

HONOR OF THE FLAG INDEED!  
TO PEN 900 HELPLESS AND  
WEAPONLESS SAVAGES IN A HOLE LIKE  
RATS IN A TRAP AND MASSACRE THEM  
WAS NO "BRILLIANT FEAT OF ARMS."

OUR UNIFORMED ASSASSINS HAD NOT  
UPHELD THE HONOR OF THE AMERICAN  
FLAG. THEY HAD DISHONORED IT.

I SUGGESTED A  
NEW FLAG - WITH  
THE WHITE STRIPES  
PAINTED BLACK  
AND THE STARS  
REPLACED BY  
THE SKULL AND  
CROSSBONES.

IN 1901, AGUINALDO WAS CAPTURED  
AND FORCED TO PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. AT LEAST  
200,000 FILIPINOS DIED IN THE  
WAR, MANY FROM FAMINE; 4,000  
U.S. SOLDIERS WERE KILLED. THE  
OCCUPATION SET A PATTERN FOR  
FUTURE U.S. COLONIAL ADVENTURES.

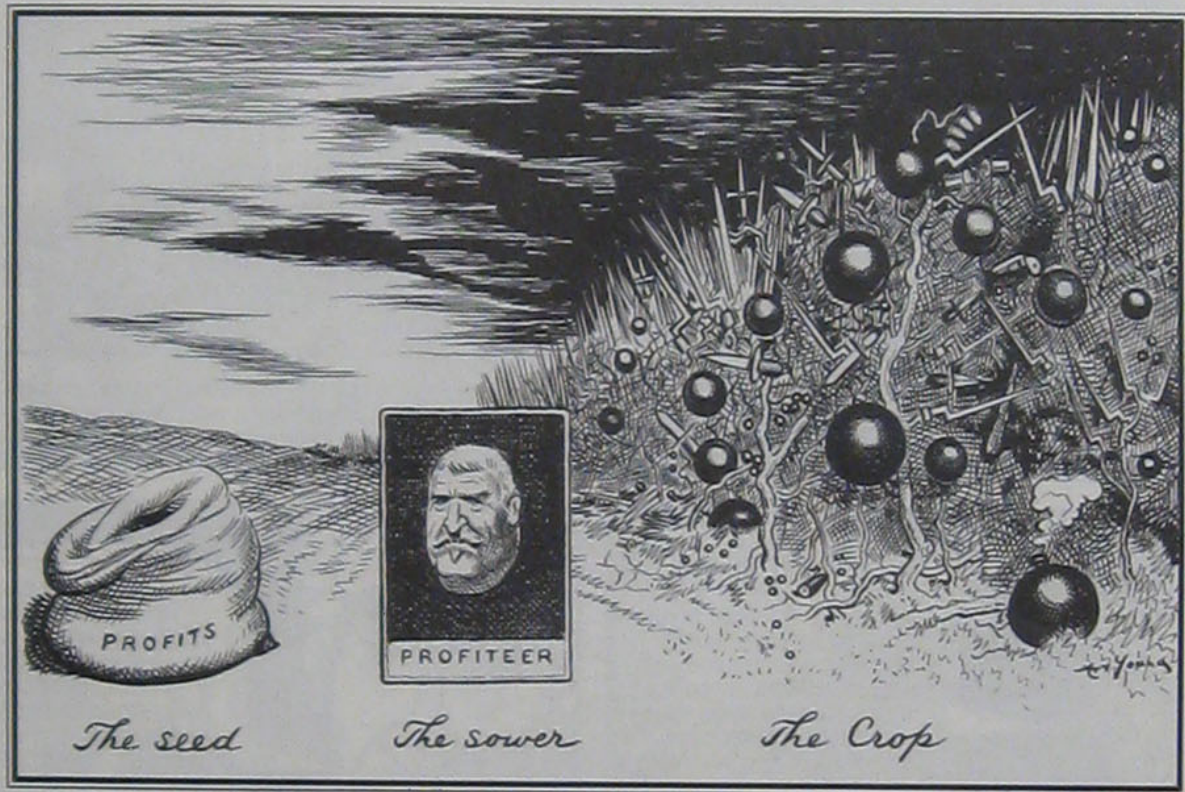


AS FOR GENERAL WOOD, A FORT WAS NAMED AFTER HIM IN MISSOURI. IN  
2004, IT WAS REVEALED THAT THE SOLDIERS ACCUSED OF TORTURE AT  
ABU GHRAIB PRISON IN IRAQ RECEIVED THEIR PRISON GUARD TRAINING  
AT FORT LEONARD WOOD.



