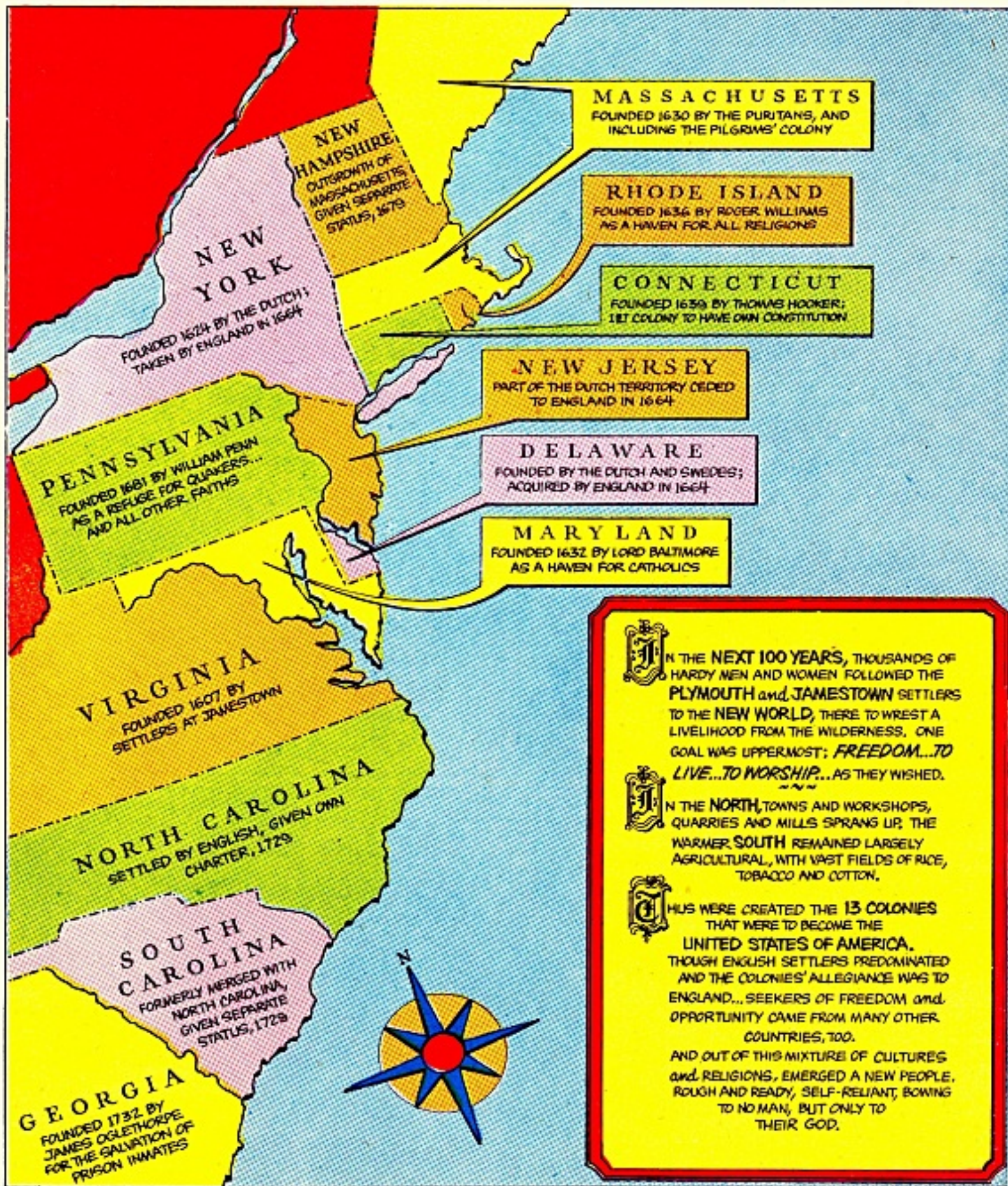
WHAT A JOYOUS FEAST DAY THIS IS!

AYE, BUT FIRST OF ALL IT IS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING

MAY THE LORD WHO HAS SPARED US AND GRANTED US THIS ABUNDANCE BE PRAISED

THIS HARVEST FESTIVAL IS STILL CELEBRATED IN AMERICA. IT IS CALLED **THANKSGIVING DAY**.

THE THIRTEEN COLONIES



IN THE NEXT 100 YEARS, THOUSANDS OF HARDY MEN AND WOMEN FOLLOWED THE PLYMOUTH and JAMESTOWN SETTLERS TO THE NEW WORLD, THERE TO WREST A LIVELIHOOD FROM THE WILDERNESS. ONE GOAL WAS UPPERMOST; **FREEDOM...TO LIVE...TO WORSHIP...AS THEY WISHED.**



IN THE NORTH, TOWNS AND WORKSHOPS, QUARRIES AND MILLS SPANG UP. THE WARMER SOUTH REMAINED LARGELY AGRICULTURAL, WITH VAST FIELDS OF RICE, TOBACCO AND COTTON.



THUS WERE CREATED THE 13 COLONIES THAT WERE TO BECOME THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THOUGH ENGLISH SETTLERS PREDOMINATED AND THE COLONIES' ALLEGIANCE WAS TO ENGLAND... SEEKERS OF FREEDOM and OPPORTUNITY CAME FROM MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, TOO. AND OUT OF THIS MIXTURE OF CULTURES and RELIGIONS, EMERGED A NEW PEOPLE. ROUGH AND READY, SELF-RELIANT, BOWING TO NO MAN, BUT ONLY TO THEIR GOD.

THE GROWTH OF FREE INSTITUTIONS

ISOLATED AS THEY WERE, MANY SETTLEMENTS GOVERNED THEMSELVES IN TOWN MEETINGS.

A NEW ROAD SHOULD BE BUILT... TO MY FARM.

A NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE IS MORE IMPORTANT.

SUCH MEETINGS, WHERE ALL MIGHT SPEAK, HELD THE SEEDS OF AMERICA'S DEMOCRACY.

EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD WAS A CORNERSTONE OF THE COLONIES' GROWTH. THE BOSTON FREE LATIN SCHOOL (1635) HERALDED AMERICA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

HIGHER LEARNING WAS NOT NEGLECTED. IN 1636, NEAR BOSTON, HARVARD UNIVERSITY WAS FOUNDED.

"FREEDOM OF RELIGION," UNHAPPILY, WAS INTERPRETED BY THE PURITANS OF MASSACHUSETTS AS OBEDIENCE TO THEIR OWN SECT.

WHAT DID THE POOR FELLOW DO?

DO? HE DISAGREED WITH THE PARSON'S SERMON!

MANY REBELLED AGAINST SUCH "FREEDOM," AMONG THEM A YOUNG MINISTER NAMED ROGER WILLIAMS. HIS ARREST WAS ORDERED.

ON A WINTER NIGHT IN 1635...

WILLIAMS FLED INTO THE WILDERNESS.

I'LL START A SETTLEMENT WHERE ALL CAN WORSHIP AS THEY PLEASE. GOVERNMENT MUST NEVER INTERFERE WITH A MAN'S BELIEF!

WITH THE HELP OF FRIENDLY INDIANS, HE FOUNDED THE COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND.

TRUE FREEDOM OF RELIGION WAS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE, TOO, OF WILLIAM PENN, A QUAKER, WHO IN 1681 FOUNDED PENNSYLVANIA.

MR. PENN, YOU MUST HAVE GUNS TO DEAL WITH THESE SAVAGES

THERE WILL BE NO GUNS IN THIS COLONY. WE SHALL DO UNTO THE RED MAN AS WE WOULD HAVE HIM DO UNTO US

PENN'S "GOLDEN RULE" TREATY WITH THE INDIANS WAS NEVER BROKEN.

AT PHILADELPHIA... PENN'S "CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE"... THE PEOPLE ENACTED "THE GREAT LAW":

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR ALL

RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN LAWS

VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTION FOR ALL

PRISONS TO BE MADE INTO WORKSHOPS

ON THE 1700'S, CONFLICT BETWEEN FRANCE AND BRITAIN HAD ECHOES IN THE NEW WORLD.



THE FRENCH HAD SETTLED ALONG THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND GREAT LAKES. ABOUT 1750, THEY BEGAN BUILDING FORTS FROM LAKE ERIE TO THE OHIO RIVER, "GATEWAY TO THE WEST." ENGLAND CLAIMED THIS TERRITORY.

THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA DECIDED TO SEND A MESSENGER TO FORT LE BOEUF, WARNING THE FRENCH "HANDS OFF" FOR THIS JOURNEY ACROSS 300 MILES OF MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS...



A 21-YEAR-OLD SURVEYOR WAS CHOSEN.

THIS IS A DANGEROUS MISSION, YOUNG MAN. ARE YOU WILLING TO UNDERTAKE IT?

GLADLY, SIR.



★ THE MESSENGER'S NAME WAS GEORGE WASHINGTON. ★

WASHINGTON COMPLETED HIS MISSION, BUT THE FRENCH REJECTED THE MESSAGE HE CARRIED AND OCCUPIED FORT DUQUESNE (WHERE PITTSBURGH NOW STANDS).

ON 1755, THE BRITISH SENT AN ARMY TO TAKE THIS FORT.



GENERAL BRADDOCK, IT IS A MISTAKE TO MAINTAIN MILITARY FORMATION IN THESE FORESTS

PERHAPS... BUT MY MEN HAVE ALWAYS FOUGHT THIS WAY

ITS COMMANDER WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH WILDERNESS COMBAT. WASHINGTON ACTED AS HIS GUIDE.

AS WASHINGTON FEARED, THE FRENCH AND THEIR INDIAN ALLIES LAY IN AMBUSH FOR BRADDOCK'S RANKS.

BRADDOCK HAS FALLEN! ALL IS LOST!

ALL IS NOT LOST! TAKE TO THE TREES... FIGHT AS THEY DO!



WASHINGTON'S WOODLAND TACTICS HELPED TO SAVE THE "REDCOATS" FROM COMPLETE DESTRUCTION

3 YEARS LATER, ANOTHER BRITISH ARMY STORMED FORT DUQUESNE AND CAPTURED IT.

ON 1759, THE GREAT FRENCH BASTION OF QUEBEC WAS OVERTHROWN...



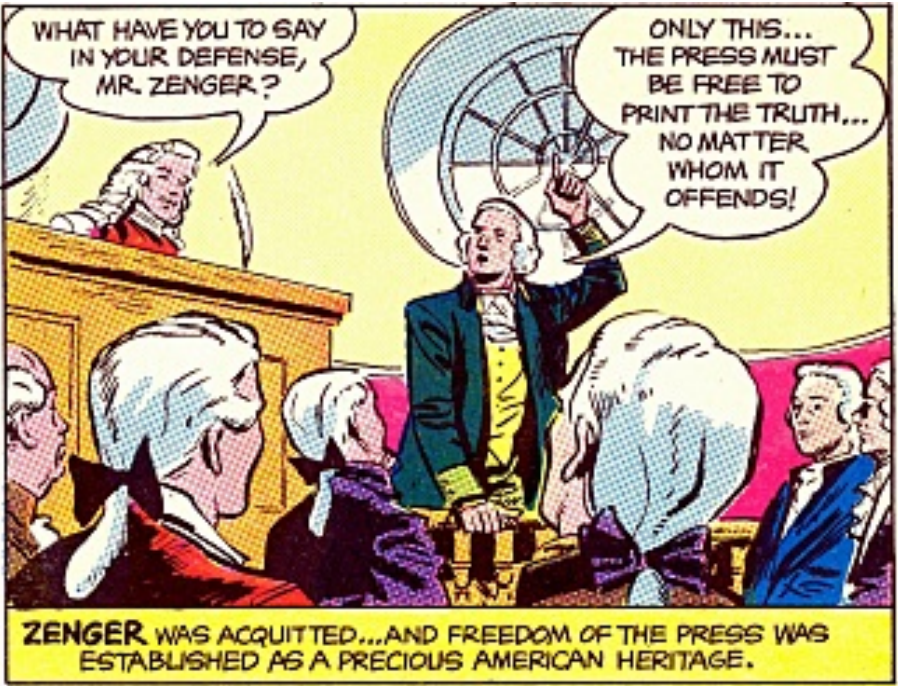
...AND THE BRITISH FLAG FLEW UNCHALLENGED FROM CANADA TO FLORIDA AND WEST TO THE MISSISSIPPI.

MEANWHILE, A DIFFERENT SORT OF VICTORY HAD BEEN WON IN NEW YORK CITY...

HOW DARE THIS SHEET CRITICIZE ME...THE GOVERNOR! I'LL HAVE THE EDITOR ARRESTED: WHAT'S HIS NAME?



HIS NAME, MY LORD, IS JOHN PETER ZENGER



WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY IN YOUR DEFENSE, MR. ZENGER?

ONLY THIS... THE PRESS MUST BE FREE TO PRINT THE TRUTH... NO MATTER WHOM IT OFFENDS!

ZENGER WAS ACQUITTED...AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WAS ESTABLISHED AS A PRECIOUS AMERICAN HERITAGE.

ANOTHER FREEDOM-LOVING EDITOR WAS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. BORN OF A POOR BOSTON FAMILY, HE CAME TO PHILADELPHIA AT 17, CARRYING ALL HIS POSSESSIONS...



MAMA, COME LOOK AT THIS ODD CREATURE IN THE STREET!

HE BECAME A PRINTER'S APPRENTICE... SOON HE HAD HIS OWN PRINTING SHOP... AND THE GIRL WHO HAD LAUGHED AT HIM, DEBORAH REED, BECAME MRS. BEN FRANKLIN.



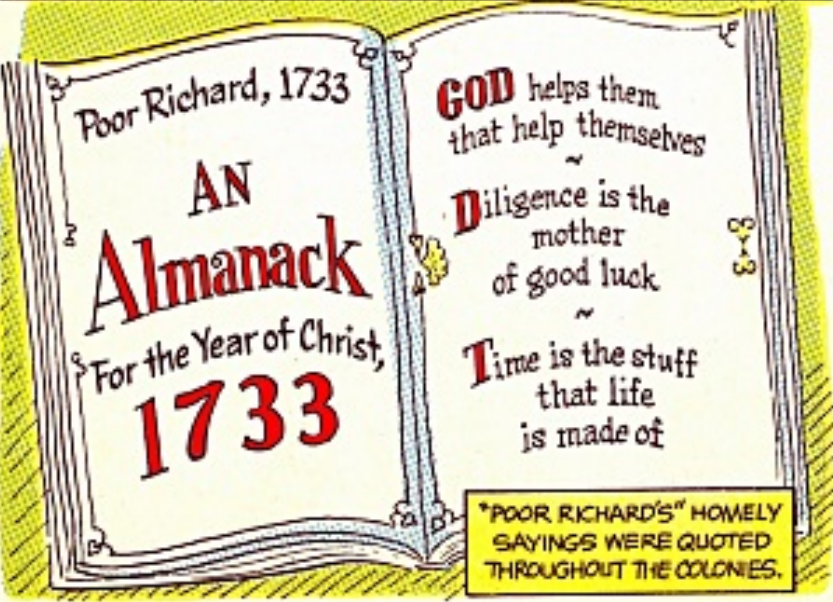
HIS PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE BECAME A LEADING NEWSPAPER...



STRONG WORDS, BEN... "UNITE OR DIE!"

PERHAPS... BUT THE COLONIES MUST STAND TOGETHER.

MOST BOOKS WERE IMPORTED THEN FROM ENGLAND... FEW COULD AFFORD THEM. FRANKLIN BEGAN PUBLISHING AN ALMANACK...



Poor Richard, 1733

AN Almanack For the Year of Christ, 1733

GOD helps them that help themselves

Diligence is the mother of good luck

Time is the stuff that life is made of

"POOR RICHARD'S" HOMELY SAYINGS WERE QUOTED THROUGHOUT THE COLONIES.



ONE STORMY DAY...

YOU LIKE TO FLY KITES, MR. FRANKLIN?

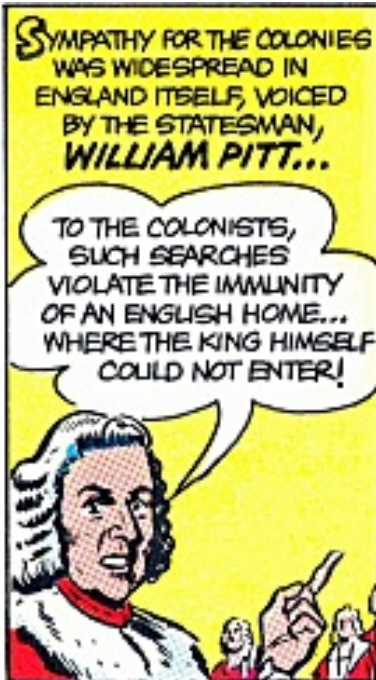
SEE THAT SPARK, MY LAD? THAT IS ELECTRICITY... SOME DAY MEN WILL CONTROL IT

WORD OF THIS EXPERIMENT SPREAD EVEN TO EUROPE... WHILE ANOTHER KIND OF STORM WAS GATHERING OVER THE 13 COLONIES.

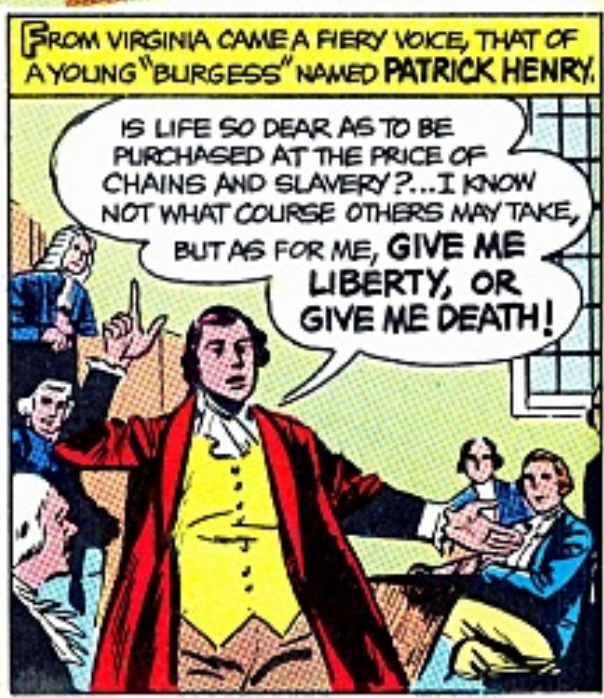
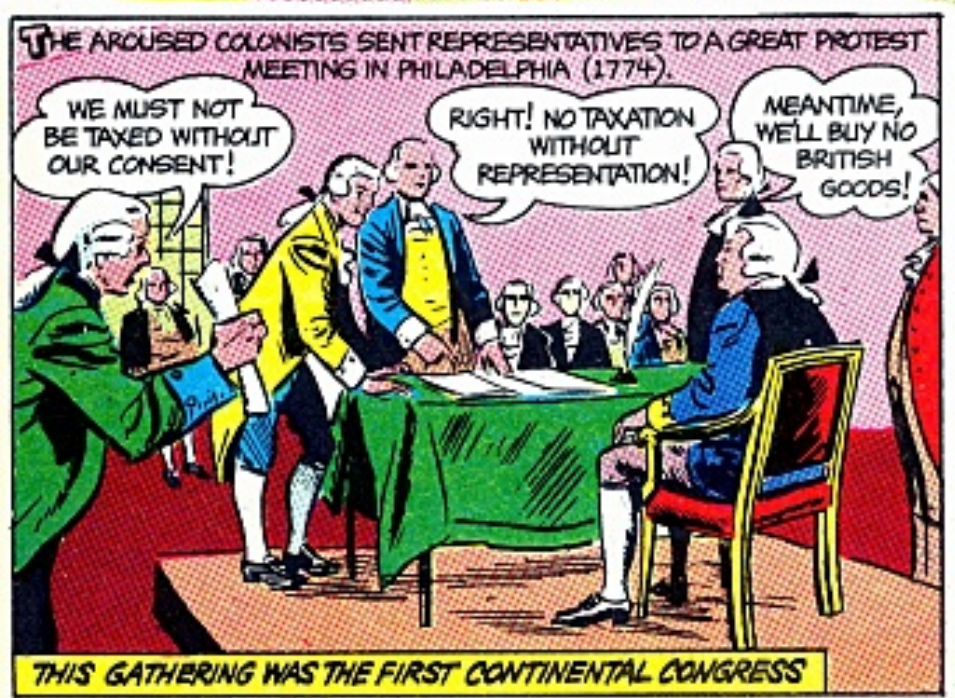
IN ENGLAND, GEORGE III

ASCENDED THE THRONE (1760) TO FIND HIS TREASURY DRAINED BY WARS WITH FRANCE.