## Chapter IV

# WAR IS THE HEALTH OF THE STATE



*"World War I was a boon for U.S. goods and loans.  
Enormous profits tied American business interests  
to a British victory against Germany."*

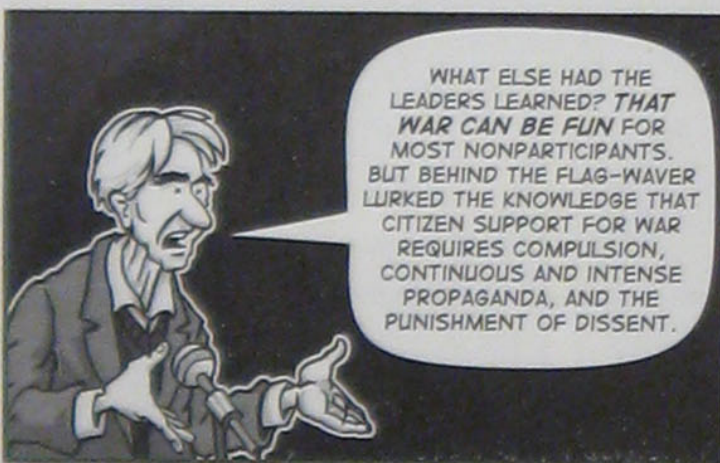


# Righteous Conquest

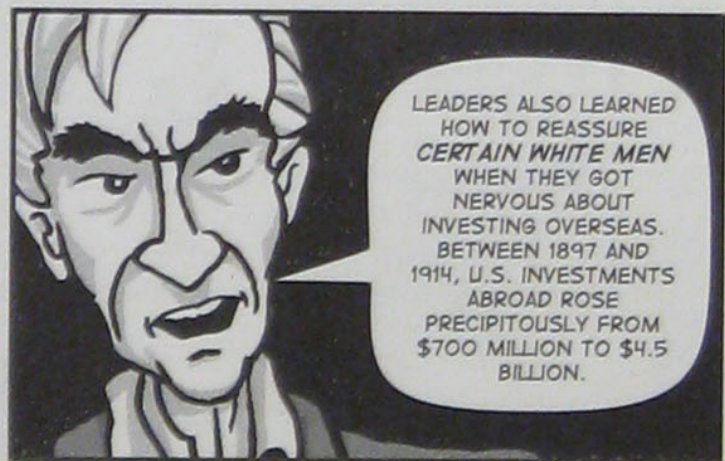
FROM THE PHILIPPINE CONQUEST, U.S. LEADERS LEARNED THAT TROUBLE AND SOCIAL UNREST AT HOME CAN BE CURED BY THE *PRESCRIPTION OF FOREIGN WAR*. AMERICANS WILL UNIFY AGAINST A FOREIGN ENEMY.



WHILE LAND REGIMENTS REMAINED IN THE PHILIPPINES, ADMIRAL **GEORGE DEWEY** WAS WELCOMED HOME ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1899. THE NEXT DAY, DEWEY RODE A CARRIAGE UP NEW YORK CITY'S FIFTH AVENUE TO PUBLIC REJOICING.

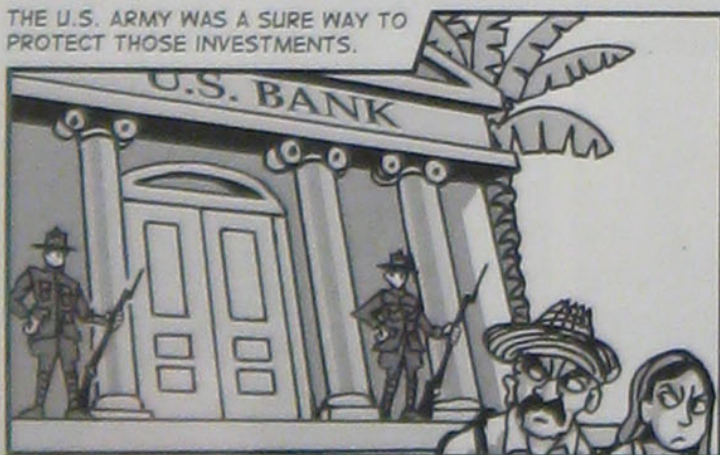


WHAT ELSE HAD THE LEADERS LEARNED? **THAT WAR CAN BE FUN** FOR MOST NONPARTICIPANTS. BUT BEHIND THE FLAG-WAVER LURKED THE KNOWLEDGE THAT CITIZEN SUPPORT FOR WAR REQUIRES COMPULSION, CONTINUOUS AND INTENSE PROPAGANDA, AND THE PUNISHMENT OF DISSENT.