NEW TAXES WERE THEREFORE IMPOSED UPON THE COLONIES... THEIR TRADE WITH OTHER NATIONS WAS FORBIDDEN... AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WERE AUTHORIZED TO SEARCH THEIR HOMES IN ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS.



THE UNPOPULAR STAMP ACT WAS REPEALED, BUT A NEW TAX WAS SUBSTITUTED... ON TEA. WHEN THE FIRST TEA-LADEN SHIP REACHED BOSTON, A GROUP OF COLONISTS DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS INDIANS...



TO ENFORCE ITS DECREES, THE KING'S GOVERNMENT STATIONED LARGE NUMBERS OF TROOPS IN THE COLONIES. THEIR PRESENCE WAS BITTERLY RESENTED.

IN MASSACHUSETTS, A GROUP OF COLONISTS COLLECTED A STORE OF ARMS AT CONCORD, NEAR BOSTON.



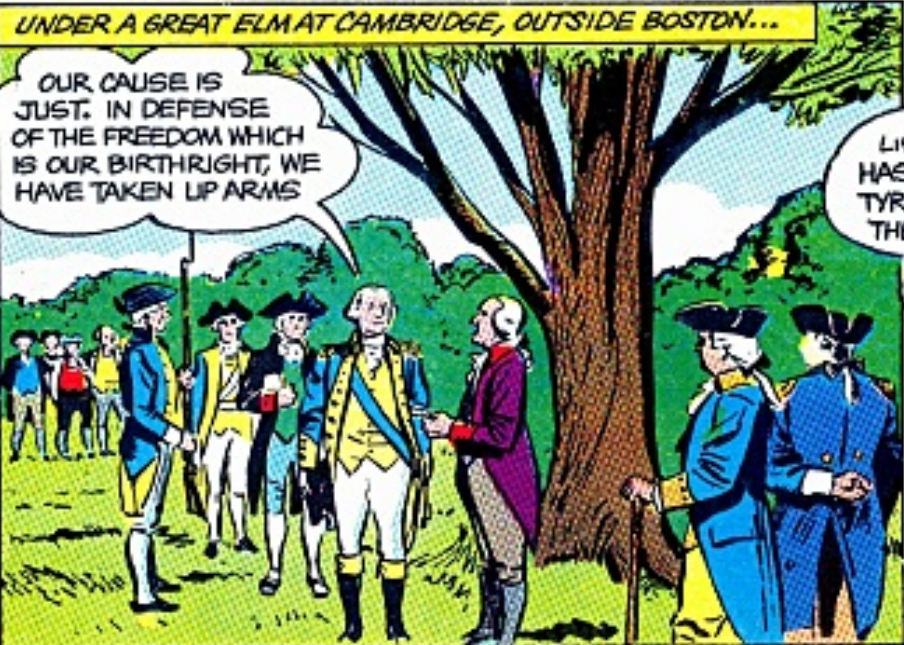
WHEN THE REDCOATS MARCHED AT DAWN, THE "MINUTE MEN" (MILITIA) WERE WAITING AT CONCORD BRIDGE...



TODAY, BESIDE THAT PEACEFUL STREAM, NEAR THE TOMBS OF THE FALLEN ON BOTH SIDES, ARE INSCRIBED THE LINES OF THE POET EMERSON:

HERE ONCE THE EMBATTLED FARMERS STOOD ...AND FIRED THE SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD

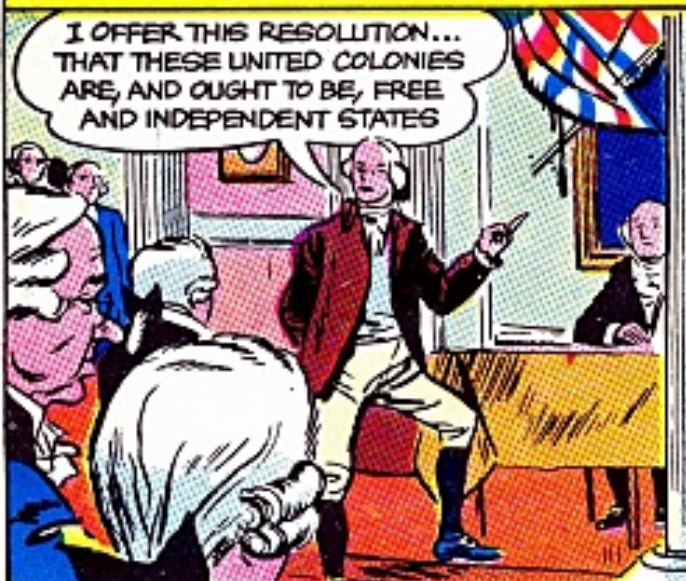
OPEN CONFLICT HAD BEGUN. A SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS GATHERED (1775) AND APPOINTED **GEORGE WASHINGTON** COMMANDER OF THE COLONIAL VOLUNTEERS.



EARLY IN 1776, A PAMPHLET CALLED "COMMON SENSE" APPEARED:

IT VOICED THE THOUGHT IN THOUSANDS OF MINDS: **INDEPENDENCE!**

ON THE SPRING OF 1776, RICHARD HENRY LEE OF VIRGINIA ROSE IN THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS...



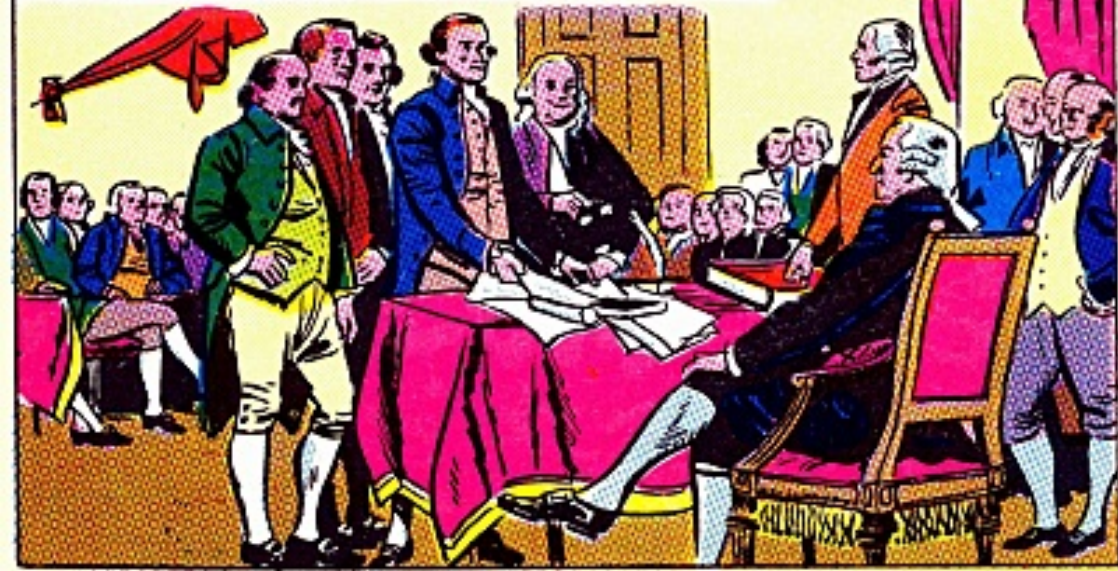
CONGRESS THEN APPOINTED A COMMITTEE OF FIVE, INCLUDING BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, TO FOLLOW LEE'S RESOLUTION WITH A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. THE ACTUAL TASK OF WRITING THIS DECLARATION WAS ASSIGNED TO A 33-YEAR-OLD SCHOLAR...

THOMAS JEFFERSON HAD STUDIED THE WORKS OF VOLTAIRE, LOCKE, DESCARTES AND ARISTOTLE...



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

ON JULY 4, 1776, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 13 COLONIES ADOPTED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.



FROM PHILADELPHIA'S TOWN HALL, THE "LIBERTY BELL" PEALD THE TIDINGS...



ENGLAND SENT HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS TO SUBDUCE THE REBELLIOUS COLONISTS.

WASHINGTON HAS BEEN DRIVEN FROM NEW YORK... HE HAS FLED ACROSS THE DELAWARE RIVER.

REMEMBER TOM PAINE'S WORDS: "THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS!"



ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT... WHILE HIS PURSUERS SLEPT BESIDE THE ICE-PACKED DELAWARE... WASHINGTON RECROSSED THE RIVER.

MY HANDS ARE FREEZING

QUIET, MAN. YOUR VOICE WILL CARRY



THE BOLD MOVE TOOK THE BRITISH BY SURPRISE... THEIR ENCAMPMENT AT TRENTON WAS OVERWHELMED... AND THE COLONISTS TOOK NEW HEART.

SUMMER, 1777... A GREAT BRITISH ARMY UNDER GENERAL BURGOYNE MOVED FROM CANADA INTO THE HUDSON VALLEY. IT SEEMED CERTAIN TO CUT THE COLONIES IN TWO...

BUT BURGOYNE'S PROGRESS WAS HARASSED AT EVERY STEP, AND IN OCTOBER, AT SARATOGA...



HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN. THEY'RE SURRENDERING!

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! THOUSANDS OF THEM!

MEN, THIS OUGHT TO TURN THE TIDE

AT SARATOGA THERE FLEW FOR THE FIRST TIME A BANNER... WITH 13 STARS and 13 STRIPES. SINCE THEN, A STAR FOR EACH NEW STATE HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.



THE SURRENDER OF BURGOYNE'S ARMY WAS INDEED THE TURNING POINT OF THE REVOLUTION.

SHORTLY AFTERWARD... AT THE COURT OF FRANCE...

MR. FRANKLIN, YOU MAY REPORT TO YOUR CONGRESS THAT IT CAN COUNT ON MY COUNTRY'S HELP

YOUR MAJESTY, AMERICA WILL NEVER FORGET THIS ACT OF FRIENDSHIP



NOR WOULD AMERICANS EVER FORGET THE YOUNG FRENCH NOBLEMAN, LAFAYETTE, WHO HAD ALREADY JOINED THEIR CAUSE.

DARK DAYS STILL LAY AHEAD. THAT WINTER, FOUND WASHINGTON'S ARMY IN DESPERATE STRAITS AT VALLEY FORGE...

WE HAVE NO SUPPLIES... WE'RE STARVING. I'M GOING BACK TO MY FARM

THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK! LOOK AT WASHINGTON



IT WAS THE DARKNESS THAT PRECEDES THE DAWN.

HERE, ON OCTOBER 19, 1781...

WASHINGTON'S INSPIRATION HELD HIS TROOPS TOGETHER... HELP CAME FROM FRANCE...AND FINALLY, THE BULK OF THE BRITISH ARMY WAS TRAPPED BY AMERICAN AND FRENCH FORCES, UNDER **WASHINGTON** and **LAFAYETTE**, AT YORKTOWN, IN VIRGINIA.



THE BRITISH GENERAL **CORNWALLIS** SURRENDERED...AMERICA'S FIGHT FOR ITS FREEDOM WAS OVER.

ACROSS THE SEA, GEORGE III VOICED THE SENTIMENTS OF BOTH SIDES: "IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT RELIGION, LANGUAGE, INTEREST AND AFFECTION MAY PROVE A BOND OF PERMANENT UNION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES."

THE COLONIES WERE NOW FREE STATES...BUT UNDER THEIR LOOSE CONFEDERATION, THEY BEGAN TO ACT LIKE SEPARATE NATIONS...JEALOUS OF ONE ANOTHER, QUARRELING OVER BOUNDARIES, ISSUING THEIR OWN MONEY...



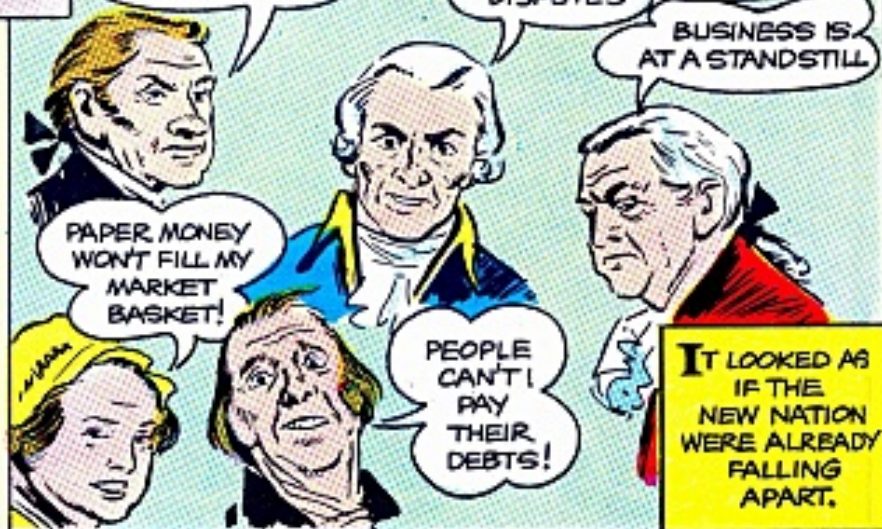
YOU CAN'T BRING POTATOES FROM NEW JERSEY TO NEW YORK WITHOUT PAYING DUTY

WHY NOT? WE FOUGHT TOGETHER... WHY CAN'T WE TRADE TOGETHER?

I TELL YOU, THE STATES MUST HAVE A STRONGER ORGANIZATION

WE NEED A CENTRAL AUTHORITY TO SETTLE DISPUTES

BUSINESS IS AT A STANDSTILL



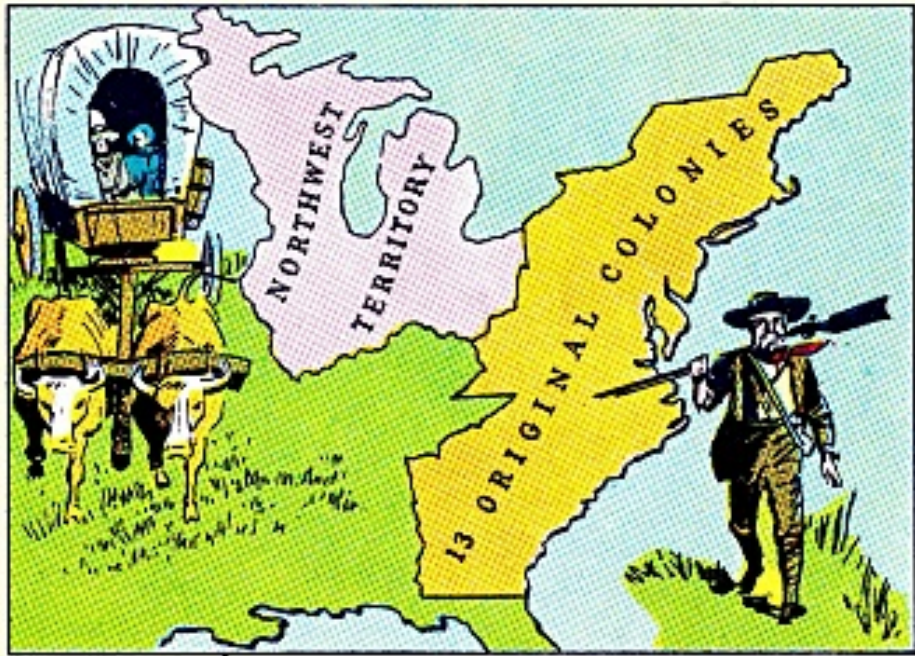
PAPER MONEY WON'T FILL MY MARKET BASKET!

PEOPLE CAN'T PAY THEIR DEBTS!

IT LOOKED AS IF THE NEW NATION WERE ALREADY FALLING APART.

AMONG THESE TROUBLES, ONE BRIGHT EVENT GLEAMED. THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY, IN WHICH SEVERAL STATES CLAIMED DISPUTED LANDS, WAS TURNED OVER, BY THEIR COMMON CONSENT, TO THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

THUS THE WAY WAS OPENED FOR A GREAT MIGRATION WESTWARD.



THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE OF 1787 FORBODE SLAVERY IN THE TERRITORY AND PLEDGED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND EDUCATION FOR ALL.

BUT ELSEWHERE, THE QUARRELS AMONG THE STATES WERE GROWING WORSE AND WORSE.

AT THE URGING OF WASHINGTON, THEN IN RETIREMENT, A CONVENTION GATHERED IN PHILADELPHIA (1787) TO WRITE A NEW CONSTITUTION...ITS START WAS STORMY.

WHY SHOULD YOUR STATE BE EQUAL WITH MINE WHICH IS FIVE TIMES AS BIG?

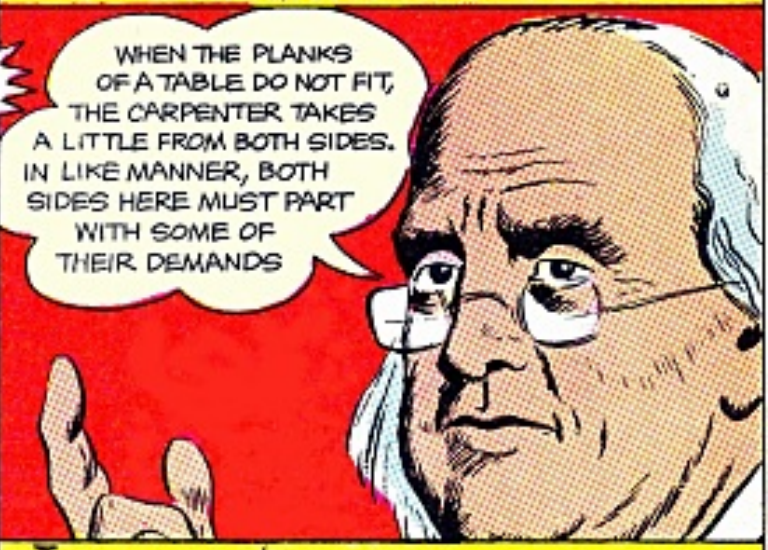
YES, BUT MINE PRODUCES FIVE TIMES THE GOODS THAT YOURS DOES!

GENTLEMEN, GENTLEMEN...



AFTER WEEKS OF ANGRY DEBATE, THE 84-YEAR-OLD BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ROSE...

WHEN THE PLANKS OF A TABLE DO NOT FIT, THE CARPENTER TAKES A LITTLE FROM BOTH SIDES. IN LIKE MANNER, BOTH SIDES HERE MUST PART WITH SOME OF THEIR DEMANDS

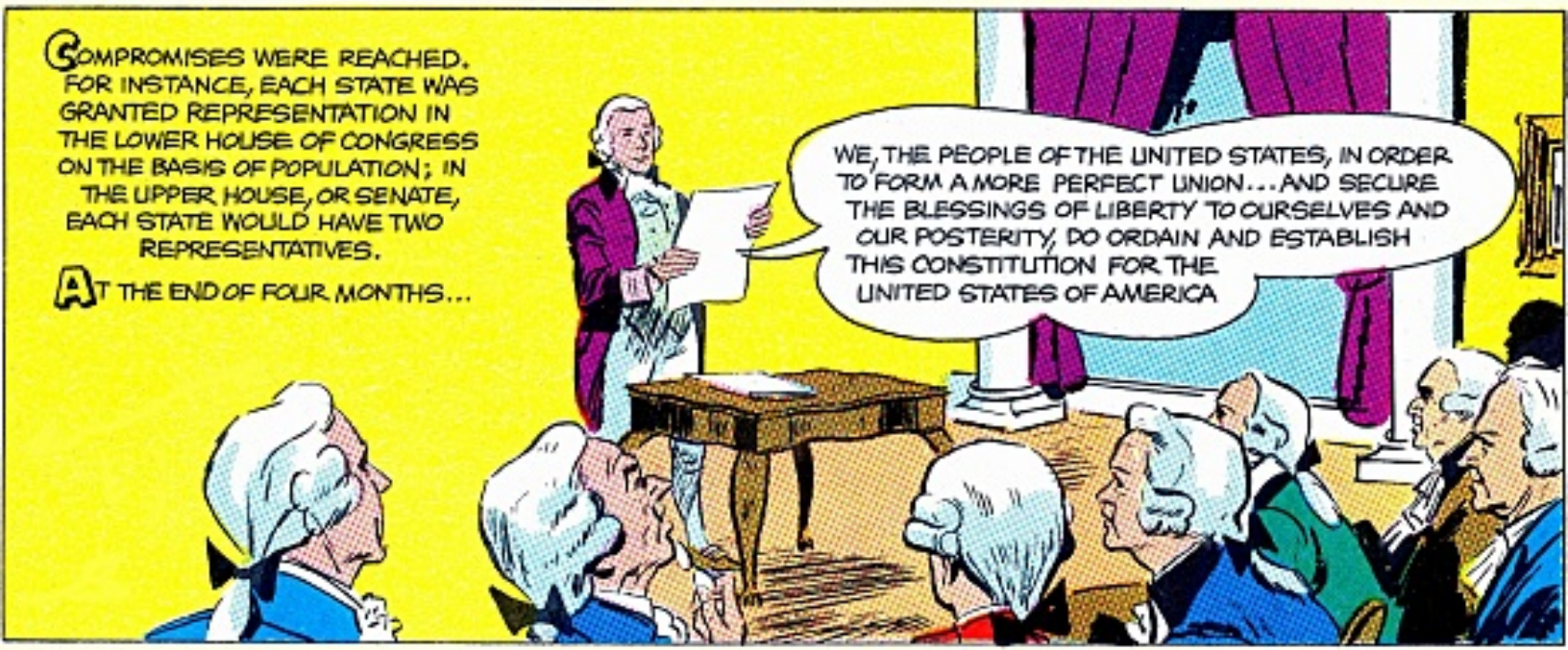


IT WAS FRANKLIN'S LAST GREAT SERVICE. HE DIED SOON AFTERWARD, MOURNED BY OLD WORLD AND NEW.

COMPROMISES WERE REACHED. FOR INSTANCE, EACH STATE WAS GRANTED REPRESENTATION IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS ON THE BASIS OF POPULATION; IN THE UPPER HOUSE, OR SENATE, EACH STATE WOULD HAVE TWO REPRESENTATIVES.

AT THE END OF FOUR MONTHS...

WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION...AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



THE CONSTITUTION TOOK EFFECT IN 1789...BUT NOT ALL CITIZENS WERE SATISFIED.

IT SAYS THAT CONGRESS SHALL MAKE THE LAWS...THAT THE PRESIDENT SHALL ENFORCE THEM...THAT THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ACT AS A CHECK ON BOTH. THUS WE NEED NOT FEAR A CONCENTRATION OF POWER

NEVERTHELESS, THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS REQUIRE GREATER PROTECTION!

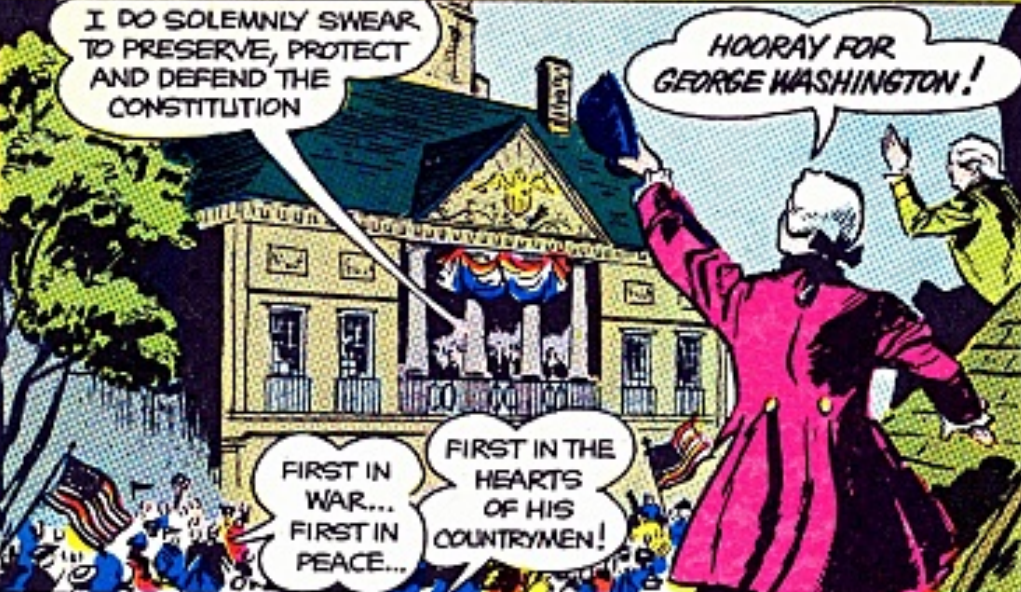


TWO YEARS LATER, TEN AMENDMENTS... DRAFTED BY JAMES MADISON... WERE ADDED. THESE WERE KNOWN AS THE BILL OF RIGHTS. AMONG OTHER THINGS THEY GUARANTEED...



- FREEDOM OF RELIGION
-
- FREEDOM OF SPEECH
-
- FREEDOM OF THE PRESS
-
- FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY
-
- SANCTITY OF THE HOME
-

UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED FIRST PRESIDENT WAS THE MAN ALREADY KNOWN AS THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY. IN NEW YORK, 1789...



I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION

HOORAY FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON!

FIRST IN WAR... FIRST IN PEACE...

FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN!

ALEXANDER HAMILTON, AS SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, PUT THE YOUNG NATION ON A SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS... HE FOUNDED THE FEDERALIST PARTY WHICH BELIEVED IN STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

THOMAS JEFFERSON BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE, HEADED THE OPPOSITION PARTY WHICH FAVORED DIVISION OF AUTHORITY AMONG THE STATES.

THESE TWO POLITICAL DIVISIONS HAVE THEIR ECHOES IN THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES OF TODAY.

NOW BEGAN A GREAT MOVEMENT OF POPULATION... ACROSS THE ALLEGHENY MOUNTAINS... INTO THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY. FARTHER SOUTH, PEOPLE PUSHED WESTWARD INTO TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY WHERE THE GREAT WOODSMAN, DANIEL BOONE, HAD ALREADY FOUNDED SETTLEMENTS.



THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO BUILD OUR FIRST HOME, MARY

AYE, JOHN... IF WE'LL BE WELCOME

WELCOME? THAT YOU ARE, MY FRIENDS!

YOU MUST BE MIGHTY PROUD OF THIS SETTLEMENT, DANIEL

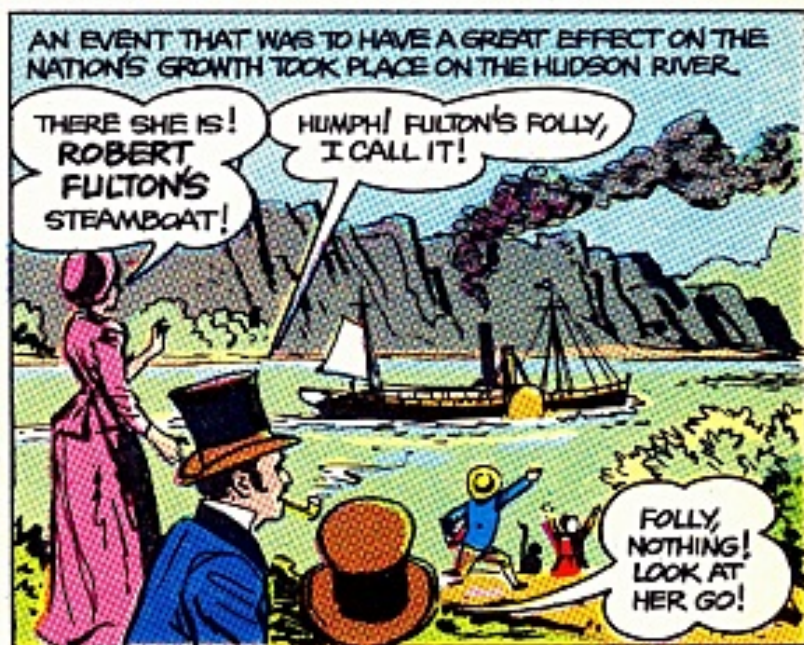
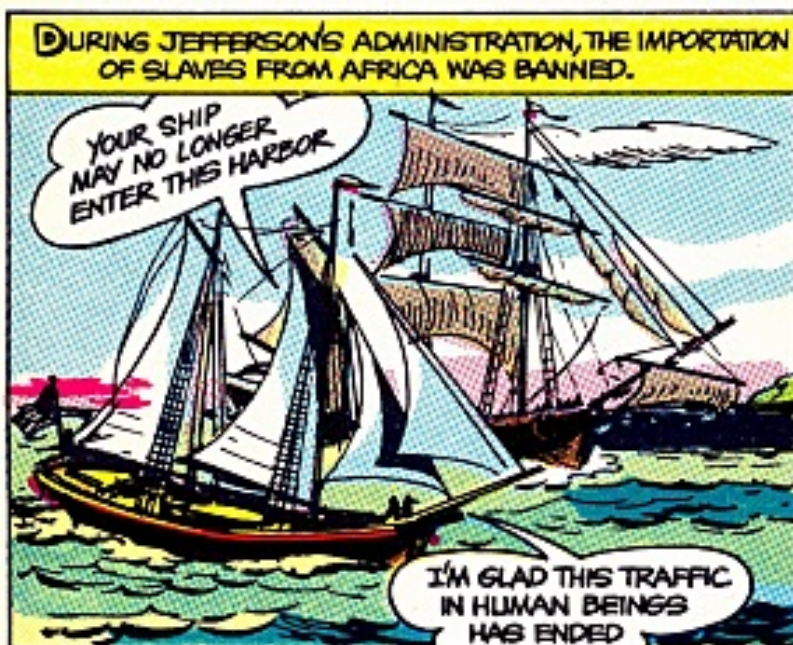
IT'S GETTING A LITTLE TOO CROWDED... I'M MOVING FARTHER WEST, WHERE A MAN HAS ELBOW ROOM

THIS DID THE NEW NATION SET THE PATTERN OF ITS FUTURE: A GOVERNMENT ANSWERABLE TO THE PEOPLE; TWO PARTIES, THE ONE A CONSTANT CHECK ON THE OTHER; PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS; OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL THOSE WILLING TO WORK FOR IT, ESPECIALLY IN THE OPENING WEST.

AFTER SERVING TWO TERMS (EIGHT YEARS), GEORGE WASHINGTON REFUSED A THIRD AND RETIRED TO HIS HOME, MT. VERNON. THERE, AS THE 18TH CENTURY CAME TO A CLOSE...



HE DIED, WITHIN SIGHT OF A NEW CITY RISING BESIDE THE POTOMAC RIVER. IT WAS TO BE THE NATION'S CAPITAL... WASHINGTON.



THE MAIN CAUSE OF THIS QUARREL WAS ENGLAND'S INSISTENCE ON THE RIGHT TO SEARCH AMERICAN SHIPS FOR BRITISH DESERTERS. TRUE, THERE WERE MANY SUCH DESERTERS...BUT FREQUENTLY AMERICAN SAILORS WERE SEIZED.



JEFFERSON'S SECOND TERM WAS MARKED, UNHAPPILY, BY A NEW QUARREL WITH ENGLAND. IT GREW WORSE UNDER HIS SUCCESSOR, JAMES MADISON.



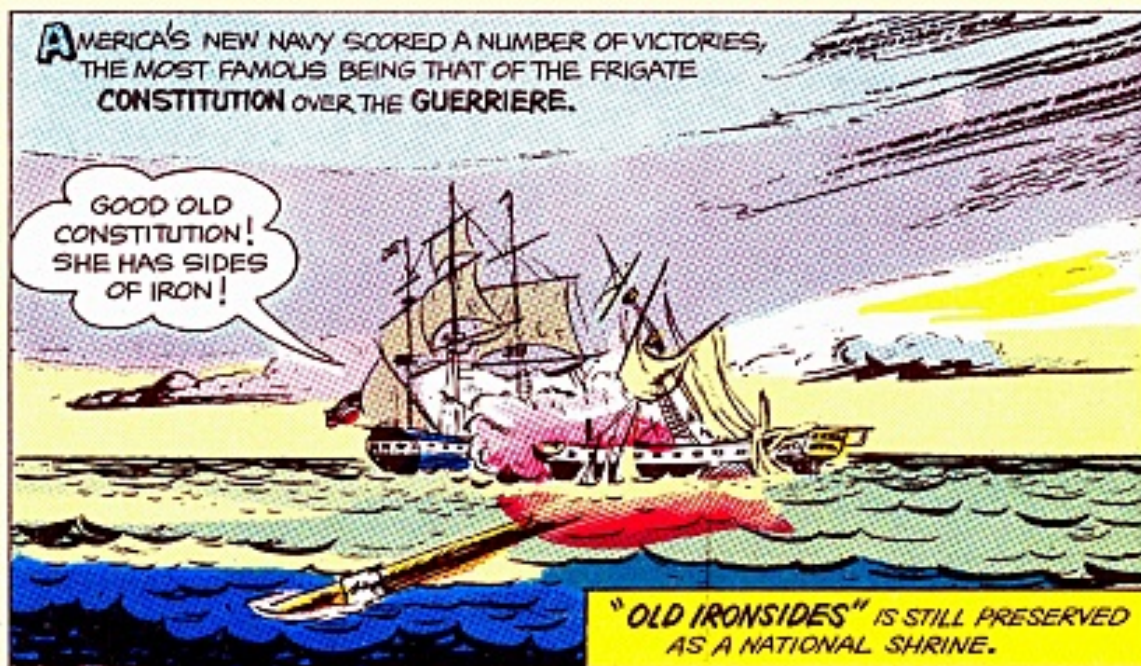
POPULAR RESENTMENT AGAINST THIS PRACTICE LED, IN 1812, TO A DECLARATION OF WAR... A WAR WHICH NEITHER SIDE REALLY WANTED.

BRITISH TROOPS FROM CANADA WON A SERIES OF SUCCESSES ON LAND, BUT AT SEA... SURPRISINGLY...



AMERICA'S NEW NAVY SCORED A NUMBER OF VICTORIES, THE MOST FAMOUS BEING THAT OF THE FRIGATE CONSTITUTION OVER THE GUERRIERE.

GOOD OLD CONSTITUTION! SHE HAS SIDES OF IRON!



"OLD IRONSIDES" IS STILL PRESERVED AS A NATIONAL SHRINE.

MEANWHILE, BRITISH FORCES OCCUPIED WASHINGTON, THEN MOVED UPON BALTIMORE. THERE THE NIGHT-LONG BATTLE WAS WATCHED BY A YOUNG POET, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY...



I SEE A FLAG! IT'S OURS! WE'VE WON!

ON AN OLD ENVELOPE, KEY SCRIBBLED THE WORDS OF "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER," NOW AMERICA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM.

*'Tis the Star Spangled Banner,
Oh, long may it wave...*

THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR WAS FOUGHT AT NEW ORLEANS, WHERE THE BACKWOODS RIFLEMEN OF ANDREW JACKSON SHATTERED A BRITISH INVASION ARMY.



OUR BOYS MAY NOT KNOW WAR, GENERAL JACKSON, BUT THEY CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO SHOOT

IRONICALLY, THE VICTORY CAME TWO WEEKS AFTER A PEACE TREATY HAD BEEN SIGNED AT GHENT (BELGIUM) IN 1814. THE NEWS HAD NOT YET CROSSED THE OCEAN!

THE NEXT PRESIDENT, JAMES MONROE, TOOK HIS OATH IN FRONT OF A PARTLY DESTROYED CAPITOL.



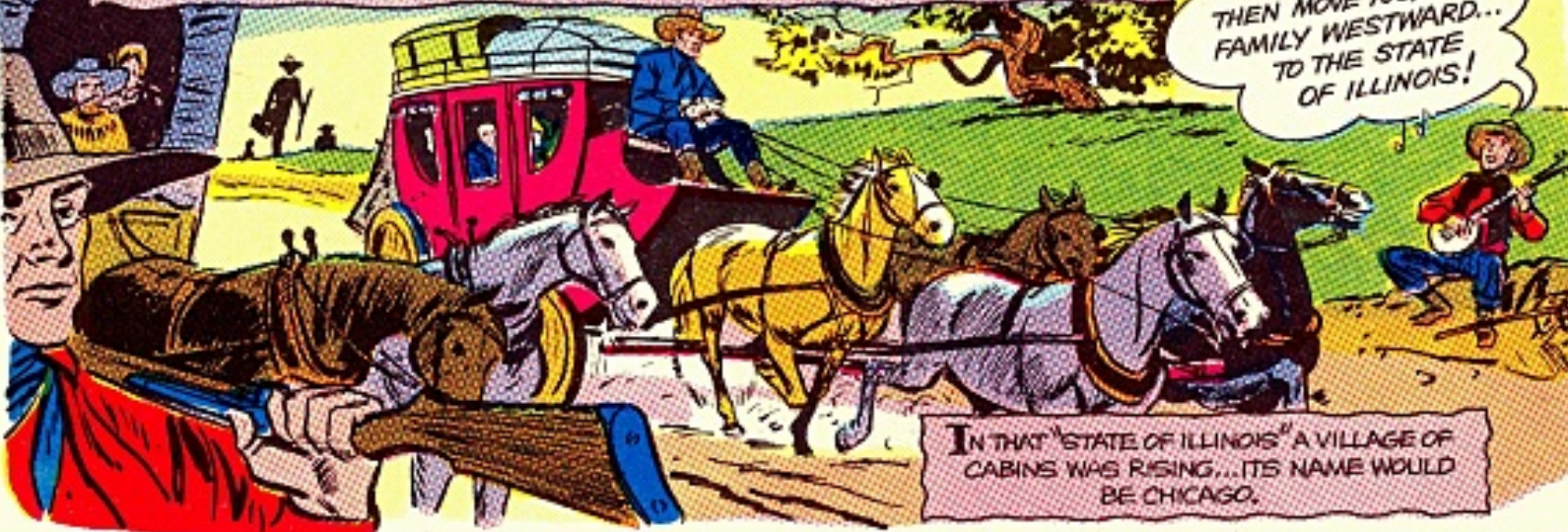
WITH PEACE RESTORED, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS HAILED AS "THE ERA OF GOOD FEELING."