LEADERS ALSO LEARNED HOW TO REASSURE **CERTAIN WHITE MEN** WHEN THEY GOT NERVOUS ABOUT INVESTING OVERSEAS. BETWEEN 1897 AND 1914, U.S. INVESTMENTS ABROAD ROSE PRECIPITOUSLY FROM \$700 MILLION TO \$4.5 BILLION.

THE U.S. ARMY WAS A SURE WAY TO PROTECT THOSE INVESTMENTS.



ELECTED IN 1912, PRESIDENT **WOODROW WILSON** AFFIRMED THIS POSITION.



I SUPPORT THE **RIGHTEOUS CONQUEST OF FOREIGN MARKETS!**



THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION OF 1910-17 WOULD PUT THIS POLICY TO THE TEST. REVOLUTIONARIES OVERTHREW THE U.S.-FRIENDLY DICTATOR PROFIRIO DIAZ, FORCING HIM TO FLEE IN 1911.



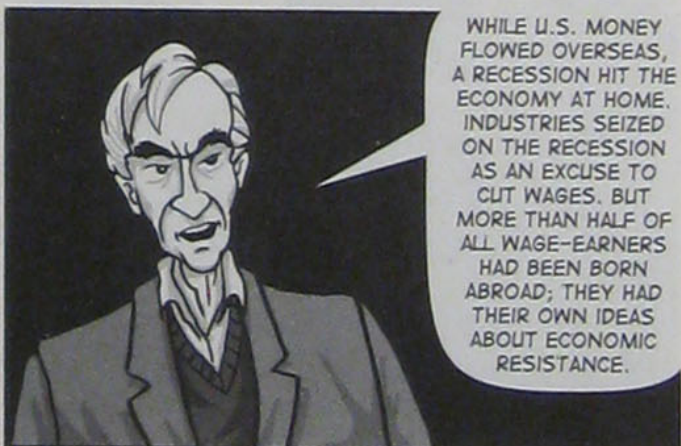
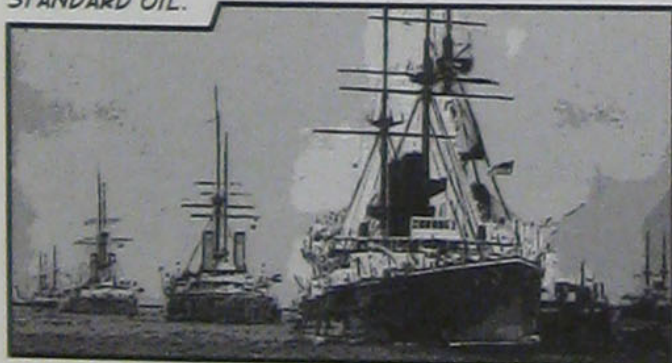
AMERICAN FINANCIERS - WHO WERE INVESTING IN MEXICO MORE THAN THE MEXICANS THEMSELVES - GREW INCREASINGLY NERVOUS.



IN 1913, THEY URGED WILSON TO INTERVENE BUT HE WAS RELUCTANT.



IN PUBLIC, HOWEVER, WILSON WAS MORE RELIABLE. IN ONE OF HIS FIRST MILITARY ACTIONS, HE ORDERED U.S. WARSHIPS TO ATTACK VERACRUZ, MEXICO, TO DEFEND THE INVESTMENTS OF STANDARD OIL.





# The Ludlow Massacre

SHORTLY AFTER WILSON TOOK OFFICE IN 1913, THERE BEGAN ONE OF THE MOST BITTER AND VIOLENT STRUGGLES BETWEEN WORKERS AND CORPORATE CAPITAL IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY: THE STRIKE AGAINST THE *COLORADO FUEL & IRON COMPANY* OWNED BY THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY.

ANGERED BY A SERIES OF MINE EXPLOSIONS AND THE FEUDAL CONDITIONS OF THE MINING CAMPS WHERE THEY LIVED, 11,000 MINERS WENT ON STRIKE. THEY SET UP TENT COLONIES AFTER THEY WERE EVICTED FROM THEIR COMPANY-OWNED HOVELS. THE LARGEST - IN LUDLOW, COLORADO - HOUSED 1,000 MINERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE, I LOOKED IN MY TEXTBOOKS FOR THE STORY OF OUR LABOR STRUGGLES, AND THEY WEREN'T THERE. I LOOKED FOR THE STORY ABOUT THE COLORADO COAL MINERS' STRIKE, AND THAT WASN'T THERE EITHER.