MEANWHILE, IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA, NEW REPUBLICS HAD DECLARED THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN. BUT AN ALLIANCE OF EUROPEAN RULERS NOW SOUGHT TO REGAIN CONTROL OVER THEM. PRESIDENT MONROE MADE A MOMENTOUS STATEMENT TO CONGRESS.



ENGLAND SUPPORTED HIS STAND, AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE HAS EVER SINCE GUARANTEED THE FREEDOM OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

WESTWARD MIGRATION RECEIVED FRESH IMPETUS WITH THE BUILDING OF A GREAT "NATIONAL ROAD" ACROSS THE FOREST-CLAD ALLEGHENIES. BY 1825, IT STRETCHED FROM MARYLAND TO THE MISSISSIPPI.



IN THAT "STATE OF ILLINOIS" A VILLAGE OF CABINS WAS RISING... ITS NAME WOULD BE CHICAGO.

THE SETTLING OF THE WEST BROUGHT NEW STATES INTO THE UNION... AND ALSO BROUGHT TO A HEAD THE UGLY QUESTION OF SLAVERY. SHOULD IT BE PERMITTED IN THE NEW STATES? SLAVERY WAS OPPOSED BY MANY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE NATION, BUT IT WAS GENERALLY DEFENDED IN THE AGRICULTURAL SOUTH AS AN ECONOMIC NECESSITY... ESPECIALLY AFTER THE INVENTION OF THE "COTTON GIN" HAD MADE VAST COTTON FIELDS THE SOUTH'S CHIEF SOURCE OF INCOME.



WHEN MISSOURI SOUGHT ADMISSION TO THE UNION AS A "SLAVE STATE," A LONG, BITTER DEBATE TOOK PLACE IN CONGRESS. HENRY CLAY, KNOWN AS THE "GREAT COMPROMISER," ROSE...



IT WAS SO AGREED. THIS WAS THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE WHICH MANY FEARED WAS BUT A POSTPONEMENT OF THE ISSUE. TIME PROVED THEM RIGHT.

REGARDLESS OF INTERNAL DIFFERENCES, THE WHOLE COUNTRY CHEERED THE RETURN VISIT OF AN AGING WARRIOR FOR FREEDOM...



MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE, AROUND YOU ARE MEN WHO FOUGHT BESIDE YOU... WHO NOW ASK GOD'S BLESSING ON YOU AND YOURS FOREVER.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR (1825), EASTERN AMERICA AND THE GROWING WEST WERE LINKED BY A MIGHTY PROJECT...THE ERIE CANAL, JOINING THE HUDSON RIVER WITH THE GREAT LAKES, 363 MILES AWAY.



HERE'S THE PLOW YOU ORDERED FROM NEW YORK.

AND I HAVE A SHIPMENT OF WHEAT FOR THE CITY.

FIVE YEARS LATER A STILL STRONGER LINK WAS FORGED WHEN AN INVENTION FROM ENGLAND WAS TRIED OUT NEAR BALTIMORE...



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

THAT'S PETER COOPER'S 'TOM THUMB'. RUNS FASTER THAN A HORSE.

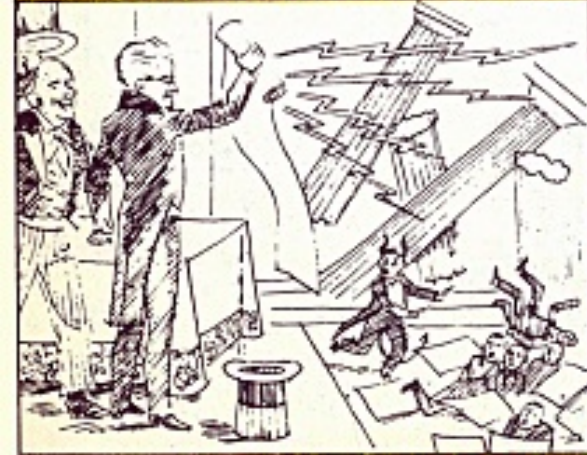
MEANWHILE, THE COUNTRY ELECTED A NEW PRESIDENT... ANDREW JACKSON, THE FIRST TO COME FROM A HUMBLE BACKWOODS BACKGROUND.



HOORAY FOR THE HERO OF NEW ORLEANS!

HOORAY FOR OLD HICKORY!

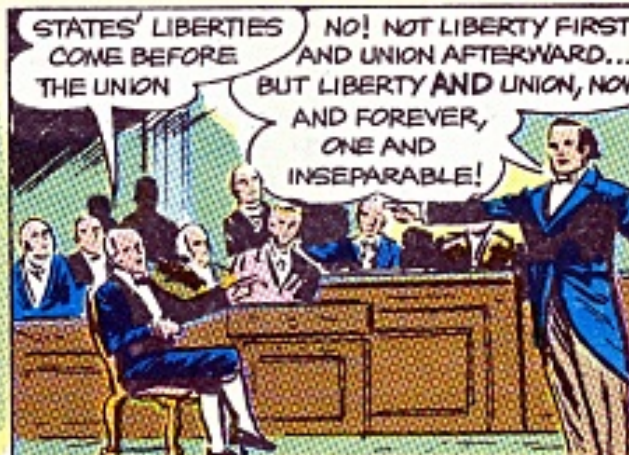
JACKSON UNDERTOOK A SWEEPING REFORM OF THE BANKING SYSTEM WHICH HE BELIEVED PERMITTED A FEW MEN TO CONTROL THE COUNTRY'S MONEY SUPPLY.



IT WAS A POPULAR MOVE AS THIS CARTOON OF THE DAY INDICATED.

JACKSON'S HARDEST FIGHT WAS TO SAVE THE UNION ITSELF. THE SOUTHERN STATES OBJECTED STRONGLY TO A HEAVY DUTY IMPOSED BY CONGRESS ON IMPORTED GOODS AS PROTECTION FOR NORTHERN INDUSTRIES. SOUTH CAROLINA THREATENED TO LEAVE THE UNION.

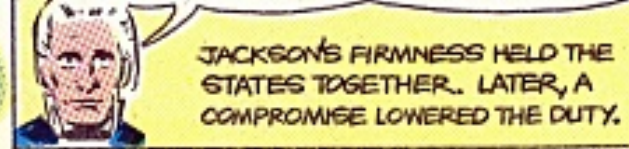
IN A GREAT DEBATE SENATOR HAYNE OF THE REBELLIOUS STATE WAS ANSWERED BY DANIEL WEBSTER...



STATES' LIBERTIES COME BEFORE THE UNION

NO! NOT LIBERTY FIRST AND UNION AFTERWARD... BUT LIBERTY AND UNION, NOW AND FOREVER, ONE AND INSEPARABLE!

OUR UNION, IT MUST BE PRESERVED!



JACKSON'S FIRMFNESS HELD THE STATES TOGETHER. LATER, A COMPROMISE LOWERED THE DUTY.

FROM 1840 ON, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE STARTED COMING FROM EUROPE TO THE UNITED STATES. OPPORTUNITY IN THE WEST BECKONED TO THEM; FAMINE AND UNREST AT HOME SPURRED THEM ON.

FROM MANY NATIONS THEY CAME... PEOPLE OF MANY DIFFERENT BELIEFS, RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL. THIS AMERICA WAS CALLED "THE MELTING POT."



WESTWARD EXPANSION SOON COLLIDED... WITH BRITISH CANADA TO THE NORTH... WITH MEXICO TO THE SOUTH. BY A TREATY WITH CANADA IN 1846, THE DISPUTED OREGON TERRITORY WAS EQUALLY DIVIDED. THE ARGUMENT WITH MEXICO DID NOT END SO PEACEFULLY.



THE NEWEST AMERICAN STATE... TEXAS... HAD ONCE BEEN PART OF MEXICO BUT HAD DECLARED ITSELF INDEPENDENT. BOUNDARY QUARRELS FOLLOWED... SHOTS WERE FIRED... AND IN 1846 CONGRESS DECLARED WAR. IT WAS WIDELY OPPOSED IN THE UNITED STATES. AMERICAN TROOPS MARCHED UPON MEXICO CITY...

AND ITS FALL, IN 1847, ENDED THE SHORT, UNPOPULAR WAR.



LOOK! WHAT WONDERFUL BUILDINGS!

THOSE ARE THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA

THE MEXICAN PEACE TREATY CEDED TO THE UNITED STATES THE ENTIRE CALIFORNIA AND NEW MEXICO TERRITORY. MANY AMERICANS HAD ALREADY SETTLED THERE, AND MEXICO WAS FULLY PAID FOR THE LAND.

IN 1848, AT SUTTER'S MILL IN CALIFORNIA...



HELLO, WHAT'S THIS YELLOW STUFF?

MAN, THAT'S GOLD!

THE DISCOVERY BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF GOLD-SEEKERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, AND FROM EUROPE, TO CALIFORNIA.



WE'RE RICH... WE'LL LIVE LIKE KINGS... IN LONDON... PARIS...

NOT ME. I'M GOING TO BUY A FARM RIGHT HERE... WITH ORANGE GROVES AND GRAPE VINES

A FEW FOUND RICHES; MOST FOUND ONLY HARDSHIP AND DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT THOSE WHO REMAINED TO TILL CALIFORNIA'S FERTILE SOIL FOUND ITS REAL WEALTH.

DAYS OF PROGRESS IN MANY FIELDS ...

A FEW YEARS EARLIER, BETWEEN BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON...

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY DOING?

A CRACKPOT PROFESSOR NAMED MORSE THINKS HE CAN SEND MESSAGES ALONG THOSE WIRES

ON MAY 24, 1844, SKEPTICAL WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WATCHED SAMUEL B. MORSE PRESS THE KEY OF THE FIRST TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT.

THERE YOU ARE, GENTLEMEN. THE MESSAGE HAS GONE TO BALTIMORE AND HAS COME BACK

WHAT DOES THE MESSAGE SAY?

IT SAYS, 'WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT?'

IN 1846, AT A HOSPITAL IN BOSTON...

HAS THE ETHER TAKEN EFFECT?

YES, DR. MORTON. THE PATIENT SLEEPS AND FEELS NO PAIN

WILLIAM MORTON'S DISCOVERY MEANS THAT SURGERY WILL NO LONGER BE AGONY TO MANKIND

A FREE NATION MUST BE GOVERNED BY INDIVIDUALS FREE OF IGNORANCE

A GREAT EDUCATOR, HORACE MANN, ADVANCED THE COUNTRY'S SYSTEM OF FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR ALL.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS... INCLUDING THE VOTE... WERE URGED AT AN UNPRECEDENTED CONVENTION IN 1848 ... AND ONE OF THEIR LEADERS, AMELIA BLOOMER, GAVE HER NAME TO A COSTUME THAT SIGNIFIED FEMININE INDEPENDENCE.

WE WANT TO VOTE!

SUFFRAGE

THE STEAM PRINTING PRESS BROUGHT PENNY NEWSPAPERS WITHIN EVERYONE'S REACH.

GIVE ME A HERALD, PLEASE. I DON'T LIKE THE SUN'S OPINIONS

I'LL TAKE BOTH. I LIKE TO READ TWO SIDES OF A QUESTION

GROWING INDUSTRIES BROUGHT LABOR UNIONS. AS EARLY AS 1835, IN PHILADELPHIA...

MEN, THE UNION HAS WON A 10-HOUR DAY

HOORAY! NO MORE WORKING FROM DAWN TO DARK

...AND A FLOURISHING OF THE ARTS.

AS THE NATION GREW, THE VOICES OF POETS AROSE IN THE LAND, DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM THEIR LOVE OF FREEDOM.



JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER
(1807-1892)



HENRY WADSWORTH
LONGFELLOW
(1807-1882)

RALPH WALDO
EMERSON
(1803-1882)



WILLIAM CULLEN
BRYANT
(1797-1878)

PEOPLE EVERYWHERE READ THE STORIES OF WASHINGTON IRVING...



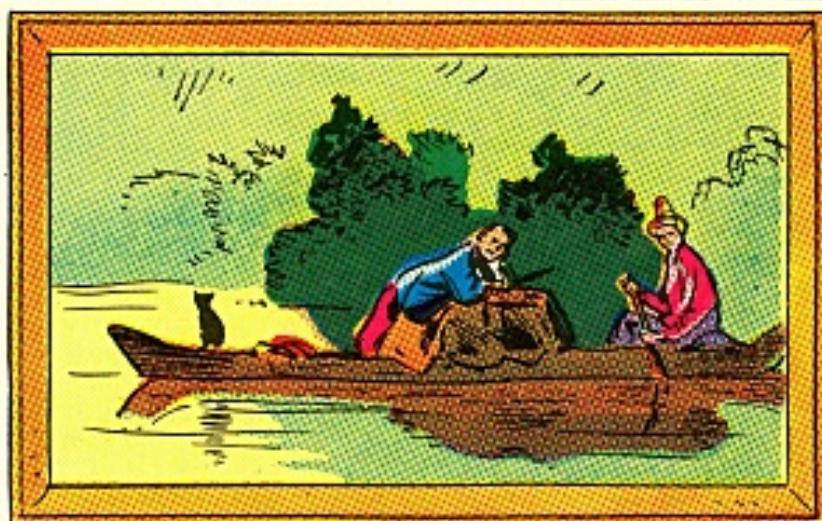
SUCH AS "RIP VAN WINKLE"...



...AND THE "LEATHER STOCKING TALES" OF JAMES FENIMORE COOPER ABOUT THE RESOURCEFUL WOODSMAN, NATTY BUMPTO.

AMERICAN PAINTERS FORMED AN "ART UNION" THROUGH WHICH INEXPENSIVE REPRODUCTIONS OF THEIR WORK WERE SOLD.

WE NOT ONLY HELP OURSELVES TO LIVE, BUT HELP THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY WORKS OF ART



BY MID-CENTURY, POPULAR PAINTINGS...LIKE BINGHAM'S "FUR TRADERS"...HUNG IN 20,000 HOMES.

THE EXISTENCE OF SLAVERY IN A LAND DEVOTED TO FREEDOM COULD NOT BE IGNORED FOR LONG.

THE PROBLEM BOILED UP ONCE MORE WHEN CALIFORNIA AND OTHER NEW WESTERN STATES SOUGHT ADMISSION TO THE UNION.



AGAIN, HENRY CLAY URGED COMPROMISE.



LET CALIFORNIA COME IN AS A FREE STATE. IN THE OTHERS, LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE



BUT COMPROMISE WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO SLAVERY'S FOES. IN BOSTON, WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON WROTE IN HIS NEWSPAPER...

THAT DISTANT LIGHT IS YOUR NEXT STOP. YOU WILL FIND SHELTER THERE. GOOD LUCK

IN 1850 A LAW WAS PASSED COMPELLING THE RETURN OF SLAVES WHO FLED TO NORTHERN STATES. ITS OPPONENTS ORGANIZED AN "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" TO HELP FUGITIVES ESCAPE.

BUT PAPA IS BREAKING THE LAW!

YOUR FATHER FEELS...AS MANY DO...THAT THERE IS A HIGHER LAW



A BOOK APPEARED IN 1852...AND SWEEPED THE COUNTRY.

I CAN'T HELP WEEPING AS I READ. WHAT A TERRIBLE THING SLAVERY IS

I AM TOLD THE BOOK IS EXAGGERATED. NEVERTHELESS, IT'S HAVING A WIDE EFFECT



IN 1857, A SLAVE NAMED DRED SCOTT ASKED THE SUPREME COURT TO DECLARE HIM FREE BECAUSE HE HAD LIVED FOR A TIME IN FREE TERRITORY. THE COURT REFUSED, AND THE NATION WAS ROCKED!

THE DRED SCOTT DECISION WILL OPEN THE ENTIRE WEST TO SLAVERY!

DOWN WITH IT! DOWN WITH THE LAW!



THEN, OUT OF ILLINOIS, A CLEAR VOICE CAME...

A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CAN NOT STAND... THIS GOVERNMENT CAN NOT ENDURE HALF SLAVE AND HALF FREE



THE SPEAKER WAS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

WAS BORN OF POOR BACKWOODS FOLK IN KENTUCKY. WHEN HE WAS A CHILD, THE FAMILY JOURNEYED WESTWARD TO INDIANA, THEN TO ILLINOIS. BY THE TIME HE WAS 8...

...HE COULD SWING AN AX WELL ENOUGH TO HELP HIS FATHER BUILD THEIR CABIN.

GOOD WORK, ABE. YOU'LL BE A FINE WOOD-CUTTER SOMEDAY. I HAVE HIGHER HOPES FOR HIM THAN THAT.



FROM HIS MOTHER, HE LEARNED A LOVE OF BOOKS...WHICH HE HAD TO BORROW. LACKING CANDLES, HE READ BY FIRELIGHT.

YOU'VE STUDIED ENOUGH SON. TIME FOR BED. BUT I MUST RETURN THIS BOOK TOMORROW MORNING.



AS A YOUNG MAN, LINCOLN MADE A JOURNEY SOUTH ON A MISSISSIPPI FLATBOAT...

WHO ARE THOSE UNHAPPY PEOPLE?

SLAVES! I'M GLAD WE DON'T HAVE THEM IN ILLINOIS, AREN'T YOU, ABE?

SLAVERY SHOULD NOT EXIST ANYWHERE. IF I EVER GET A CHANCE TO HIT THAT THING, I'LL HIT IT HARD.

WORKING AT HUMBLE JOBS BY DAY, LINCOLN TAUGHT HIMSELF LAW BY NIGHT.

AFTER OPENING A LAW OFFICE IN SPRINGFIELD, HE ENTERED POLITICAL LIFE... AND IN 1858 BECAME A CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE.



HE AND HIS OPPONENT, STEPHEN DOUGLAS, ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF FAMOUS DEBATES.

THE DIFFERENCE LIES BETWEEN MEN WHO THINK SLAVERY IS WRONG AND THOSE WHO DO NOT. WE THINK IT IS A MORAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL WRONG.



LINCOLN WAS DEFEATED, BUT TWO YEARS LATER...

THE NEW REPUBLICAN PARTY (INHERITING HAMILTON'S TRADITIONS) MET IN CHICAGO...

I NOMINATE ABRAHAM LINCOLN FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

HOORAY FOR HONEST ABE!

SECOND THE MOTION!

HOORAY FOR THE NEXT PRESIDENT!



AGAINST DIVIDED OPPOSITION, LINCOLN WAS ELECTED TO GUIDE A NATION WHICH, TORN BY SLAVERY AND STATES' RIGHTS, FACED ITS DARKEST HOUR.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER LINCOLN'S ELECTION, SOUTH CAROLINA LEFT THE UNION. TEN OTHER STATES GRADUALLY FOLLOWED, FORMING THE "CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA."



MANY IN THE SOUTH OPPOSED SLAVERY...MANY OPPOSED "SECESSION"... BUT LOYALTY TO THEIR STATES CAME FIRST. STILL, BOTH SIDES HOPED CONFLICT COULD BE AVOIDED. THEN, ON APRIL 12, 1861, IN CHARLESTON HARBOR...

CONFEDERATE TROOPS FIRED UPON FORT SUMTER, WHOSE UNION GARRISON HAD REFUSED TO ABANDON IT. WAR HAD BEGUN.



THE FIRST BATTLE TOOK PLACE BESIDE A STREAM CALLED BULL RUN WHERE GRAY-CLAD CONFEDERATE FORCES THREATENED NEARBY WASHINGTON. BLUE-CLAD UNION TROOPS ATTACKED...



THEY'RE BEATING US BACK

THEY MUST NOT! LOOK, THERE IS JACKSON... STANDING LIKE A STONE WALL!

THE CONFEDERATES RALLIED AND PUT THE UNION FORCES TO ROUT.

GENERAL THOMAS JACKSON WAS HENCEFORTH KNOWN AS "STONEWALL". KILLED IN A LATER BATTLE, HE HAS BECOME A HERO OF THE REUNITED NATION.



UNDER THE BRILLIANT LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE, THE SOUTHERN FORCES WON A SERIES OF INITIAL VICTORIES.



LINCOLN FINALLY CALLED UPON A RETIRED OFFICER... THEN A SHOP-KEEPER IN ILLINOIS... TO COMMAND THE UNION ARMIES. HIS NAME WAS ULYSSES S. GRANT.

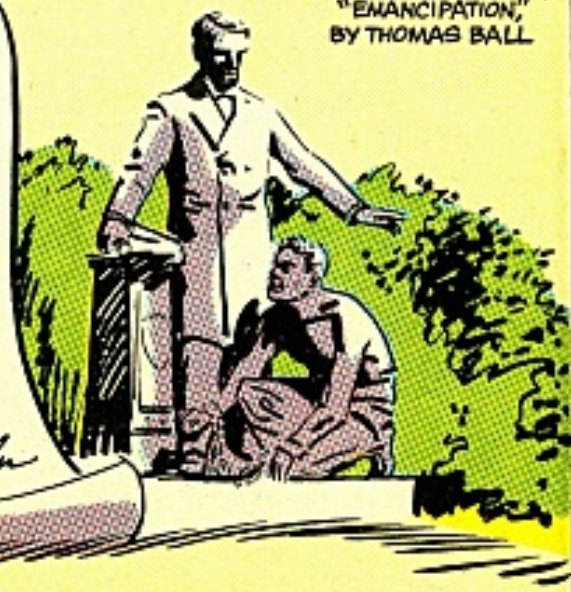
ON JANUARY 1, 1863..

Emancipation Proclamation

I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves...are and henceforward shall be free

Abraham Lincoln

AFTER THE STATUE, "EMANCIPATION," BY THOMAS BALL



IN SPRING OF THAT YEAR, LEE LED A MIGHTY CONFEDERATE ARMY NORTHWARD INTO PENNSYLVANIA. ACROSS HIS PATH, NEAR THE TOWN OF GETTYSBURG, LAY AN EQUALLY POWERFUL UNION FORCE.



...15,000 SOUTHERN SOLDIERS CHARGED ACROSS AN OPEN FIELD INTO THE FIRE OF NORTHERN GUNS. SELDOM HAS MAN'S COURAGE BEEN SO TESTED...BUT "PICKETT'S CHARGE" FINALLY FAILED. IT WAS THE TURNING POINT OF THE WAR.

THERE, LINCOLN LATER MADE HIS "GETTYSBURG ADDRESS."

...THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN...THIS NATION SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM...GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH



GRANT NOW MOVED HEAVY FORCES AGAINST RICHMOND, THE CONFEDERATE CAPITAL. THICK FORESTS BARRED THEIR WAY.

OUR LOSSES IN THIS WILDERNESS ARE TERRIBLE, GENERAL GRANT

NEVERTHELESS, I PROPOSE TO FIGHT IT OUT ON THIS LINE IF IT TAKES ALL SUMMER



MEANWHILE, FARTHER SOUTH...

WE HAVE REACHED THE SEA, GENERAL. WHAT A GLORIOUS VICTORY!

THERE IS NO GLORY IN WAR. WAR IS HELL



GENERAL WILLIAM SHERMAN LED AN ARMY ACROSS GEORGIA, CAPTURING ATLANTA, AND CUTTING OFF LEE'S SUPPLY LINES.

FOR 9 MONTHS, LEE DEFENDED RICHMOND. AT LAST...WITH-OUT SUPPLIES, GREATLY OUT-NUMBERED...HE ABANDONED THE CITY. A FEW DAYS LATER, AT NEARBY APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE, ON APRIL 9, 1865...

I SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED. I SURRENDER

TELL YOUR MEN TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. THEY MAY TAKE THEIR HORSES...FOR THE SPRING PLOWING



THIS ENDED FOUR TRAGIC YEARS OF WAR... BUT FROM IT THERE DID INDEED ARISE A "NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM."

FIVE DAYS AFTER LEE'S SURRENDER...



ARE YOU AND MRS. LINCOLN ENJOYING THE PLAY?

VERY MUCH. IT IS A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE LAUGHED


LINCOLN ATTENDED A WASHINGTON THEATRE. INTO THE BOX...

...A CRAZED ACTOR CREPT. HE CARRIED A PISTOL.



THE PRESIDENT! THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SHOT!

WITHIN A FEW HOURS, ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS DEAD.



THE NEW PRESIDENT, ANDREW JOHNSON SOUGHT TO CARRY OUT LINCOLN'S PLEDGE OF "MALICE TOWARD NONE... CHARITY FOR ALL." BUT MANY NORTHERN CONGRESSMEN FELT THE SOUTH SHOULD BE PUNISHED. OVERRIDING JOHNSON, THEY DENIED THE FORMER CONFEDERATES THE RIGHT TO VOTE, WHILE GRANTING THIS RIGHT TO THE NEWLY FREED SLAVES.

UNSCRUPULOUS SCHEMERS WERE QUICK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION. FOR THE SOUTH, THESE DAYS OF "RECONSTRUCTION" WERE BITTER ONES INDEED.



I LOST TWO SONS IN THE WAR. NOW I CAN'T EVEN VOTE

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE YOU THE MAYOR

BUT, SIR, I CAN NOT READ OR WRITE

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO



SOME SOUTHERNERS, IN DESPAIR, TURNED TO NIGHT-RIDING TERRORISM. BUT WISER MEN, NORTH AND SOUTH, SOUGHT A BETTER SOLUTION...

AMONG THEM WAS A SELF-EDUCATED FORMER SLAVE, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.



MY PEOPLE MUST BE TAUGHT TO FULFILL THEIR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS

THAT IS WHY I AM ASKING YOU TO START A UNIVERSITY FOR THEM ...AT TUSKEGEE IN ALABAMA



UNDER HIS GUIDANCE, TUSKEGEE GREW FROM ONE SMALL BUILDING WITH 40 STUDENTS TO A GREAT INSTITUTION, TRAINING THOUSANDS FOR THEIR NEW ROLES.

MEANWHILE, GENERAL GRANT HAD BECOME PRESIDENT. HIS SLOGAN, "LET US HAVE PEACE," FOUND ARDENT RESPONSE... SLOWLY, THE WOUNDS OF WAR BEGAN TO HEAL.

THE REUNITED NATION HAS A BIRTHDAY

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES WAS MARKED IN 1876 BY A GREAT EXPOSITION IN PHILADELPHIA. WHITTIER WROTE AN ODE FOR THE OCCASION:

*WE MEET TODAY,
UNITED, FREE...
TO THANK THEE FOR
THE ERA DONE,
AND TRUST THEE FOR
THE OPENING ONE.*

INVENTIONS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WERE DISPLAYED.



WHAT A WONDERFUL TOY. I CAN HEAR SOMEONE SPEAKING IN ANOTHER ROOM

IT IS NO TOY, MY CHILD. IT IS ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL'S TELEPHONE

LOOK...A LAMP, YET THERE IS NO FIRE

IT IS GREATER THAN FIRE. THAT IS AN ELECTRIC ARC LIGHT



THREE YEARS LATER, THOMAS EDISON PERFECTED THE INCANDESCENT BULB.

A NEW LINK HAD BEEN FORGED BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST...

HOORAY! THERE GOES THE LAST SPIKE!

NOW IT IS POSSIBLE TO CROSS THE CONTINENT IN SIX DAYS...INSTEAD OF SIX WEEKS



WHEN THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD MET AN EASTERN LINE AT OGDEN, UTAH, IN 1869.

THE RAILROADS BROUGHT NEW THOUSANDS TO THE WESTERN PLAINS. GREAT CATTLE FARMS DEVELOPED...



AFTER A PAINTING BY REMINGTON

...AND THE COWBOY BECAME A PART OF AMERICAN SONG AND STORY.

PEOPLE HEARD THE VOICE OF A NEW POET... WALT WHITMAN.



*Nothing is good...
that ignores
individuals.
The American
compact is
altogether with
individuals.*

AND A FRESH LAUGHTER SWEEPED THE COUNTRY...

WE'LL BE PIRATES, HUCK. THEY HAVE A BULLY TIME!

RECKON I AIN'T DRESSED FITTEN FOR A PIRATE



...WITH TOM SAWYER AND HUCKLEBERRY FINN, BELOVED CREATIONS OF MARK TWAIN.

FROM THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE CAME A GIFT...A STATUE WHICH SYMBOLIZED SHARED LIBERTY.



Give me your tired, your poor... I hold the lamp before the golden door.

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH...



NOW CAME A TIME OF GREAT EXPANSION IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY. TYPICAL OF ITS LEADERS WAS ANDREW CARNEGIE.

WHERE DO WE GO NOW, FATHER?
TO PITTSBURGH, LADDY, WHERE WE HAVE RELATIVES

THEY WILL HELP US TO FIND WORK.

HE WAS 13 WHEN HIS FATHER, A SCOTTISH WEAVER, BROUGHT THE FAMILY TO AMERICA.



THE FATHER GOT A JOB IN A COTTON FACTORY. YOUNG ANDREW BECAME A TELEGRAPH MESSENGER.

FATHER, MOTHER! GREAT NEWS! I AM TO BE AN OPERATOR... AT FOUR DOLLARS A WEEK!

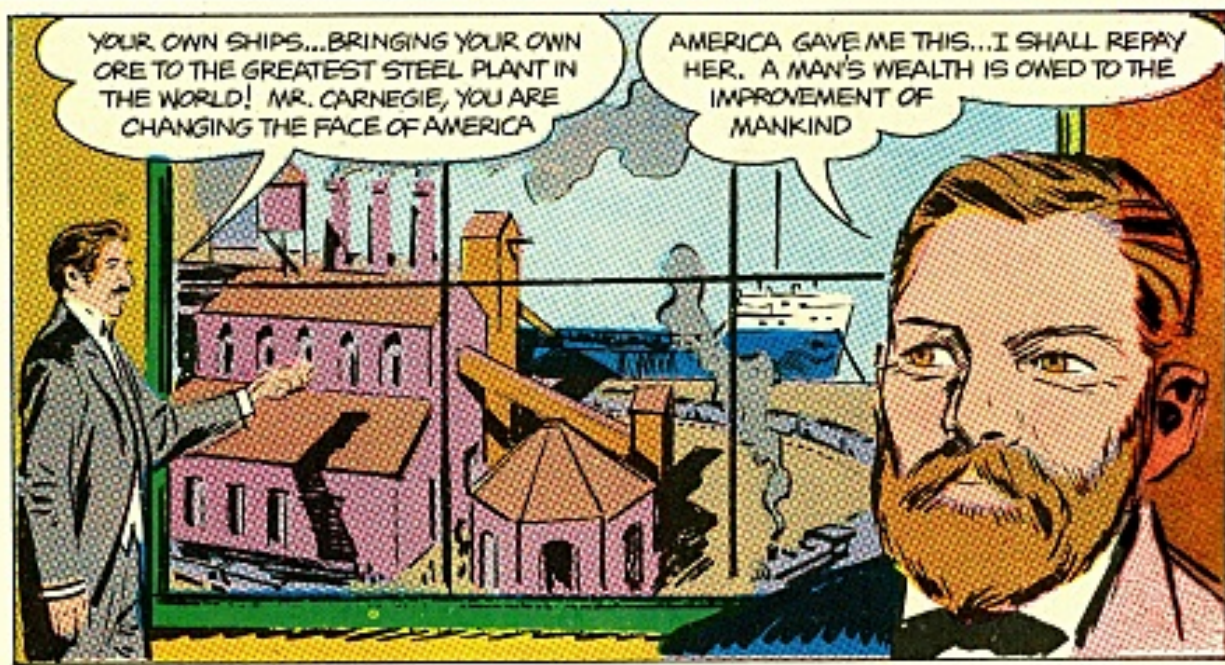
I KNEW YOU'D BE A SUCCESS, ANDY

BUT SHE LITTLE DREAMED HOW GREAT A SUCCESS!

HE BECAME A TELEGRAPHER FOR A RAILROAD...AND ROSE TO SUPERINTENDENT. WITH SAVINGS, HE PURCHASED A SMALL IRON BUSINESS...WENT TO ENGLAND TO STUDY THE BESSEMER PROCESS OF TURNING IRON INTO STEEL.

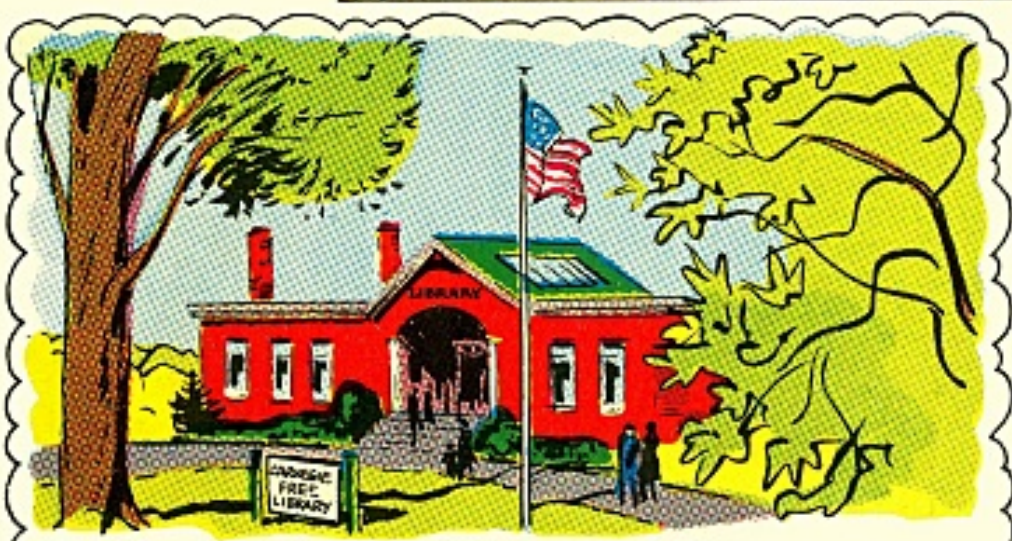
IN 1873, AGED 38, HE STARTED HIS OWN STEEL COMPANY.

WITHIN 10 YEARS...



YOUR OWN SHIPS...BRINGING YOUR OWN ORE TO THE GREATEST STEEL PLANT IN THE WORLD! MR. CARNEGIE, YOU ARE CHANGING THE FACE OF AMERICA

AMERICA GAVE ME THIS...I SHALL REPAY HER. A MAN'S WEALTH IS OWED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF MANKIND



REMEMBERING HIS OWN STRUGGLE FOR EDUCATION, HE GAVE MILLIONS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, FOR A GREAT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, FOR A WORLD PEACE ORGANIZATION...HE DID INDEED REPAY HIS ADOPTED LAND.

BUT MANY PEOPLE OPPOSED THE CONCENTRATION OF ECONOMIC POWER REPRESENTED BY CARNEGIE'S STEEL, OR BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S OIL. A LAW, CALLED THE ANTI-TRUST ACT, WAS PASSED IN 1890 TO PREVENT MONOPOLY OF AN INDUSTRY BY ANY ONE GROUP.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER ECONOMIC FORCE WAS GROWING... THAT OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

... AND THE RISE OF ORGANIZED LABOR

OUTSTANDING AMONG LEADERS OF THE SPREADING LABOR MOVEMENT WAS SAMUEL GOMPERS.



GOMPERS, LIKE CARNEGIE, WAS BROUGHT TO AMERICA AS A BOY BY HIS ENGLISH PARENTS.

WHERE DO WE GO NOW, FATHER?
 WE SHALL STAY IN NEW YORK. A GOOD CIGAR-MAKER CAN ALWAYS FIND WORK HERE

SAM BECAME A CIGAR-MAKER, TOO, AND AT 14 JOINED THE UNION. TEN YEARS LATER, HE TOOK PART IN A BITTER STRIKE.



OUR CHILDREN ARE HUNGRY, SAM. HOW CAN WE WIN?
 WE CAN'T WIN. OUR UNION IS TOO WEAK. BUT WE WILL MAKE IT STRONG!

HE DID MAKE HIS UNION STRONG. OTHER UNIONS TURNED TO HIM FOR LEADERSHIP, AND IN 1886...



THE WELFARE OF THE WORKER MUST BE OUR FIRST CONCERN. WE SHALL NOT SEEK THE OVERTHROW OF OUR EMPLOYERS... BUT WE DEMAND THAT OUR EMPLOYERS GRANT US THE RIGHTS OF PARTNERS!

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR WAS FORMED...WITH SAM GOMPERS AS ITS FIRST PRESIDENT.

FOR 38 YEARS, GOMPERS GUIDED THE A.F.O.F.L....THROUGH STRIKES AND DEPRESSIONS... TO DAYS OF STRENGTH AND PROSPERITY.

HE BECAME A LABOR ADVISER TO PRESIDENTS... AND ALWAYS HIS GOAL WAS LABOR'S WELFARE... THROUGH PARTNERSHIP!

FARMERS, TOO, WERE BANDING TOGETHER. THEIR UNIONS, OR "GRANGES," LED TO THE POPULIST PARTY (1890), WHICH URGED MANY REFORMS: FAIR PRICES FOR CROPS, AN 8-HOUR WORKING DAY, FREE COINAGE OF SILVER.

THEIR CHAMPION WAS WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN...



YOU SHALL NOT CRUCIFY MANKIND UPON A CROSS OF GOLD!



BRYAN WAS DEFEATED THREE TIMES FOR PRESIDENT. NEVERTHELESS, MOST POPULIST REFORMS EVENTUALLY BECAME LAWS.



THUS, FROM A TIME OF ECONOMIC UPHEAVAL, A NEW CONCEPT SLOWLY EMERGED, REPLACING THE DELUSION OF CLASS STRUGGLE WITH THE VISION OF A DYNAMIC SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL MEN WOULD BE PARTNERS.

AS THE CENTURY NEARED ITS CLOSE, AMERICAN EYES WERE TURNED ON NEIGHBORING CUBA.

ITS PEOPLE HAD REVOLTED AGAINST SPANISH RULE, AND AMERICAN SYMPATHIES LAY WITH THEM.