*The* JUNE 1914 10 CENTS  
**MASSES**



THEN ONE DAY, I HEARD A SONG FOLKSINGER *WOODY GUTHRIE* RECORDED IN 1946 CALLED *THE LUDLOW MASSACRE*. IT'S A STORY ABOUT HOW OUR GOVERNMENT USED THE MILITARY TO PROTECT PROFITS AT HOME - WITH THE SAME FORCE THEY USED ABROAD.



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WHAT ABOUT MEXICO?—John Reed





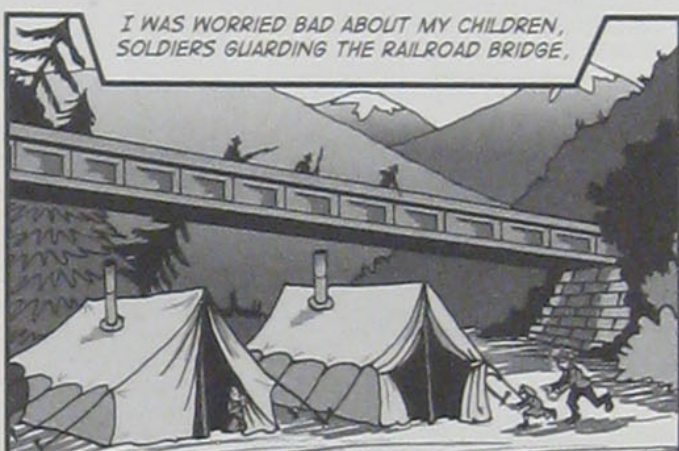
IT WAS EARLY  
SPRINGTIME WHEN  
THE STRIKE  
WAS ON,  
THEY DROVE US  
MINERS OUT OF  
DOORS,



OUT FROM THE HOUSES THAT THE COMPANY OWNED,  
WE MOVED INTO TENTS UP AT OLD LUDLOW,



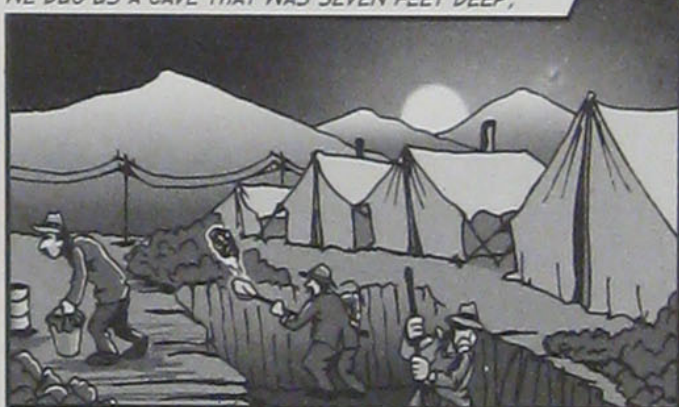
I WAS WORRIED BAD ABOUT MY CHILDREN,  
SOLDIERS GUARDING THE RAILROAD BRIDGE,



EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE A BULLET WOULD FLY,  
KICK UP GRAVEL UNDER MY FEET.



WE WERE SO AFRAID YOU WOULD KILL OUR CHILDREN,  
WE DUG US A CAVE THAT WAS SEVEN FEET DEEP,



CARRIED OUR YOUNG ONES AND PREGNANT  
WOMEN DOWN INSIDE THE CAVE TO SLEEP.



THAT VERY NIGHT YOUR SOLDIERS WAITED,  
UNTIL ALL US MINERS WERE ASLEEP,  
YOU SNUCK AROUND OUR LITTLE TENT TOWN,  
SOAKED OUR TENTS WITH YOUR KEROSENE.





YOU STRUCK A MATCH AND IN THE BLAZE THAT STARTED,  
YOU PULLED THE TRIGGERS OF YOUR GATLING GUNS,



I MADE A RUN FOR THE CHILDREN  
BUT THE FIRE WALL STOPPED ME,  
THIRTEEN CHILDREN DIED FROM YOUR GUNS.



I CARRIED MY BLANKET TO A WIRE FENCE CORNER,  
WATCHED THE FIRE UNTIL THE BLAZE DIED DOWN,



I HELPED SOME PEOPLE DRAG THEIR BELONGINGS,  
WHILE YOUR BULLETS KILLED US ALL AROUND.