IN 1898 THE NEW PRESIDENT, WILLIAM MCKINLEY...

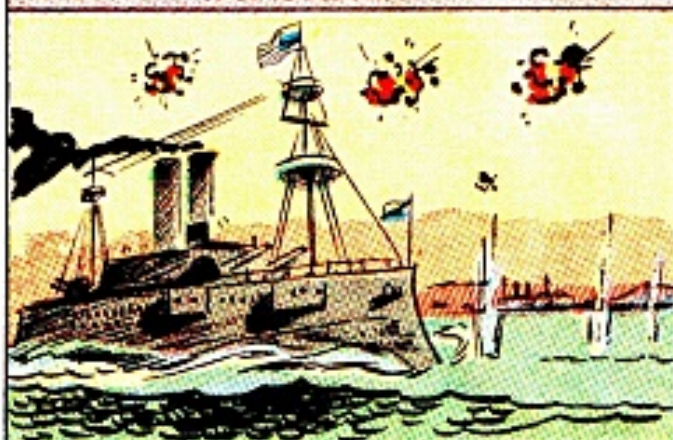


...SENT THE BATTLESHIP MAINE TO CUBA TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS. THERE, IN HAVANA HARBOR...



THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION WAS NEVER KNOWN. BUT AMERICAN OPINION WAS SO INFLAMED THAT CONGRESS DECLARED WAR AGAINST SPAIN.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, IN THE SPANISH-OWNED PHILIPPINES, AMERICAN WARSHIPS, UNDER COMMODORE GEORGE DEWEY, CRIPPLED SPAIN'S PACIFIC FLEET.



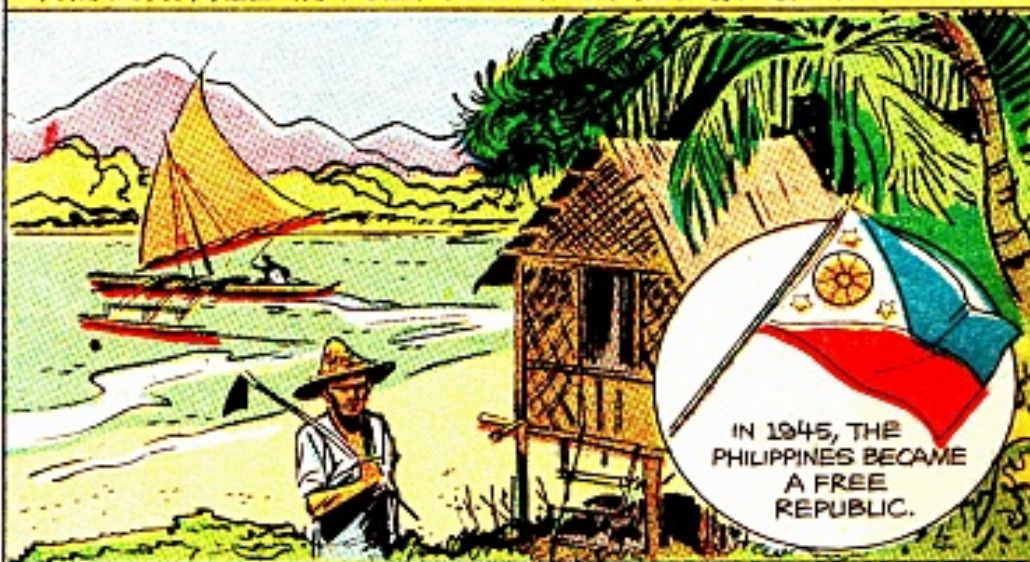
THE WAR LASTED ONLY 100 DAYS. IT ENDED AFTER A SECOND NAVAL BATTLE AT SANTIAGO, CUBA.



THE END OF THE CENTURY FOUND THE UNITED STATES WITH THESE NEW POSSESSIONS:

1. THE PHILIPPINES (CEDED BY SPAIN)
 2. HAWAIIAN ISLANDS (BY ANNEXATION)
 3. ALASKA (PURCHASED FROM RUSSIA)
 4. PUERTO RICO (CEDED BY SPAIN)
- [CUBA (5), ALSO CEDED BY SPAIN, WAS GRANTED INDEPENDENCE IN 1902]

IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PHILIPPINES WAS WIDELY URGED, BUT A MAJORITY HELD THAT SELF-RULE SHOULD BE A GRADUAL PROCESS.



AMERICA HOPED THAT PACIFIC EXPANSION WOULD BRING A FLOURISHING TRADE WITH CHINA.



BUT A GROUP OF OTHER NATIONS SOUGHT TO DIVIDE CHINA INTO TERRITORIES WHICH THEY WOULD CONTROL. THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, JOHN HAY, SPOKE OUT...

THERE MUST BE AN OPEN DOOR FOR ALL NATIONS TO TRADE WITH A FREE CHINA



SUPPORTED BY ENGLAND, HAY'S "OPEN DOOR" POLICY PREVAILED.

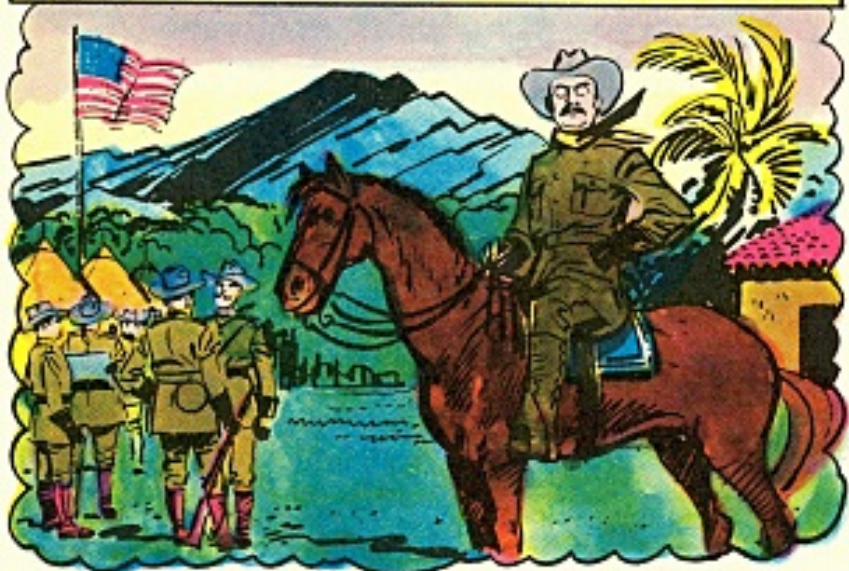
IN 1901, PRESIDENT MCKINLEY WAS ASSASSINATED. HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY THE 43-YEAR-OLD VICE-PRESIDENT,



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

"TEDDY" ROOSEVELT HAD BECOME A POPULAR HERO AS A "ROUGH RIDER" IN THE WAR IN CUBA. NOW, AS PRESIDENT, HE CONTINUED TO "ROUGH RIDE"...

...AGAINST THE "TRUSTS" THAT SOUGHT CONTROL OF SUCH INDUSTRIES AS STEEL, OIL AND RAILROADS. HE INSISTED THE GOVERNMENT SUPERVISE THEM.



AS THIS CARTOON OF THE DAY INDICATES, PEOPLE HAILED HIM AS THE "TRUST BUSTER."



THESE FORESTS ARE OUR HERITAGE. THEY MUST NOT BE DEVASTATED TO BENEFIT A FEW

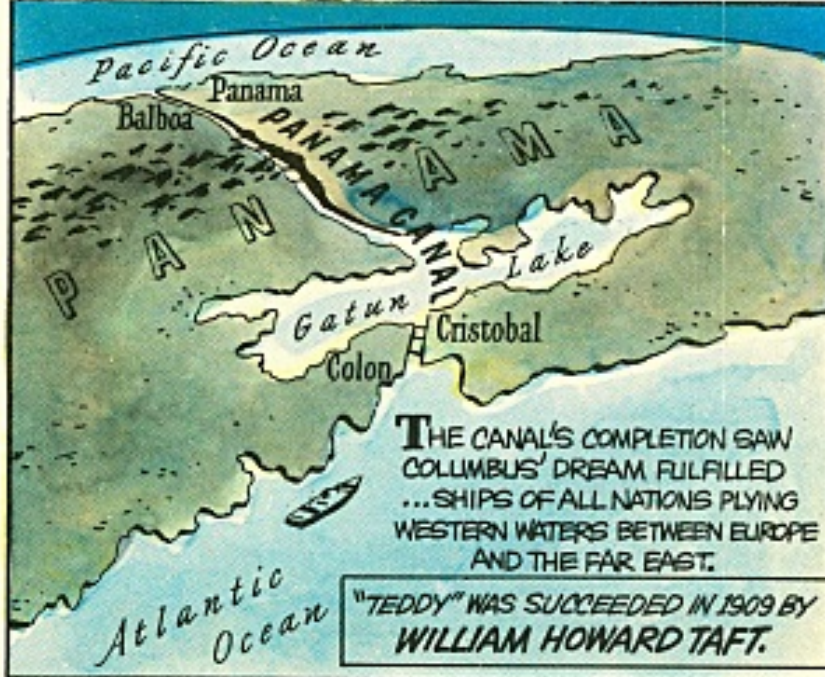
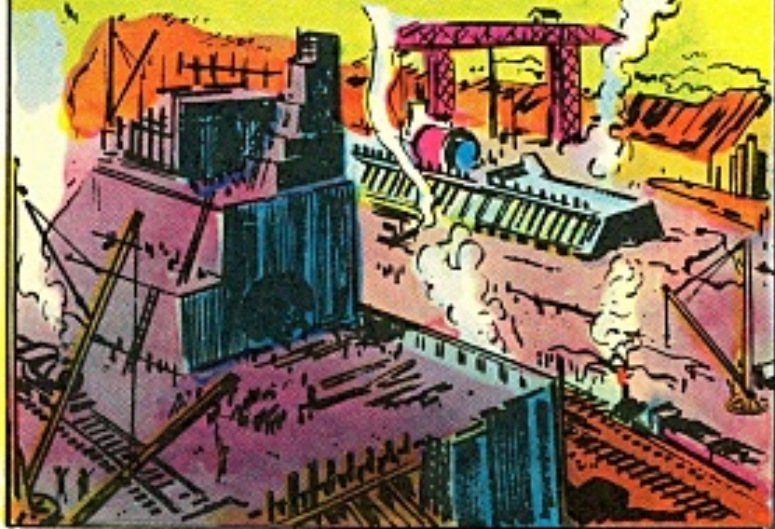
HE ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR HIS BELIEFS...AND HE BELIEVED IN WORLD PEACE. FOR HIS EFFORTS IN ARBITRATING THE RUSSIAN-JAPANESE WAR IN 1905 HE WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.



I CONSIDER THIS PRIZE ONE OF THE GREATEST HONORS ANY MAN CAN RECEIVE

"TEDDY" FOUGHT FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATIONAL RESOURCES...FOR THE IRRIGATION OF DESERTS.

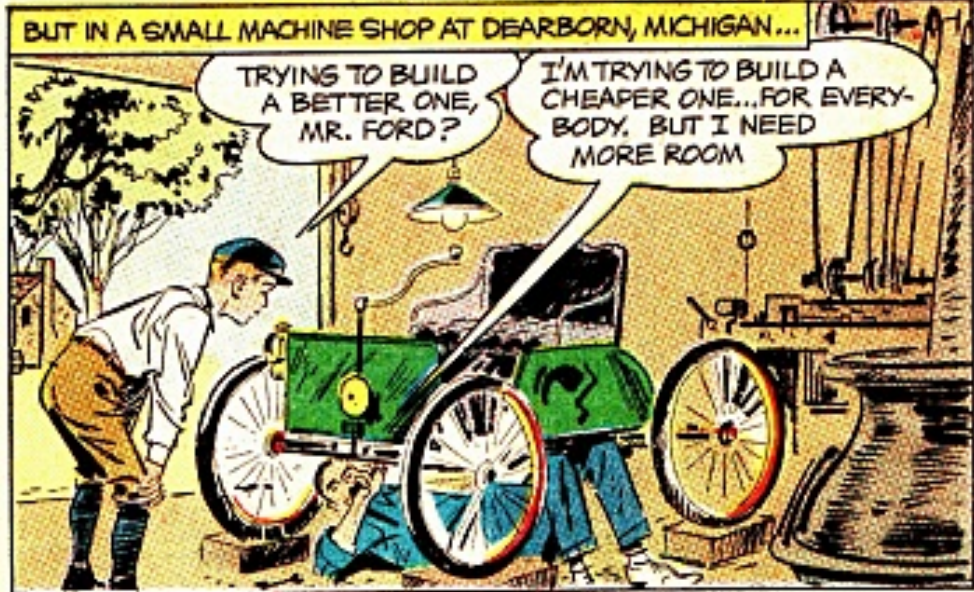
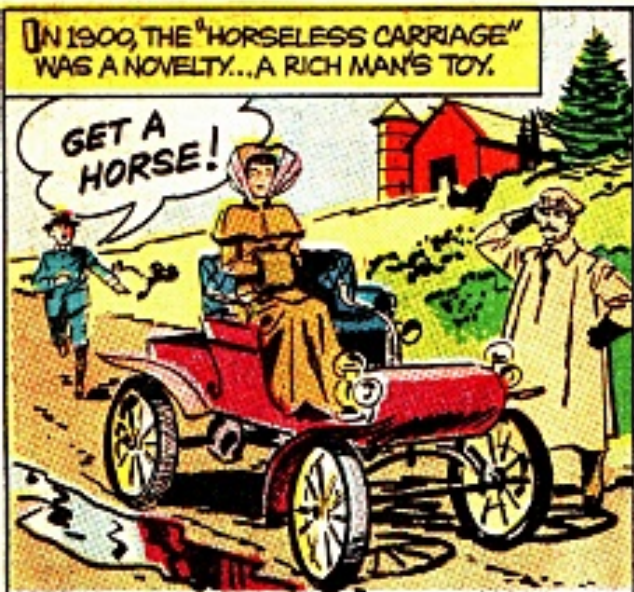
"TEDDY'S" ADMINISTRATION UNDERTOOK TO FINISH A GIGANTIC ENTERPRISE BEGUN EARLIER BY FRANCE... A CANAL ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA, LINKING ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS.



THE CANAL'S COMPLETION SAW COLUMBUS' DREAM FULFILLED ...SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS PLYING WESTERN WATERS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST.

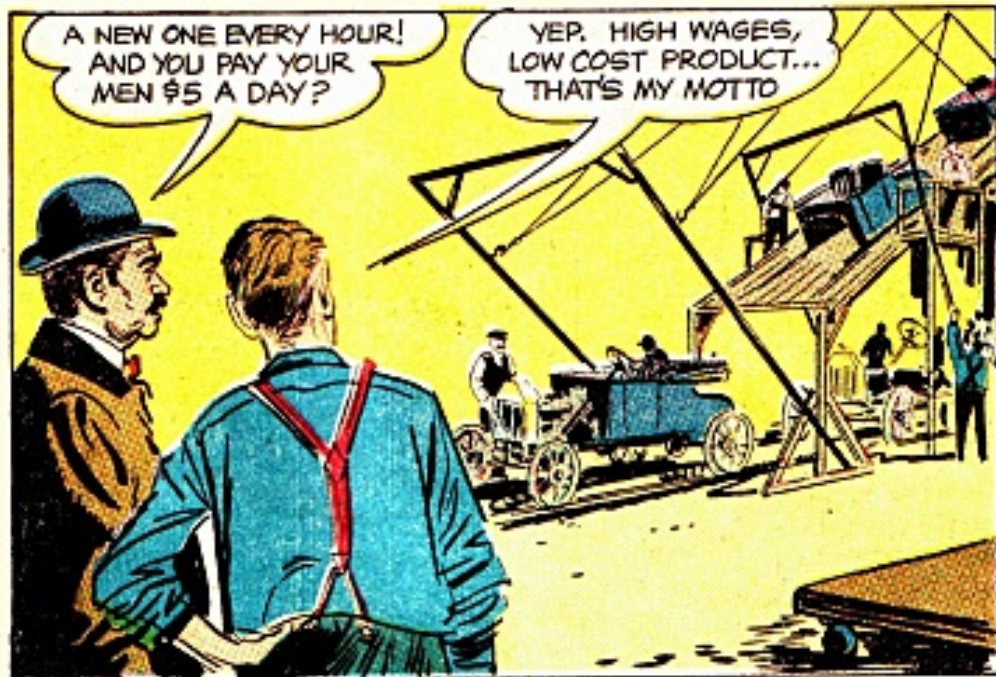
"TEDDY" WAS SUCCEEDED IN 1909 BY WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

A NEW CENTURY... AND NEW INVENTIONS



HENRY FORD GOT MORE ROOM... ROOM FOR A MOVING BELT ON WHICH THE PARTS OF A "TIN LIZZIE" COULD BE SWIFTLY ASSEMBLED.

BY 1914...



FORD'S SYSTEM REVOLUTIONIZED AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION... AND AMERICAN ECONOMY. IT MEANT MORE GOODS AT LOWER PRICES... BETTER PAID WORKMEN TO BUY THOSE GOODS... A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING. WORKERS COULD BUY STOCK IN THE COMPANIES THAT EMPLOYED THEM... AND THUS BECOME CAPITALISTS THEMSELVES.



ORVILLE AND WILBUR WRIGHT BUILT THEIR MACHINE... THE FIRST TO CONTAIN A MOTOR... AFTER LONG STUDY OF EUROPEAN EXPERIMENTS.

THEY ASSEMBLED IT ON A SAND HILL NEAR KITTYHAWK, NORTH CAROLINA.



NEW WAYS OF LIFE... AND OLD

THERE WAS ANOTHER NEW TOY IN 1900...

GOODNESS! THE PICTURES ACTUALLY MOVE!

THAT'S THOMAS EDISON'S KINETOSCOPE. QUITE AMUSING, EH?



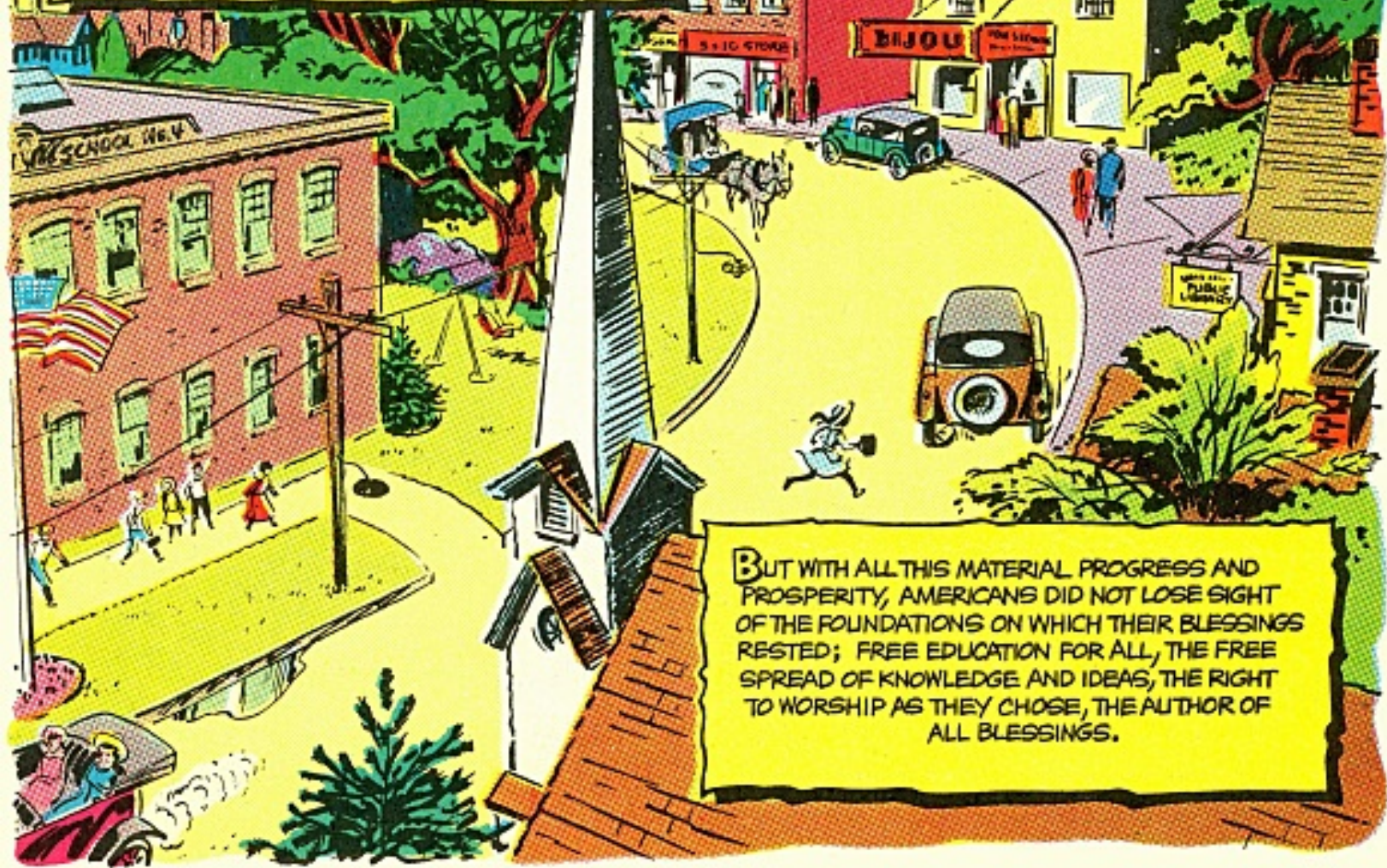
EDISON'S DEVICE...SIMILAR TO OTHERS ALREADY TRIED OUT IN EUROPE...SOON CAUGHT POPULAR FANCY. WITHIN A FEW YEARS...

YOU HAVE COME TO A LONELY PLACE TO MAKE YOUR PICTURES, MR. GRIFFITH. HAS IT A NAME?

YES, IT USED TO BE A RANCH...CALLED HOLLYWOOD



THE MOTION PICTURE WROUGHT A GREAT CHANGE IN AMERICAN LEISURE... ESPECIALLY IN SMALL TOWNS, WHERE FEW HAD EVER SEEN A THEATER. NOW, FROM LONELY FARMS, PEOPLE CAME IN THEIR NEW AUTOMOBILES, TO BE ENTERTAINED, TO SHOP IN "CHAIN" GROCERIES AND "FIVE-AND-TEN-CENT" STORES. AGAIN, THE FACE OF THE COUNTRY WAS CHANGING.



BUT WITH ALL THIS MATERIAL PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY, AMERICANS DID NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FOUNDATIONS ON WHICH THEIR BLESSINGS RESTED; FREE EDUCATION FOR ALL, THE FREE SPREAD OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS, THE RIGHT TO WORSHIP AS THEY CHOSE, THE AUTHOR OF ALL BLESSINGS.

WOODROW WILSON WAS A SCHOLAR AND PHILOSOPHER, FORMERLY THE PRESIDENT OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.



BUT THE QUIET SCHOLAR PROVED HIMSELF A FIGHTING REFORMER.



WE MUST ABOLISH EVEN THE SEMBLANCE OF PRIVILEGE... BANKS MUST BE THE INSTRUMENTS, NOT THE MASTERS, OF INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE

UNDER HIS "NEW FREEDOM" ADMINISTRATION, BANKING WAS OVERHAULED, TARIFFS LOWERED, "TRUSTS" REGULATED, WORKING HOURS REDUCED.

IN 1912, A NEW PRESIDENT WAS ELECTED. IN CONTRAST TO THAT ERA OF BIG BUSINESS AND MATERIAL PROGRESS...

BUT A HEAVIER RESPONSIBILITY AWAITED WOODROW WILSON. IN 1914...



WAR IN EUROPE
ENGLAND FRANCE ALLIED AGAINST GERMANY

AH, WELL, IT'S NONE OF AMERICA'S BUSINESS

POPULAR OPINION FAVORED THE ALLIES, ESPECIALLY AFTER A GERMAN U-BOAT SANK THE LUSITANIA. MORE THAN 100 - AMERICANS WERE LOST. BUT MOST PEOPLE HOPED THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT BE DRAWN IN.

AFTER WILSON OBTAINED A PLEDGE FROM THE GERMAN KAISER TO LIMIT SUBMARINE WARFARE...



...HE WAS REELECTED, IN 1916, AS "THE PEACE PRESIDENT."

BUT IN JANUARY, 1917...



...GERMANY ANNOUNCED RESUMPTION OF UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE ACTION...IN 2 MONTHS, 8 AMERICAN SHIPS WERE SUNK.

ON APRIL 2, 1917, WILSON APPEARED BEFORE CONGRESS...



GERMAN SUBMARINE WARFARE IS WARFARE AGAINST MANKIND. WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE... THE WORLD MUST BE MADE SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

THUS, BY ACTION OF CONGRESS, DID AMERICA ENTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

American industry, labor and agriculture...
the mighty partnership...poured forth arms
and supplies, sorely needed by the allies
after 3 years of struggle and sacrifice.
Great convoys of troops followed.



As the "doughboys" streamed into France, an American officer visited a tomb near Paris.

LAFAYETTE,
WE ARE HERE



By summer of 1918, a million Americans were in the trenches beside their hard-pressed allies.

At Chateau Thierry, at Belleau Wood, they joined the French in hurling back the German advance on Paris.



That autumn, their drive through the Argonne forest to the Meuse helped to bring about a general German retreat.

Meanwhile, Wilson had proposed "14 points" for a just peace.

They included:

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS
FREE TRADE BETWEEN NATIONS
SELF-DETERMINATION OF
PEOPLES
A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

On the basis of the 14 points, Germany asked for an armistice.

The armistice was signed on November 11, 1918. All over America...



...as in New York's Times Square, people celebrated the conclusion of the war that they hoped would end war forever.

WILSON, ARCHITECT OF PEACE, WAS DUE FOR DISAPPOINTMENT. AT THE VERSAILLES CONFERENCE, HE WAS OBLIGED TO YIELD TO DEMANDS OF THE ALLIES (WHO HAD SUFFERED FAR MORE THAN AMERICA) FOR SEVERE RETRIBUTION AGAINST GERMANY.



AT LEAST, GENTLEMEN WE ALL AGREE ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

YES, PRESIDENT WILSON, WE ALL AGREE ON THAT!

THE BITTEREST BLOW WAS YET TO COME. IN WILSON'S OWN COUNTRY, THE AMERICAN SENATE... FEARFUL OF ENTANGLEMENTS... REJECTED THE LEAGUE!

IN DESPERATION, WILSON APPEALED DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE, MAKING SPEECHES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.



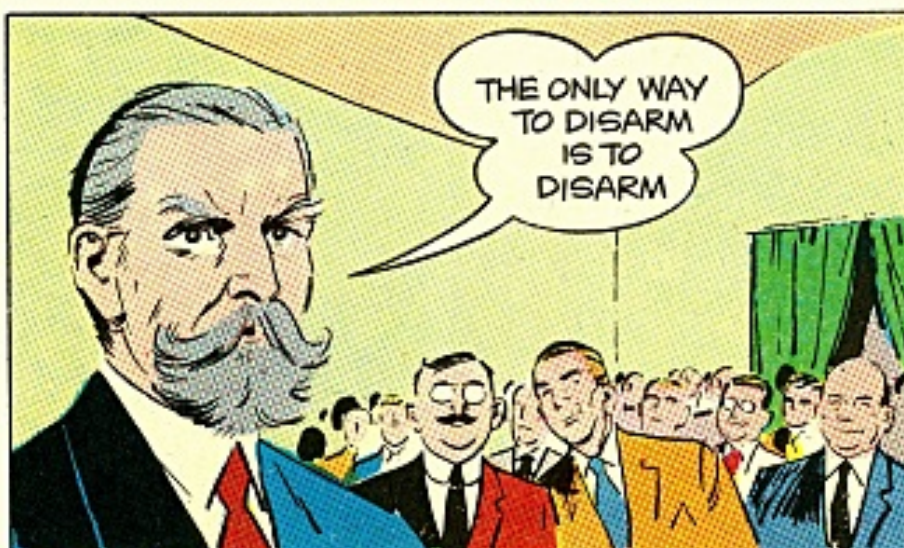
IN COLORADO, TIRED AND WORN, HE SUFFERED A STROKE FROM WHICH HE NEVER RECOVERED.

ON THE ELECTION OF 1920, WILSON'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS BADLY DEFEATED. THIS WAS THE FIRST ELECTION IN WHICH WOMEN HAD THE LONG-SOUGHT RIGHT TO VOTE.



WARREN G. HARDING WAS ELECTED WITH HIS SLOGAN OF "BACK TO NORMALCY."

THOUGH HARDING HAD OPPOSED THE LEAGUE, HE CALLED A GREAT DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN AND FAR EASTERN NATIONS. SECRETARY OF STATE CHARLES E. HUGHES PRESIDED...



THE ONLY WAY TO DISARM IS TO DISARM

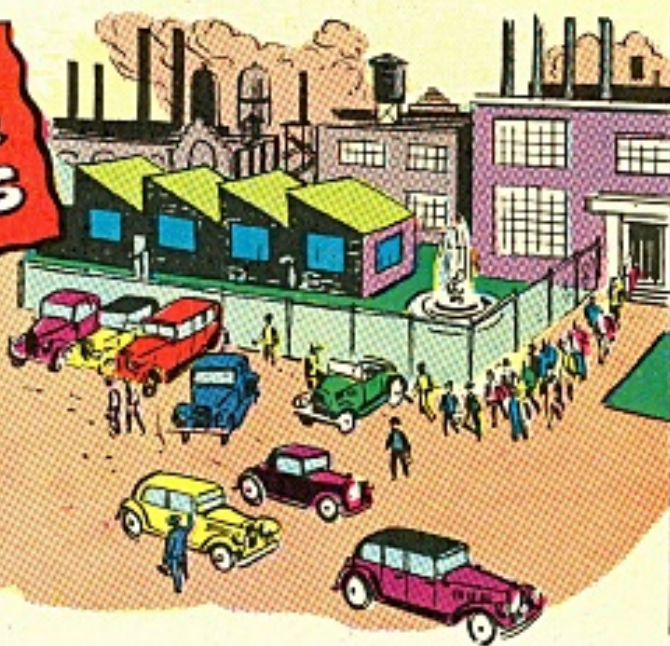
MEANWHILE, THE COUNTRY WAS IN A MOOD TO FORGET WAR...TO FORGET THE REST OF THE TROUBLED WORLD.

"BACK TO NORMALCY" WAS THE SENTIMENT OF THE DAY.

THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO SCRAP 30 BATTLESHIPS. OTHER NATIONS GAVE SIMILAR PLEDGES AND THE CONFERENCE WAS HAILED AS A LONG STEP TOWARD LASTING PEACE.

THE POST-WAR TWENTIES

AFTER A PERIOD OF POST-WAR ADJUSTMENT, THE UNITED STATES ENTERED AN ERA OF UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY.



IT WAS ALSO A TIME OF FERMENT IN THE ARTS. THE MUSIC OF GEORGE GERSHWIN AND OTHER AMERICANS BECAME WORLD FAMOUS.



NOVELS BY SINCLAIR LEWIS, ERNEST HEMINGWAY, AND F. SCOTT FITZGERALD WERE AMONG THE MOST POPULAR OF THE PERIOD.



THE PIONEER SPIRIT WAS FAR FROM DEAD. IN 1927, A YOUNG AVIATOR... **CHARLES A. LINDBERGH**... TOOK OFF ALONE IN A SMALL AIRPLANE TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC.

LINDBERGH'S DARING FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO PARIS HELPED PAVE THE WAY FOR MODERN COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL!



LOOK! THERE HE COMES!

IT'S LINDY! HE MADE IT!



RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF RADIO TECHNIQUES AND SOUND MOVIES USHERED IN A NEW ERA IN THE FIELD OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS.

MEANWHILE, THE NATION'S PROSPERITY WAS NOT ALL IT SEEMED TO BE. IT WAS NOT SHARED BY MANY FARMERS, AND OTHERS WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE PROSPERING WERE DOING SO ONLY ON PAPER.



IT'S A GOOD CROP, BUT IT MAY NOT PAY ME TO MARKET IT!

FINALLY, IN OCTOBER, 1929...



THIS MEANS MY BUSINESS IS RUINED!

MY LIFE'S SAVINGS ARE WIPED OUT

STOCK MARKET COLLAPSES
THOUSANDS ARE RUINED

WHEN THE STOCK MARKET CRASHED AS PART OF THE WORLD-WIDE DEPRESSION, WAGES AND PRICES FELL, EXPORTS DROPPED, AND MANUFACTURERS REDUCED PRODUCTION. UNEMPLOYMENT SPREAD.

HERBERT HOOVER, A MAN WITH VAST EXPERIENCE AS A RELIEF ADMINISTRATOR IN EUROPE, HAD SUCCEEDED CALVIN COOLIDGE AS PRESIDENT. HE RECOGNIZED THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC WELFARE.



HIS ADMINISTRATION CREATED THE RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION TO AID BUSINESS...IT BOUGHT FARM SURPLUSES, AND BEGAN PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS. **BUT THE ECONOMIC SICKNESS WAS WORLD WIDE.**

WITHIN 100 DAYS...

THE THIRTIES and the "NEW DEAL"

ON THESE TROUBLED TIMES, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE VOTED FOR A CHANGE. THE ELECTION OF 1932 BROUGHT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY INTO OFFICE UNDER A NEW PRESIDENT...



THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF!



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (A DISTANT COUSIN OF PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT) AND HIS "NEW DEAL" ADMINISTRATION ASSUMED EMERGENCY POWERS TO DEAL WITH THE DEPRESSION.

THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS PUT UNEMPLOYED YOUNG MEN TO WORK IN THE NATION'S FORESTS.



I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS FAR FROM A CITY BEFORE

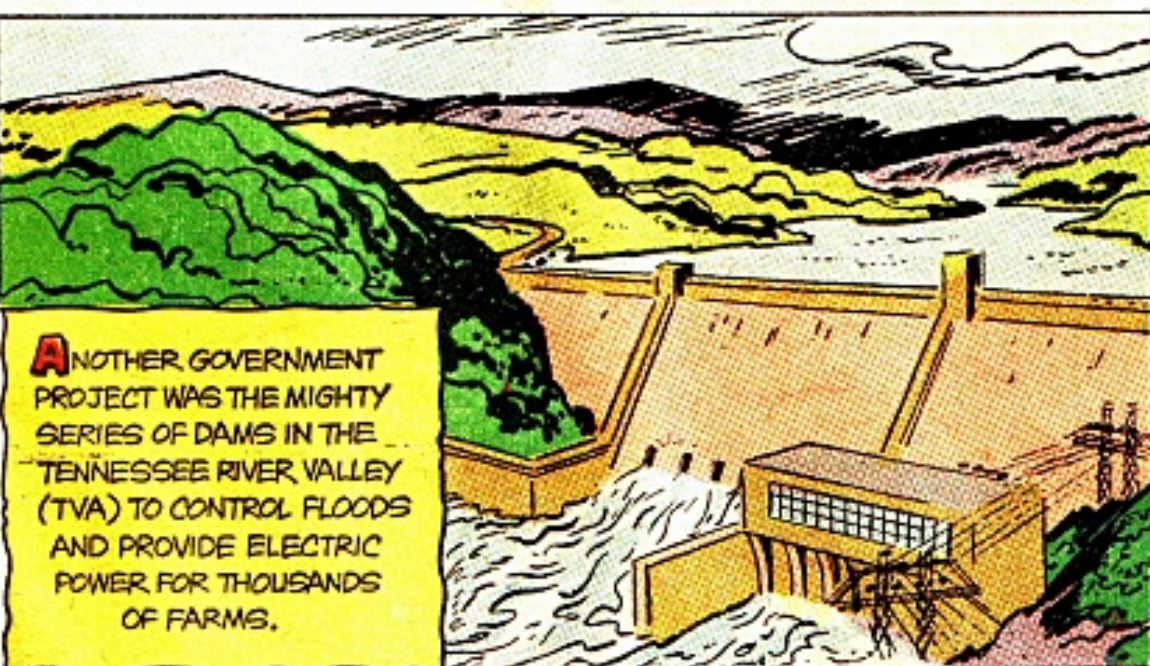
NEITHER HAVE I, BUT I LIKE THIS

I'LL BE ABLE TO FINISH COLLEGE, THANKS TO THIS LABORATORY JOB!



AND I'M EARNING ENOUGH MONEY HERE TO HELP PAY MY WAY THROUGH MEDICAL SCHOOL!

THE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION (WPA) GAVE EMPLOYMENT TO SKILLED AND UNSKILLED, IN MANY FIELDS. FUNDS WERE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, HOUSING, SLUM CLEARANCE, AND EDUCATION, ALL HELPED PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT.



ANOTHER GOVERNMENT PROJECT WAS THE MIGHTY SERIES OF DAMS IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER VALLEY (TVA) TO CONTROL FLOODS AND PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER FOR THOUSANDS OF FARMS.

THE NATION WAS BEGINNING TO EMERGE FROM THE DEPRESSION
FACTORY WHEELS WHIRRED AGAIN, WHEAT BILLOWED ACROSS THE PLAINS.

THEN FROM ACROSS THE SEA, CAME THE OMINOUS THUNDER OF A NEW STORM...



ROOSEVELT DEVISED "LEASE LEND" WHEREBY ARMS AND PLANES WERE SENT TO HARD-PRESSED ALLIES.

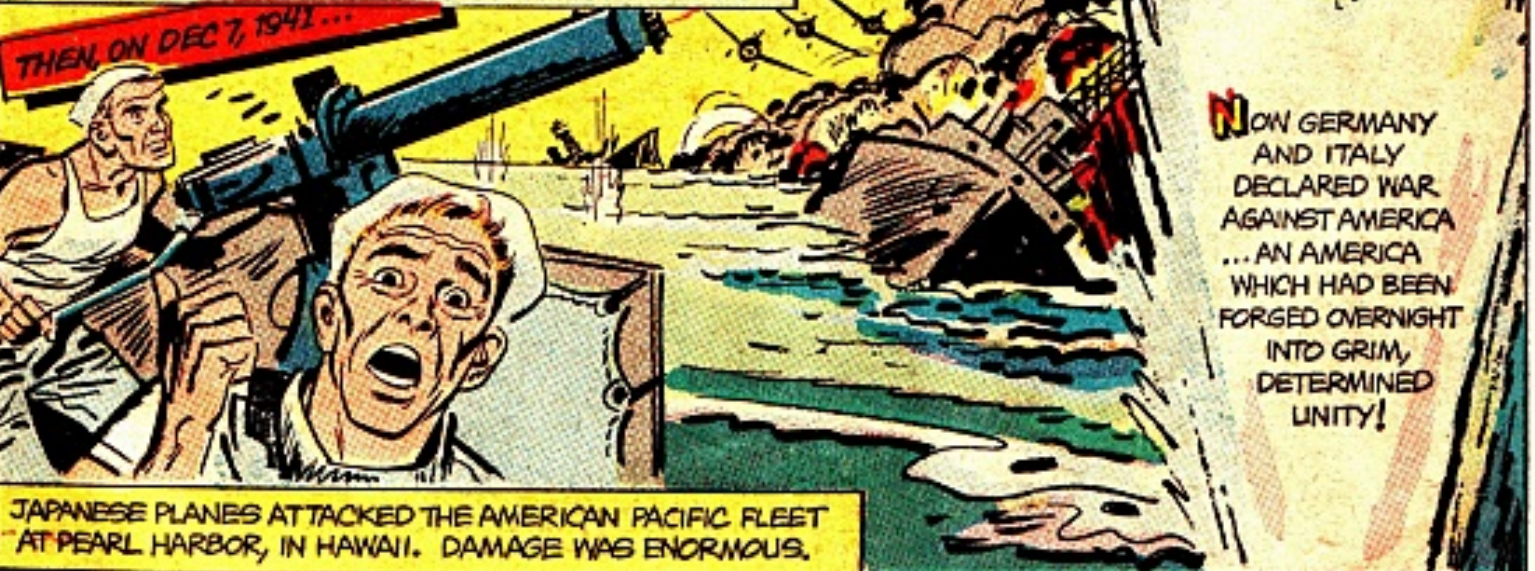
THE PEOPLE HAD BACKED ROOSEVELT'S POLICIES BY ELECTING HIM TO AN UNPRECEDENTED THIRD TERM IN 1940. MEANWHILE, HITLER'S LEGIONS HAD CONQUERED FRANCE AND TURNED AGAINST RUSSIA, AND JAPAN HAD ALREADY JOINED GERMANY AND ITALY IN THE "AXIS".



FROM THEIR HISTORIC MEETING, EMERGED THE ATLANTIC CHARTER WHICH ECHOED ROOSEVELT'S PROCLAIMED "4 FREEDOMS":

- FREEDOM OF SPEECH
- FREEDOM OF RELIGION
- FREEDOM FROM FEAR
- FREEDOM FROM WANT

MANY AMERICANS FEARED THAT AID TO THE ALLIES WAS DRAWING THE COUNTRY UNNECESSARILY INTO WAR.



NOW GERMANY AND ITALY DECLARED WAR AGAINST AMERICA ... AN AMERICA WHICH HAD BEEN FORGED OVERNIGHT INTO GRIM, DETERMINED UNITY!

ONCE MORE, AMERICAN INDUSTRY SWUNG INTO ACTION. WOMEN, YOUTHS, OLDER MEN WENT TO WORK...



MEANWHILE, JAPANESE HAD ENGLUFED AMERICAN FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES...



DARK MONTHS FOLLOWED. THEN, LATE IN 1942...

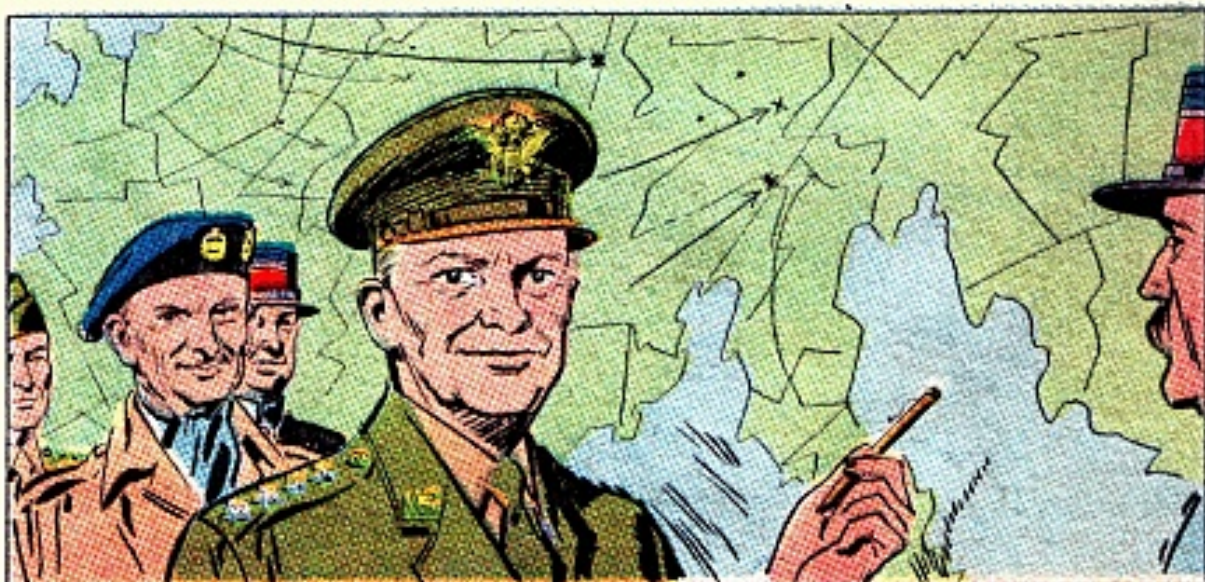


A GREAT AMERICAN ARMY LANDED IN NORTH AFRICA, JOINING BRITISH AND FREE FRENCH FORCES...THEY SWEEPED INTO ITALY.

ON THE PACIFIC, SLOWLY, PAINFULLY, ISLAND AFTER ISLAND WAS WRESTED FROM THE JAPANESE.

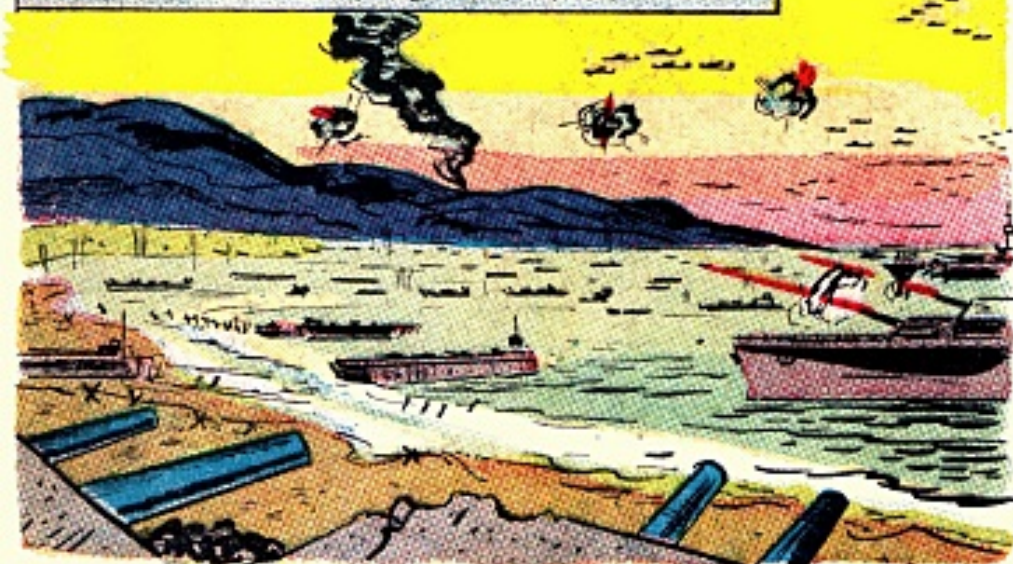


AND NOW IN ENGLAND THERE WAS ASSEMBLED THE GREATEST ARMY THE WORLD HAD EVER SEEN. THIS FORCE, PREDOMINANTLY BRITISH AND AMERICAN, BUT INCLUDING MANY OTHER NATIONALITIES, WAS PLACED UNDER THE COMMAND OF GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.



AS RUSSIAN ARMIES IN THE EAST TURNED BACK THE NAZI ONSLAUGHT, EISENHOWER PREPARED FOR A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON THE ENEMY'S MIGHTY "WESTWALL!"

IN JUNE, 1944, BRITISH AND AMERICAN FORCES UNDER GENERAL EISENHOWER POURED ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL INTO FRANCE.



HEADED BY FREE FRENCH TROOPS, THE ALLIES MARCHED INTO PARIS...



...AND AFTER MONTHS OF BITTER FIGHTING PRESSED INTO GERMANY ITSELF WHERE THEY MET RUSSIAN FORCES FROM THE EAST.



THE GREAT STRUGGLE WAS ALMOST OVER!

AS GERMANY TOTTERED, ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL AND SOVIET PREMIER STALIN MET AT YALTA ON THE BLACK SEA, EARLY IN 1945.



THERE STALIN AGREED TO JOIN THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN IN RETURN FOR TERRITORIAL GAINS IN THE FAR EAST.

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT DID NOT SEE VICTORY. SOON AFTER HIS RETURN FROM YALTA, HE DIED.



ALL OVER THE WORLD MILLIONS MOURNED.

A MONTH LATER, ON MAY 8...



NOW THE NEW PRESIDENT, HARRY S. TRUMAN, FACED A TERRIBLE DECISION.



ALLIED SCIENTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES HAD FINALLY ACHIEVED CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY. SHOULD IT BE USED AGAINST JAPAN?

TRUMAN DECIDED THAT THE DREAD EXAMPLE WOULD SHORTEN THE WAR, SAVING MANY TIMES THE LIVES THAT IT WOULD TAKE.



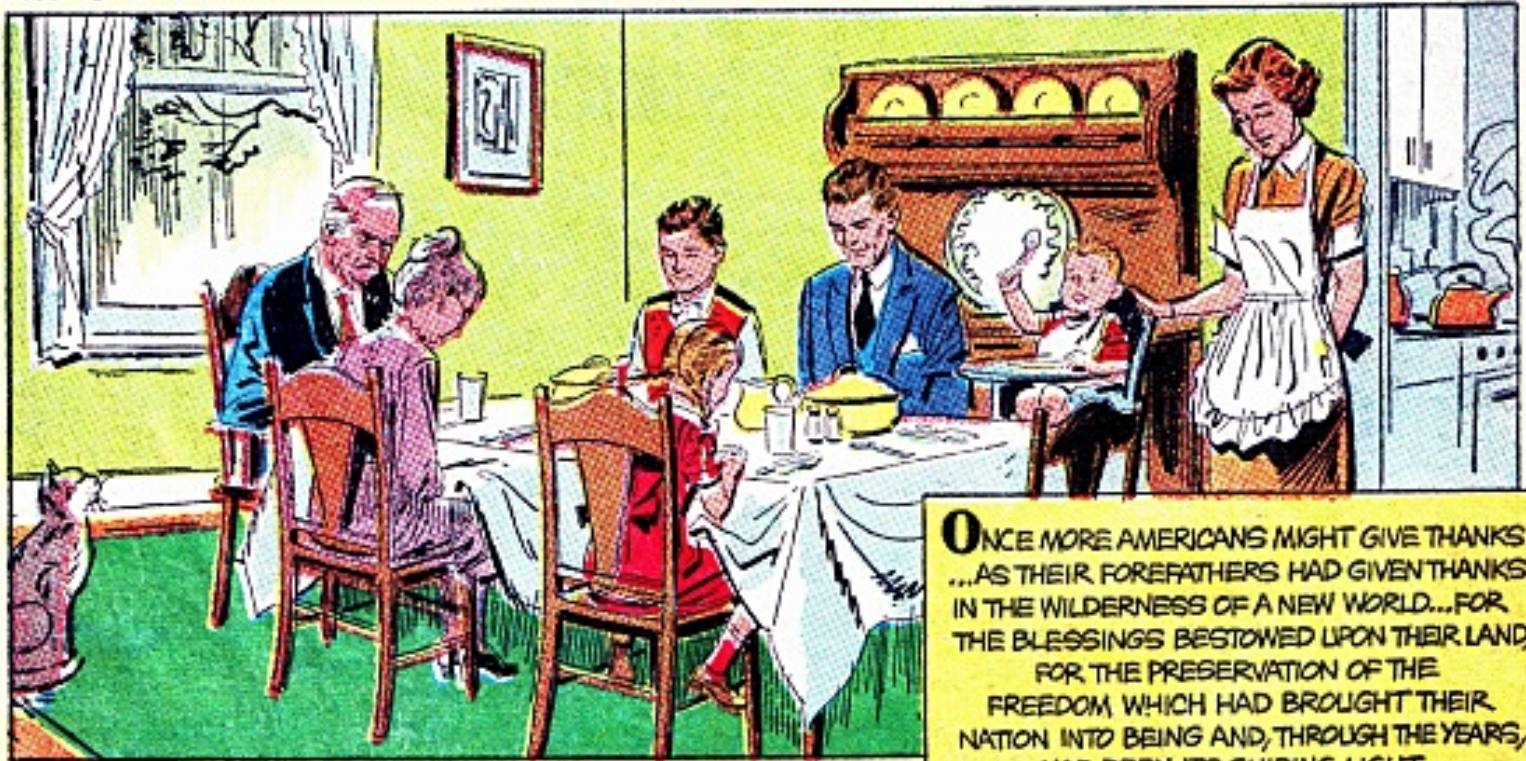
IN AUGUST, SINGLE ATOM BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON TWO JAPANESE CITIES. TWO WEEKS LATER...

ABOARD THE BATTLESHIP MISSOURI... JAPAN'S SURRENDER WAS ACCEPTED BY GENERAL MACARTHUR.

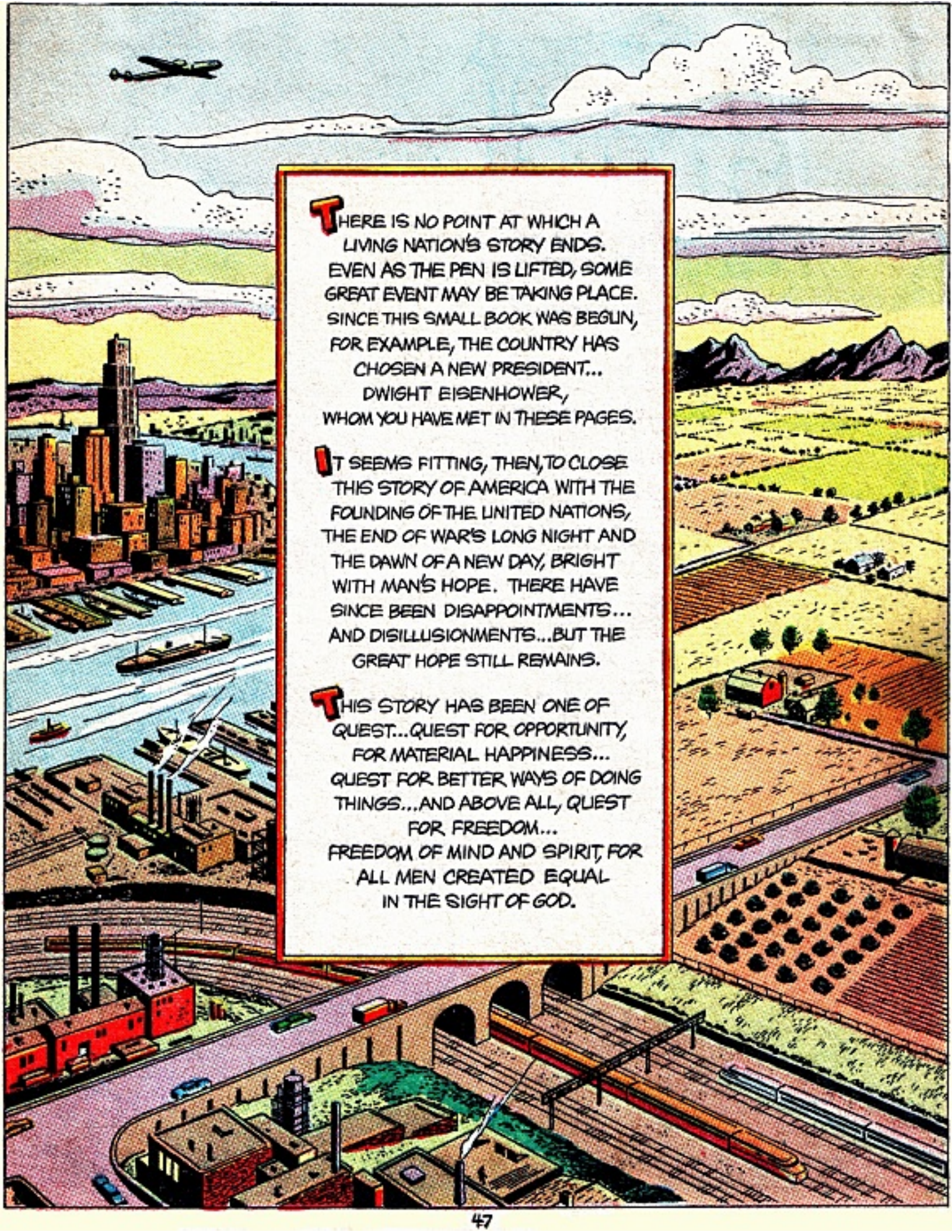


THE SECOND WORLD WAR...FOUGHT TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOM OF ALL PEOPLE...WAS OVER.

THE END OF THE WAR FOUND 51 NATIONS, DRAWN TOGETHER IN A COMMON CAUSE, MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO TO FORM A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION ...ONE THAT WOULD PROMISE LASTING PEACE, THAT WOULD BRING THE BENEFITS OF PROGRESS IN ALL FIELDS TO SUFFERING MANKIND EVERYWHERE... THE UNITED NATIONS HAD BEEN BORN.



ONCE MORE AMERICANS MIGHT GIVE THANKS ...AS THEIR FOREFATHERS HAD GIVEN THANKS IN THE WILDERNESS OF A NEW WORLD...FOR THE BLESSINGS BESTOWED UPON THEIR LAND, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FREEDOM WHICH HAD BROUGHT THEIR NATION INTO BEING AND, THROUGH THE YEARS, HAD BEEN ITS GUIDING LIGHT.



THERE IS NO POINT AT WHICH A LIVING NATION'S STORY ENDS. EVEN AS THE PEN IS LIFTED, SOME GREAT EVENT MAY BE TAKING PLACE. SINCE THIS SMALL BOOK WAS BEGUN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE COUNTRY HAS CHOSEN A NEW PRESIDENT... DWIGHT EISENHOWER, WHOM YOU HAVE MET IN THESE PAGES.

IT SEEMS FITTING, THEN, TO CLOSE THIS STORY OF AMERICA WITH THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE END OF WAR'S LONG NIGHT AND THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY, BRIGHT WITH MAN'S HOPE. THERE HAVE SINCE BEEN DISAPPOINTMENTS... AND DISILLUSIONMENTS... BUT THE GREAT HOPE STILL REMAINS.

THIS STORY HAS BEEN ONE OF QUEST... QUEST FOR OPPORTUNITY, FOR MATERIAL HAPPINESS... QUEST FOR BETTER WAYS OF DOING THINGS... AND ABOVE ALL, QUEST FOR FREEDOM... FREEDOM OF MIND AND SPIRIT, FOR ALL MEN CREATED EQUAL IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