I NEVER WILL FORGET THE LOOK ON THE FACES  
OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT AWFUL DAY,  
WHEN WE STOOD AROUND TO PREACH THEIR FUNERALS,  
AND LAY THE CORPSES OF THE DEAD AWAY,



WE TOLD THE COLORADO GOVERNOR  
TO PHONE THE PRESIDENT,  
TELL HIM TO CALL OFF HIS NATIONAL GUARD,



BUT THE NATIONAL GUARD BELONGED TO THE GOVERNOR,  
SO HE DIDN'T TRY SO VERY HARD.



OUR WOMEN FROM TRINIDAD THEY HAILED SOME POTATOES,  
UP TO WALSENSBURG IN A LITTLE CART,





THEY SOLD THEIR POTATOES AND BROUGHT SOME GUNS BACK,  
AND THEY PUT A GUN IN EVERY HAND.



THE STATE SOLDIERS JUMPED US AT THE WIRE FENCE CORNERS,  
THEY DID NOT KNOW WE HAD THESE GUNS,  
AND US REDNECK MINERS MOWED DOWN THESE TROOPERS,  
YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THOSE POOR BOYS RUN.



WE TOOK SOME CEMENT  
AND WALLED THAT CAVE UP,  
WHERE YOU KILLED THOSE  
THIRTEEN CHILDREN INSIDE.

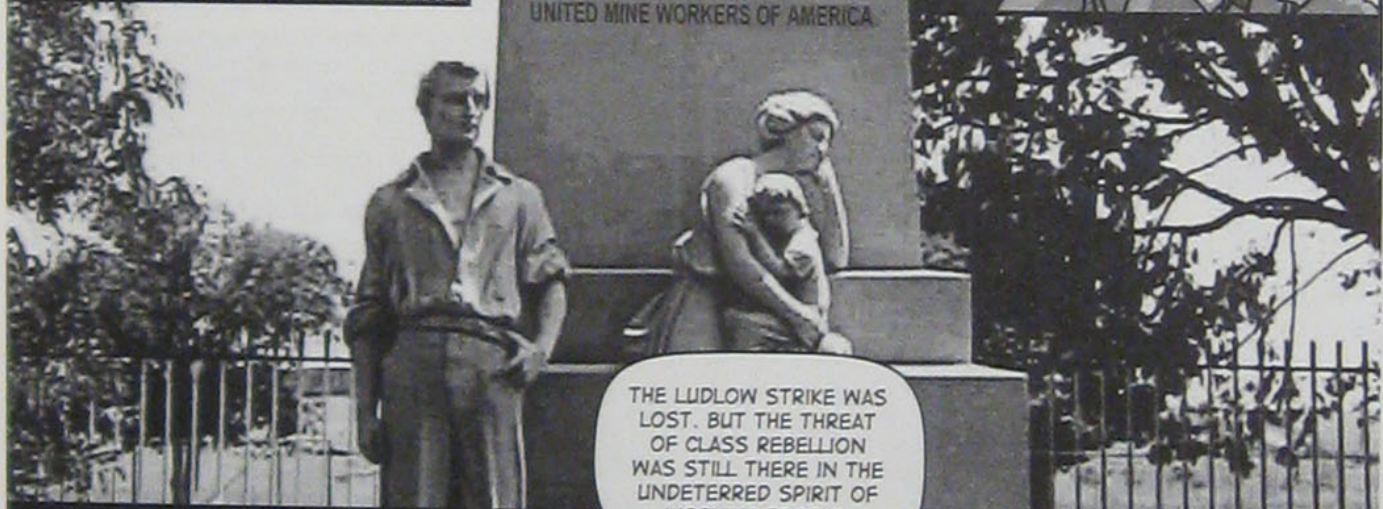


I SAID, "GOD BLESS THE  
MINE WORKERS' UNION,"  
AND THEN I HUNG MY HEAD AND CRIED.

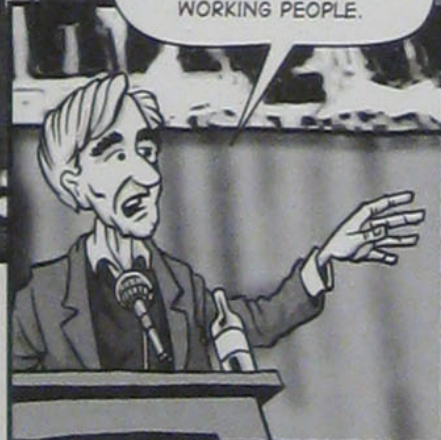
- WOODY GUTHRIE



IN MEMORY OF  
THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES  
IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE  
AT LUDLOW, COLORADO  
APRIL 20, 1914  
ERECTED BY THE  
UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA



THE LUDLOW STRIKE WAS  
LOST. BUT THE THREAT  
OF CLASS REBELLION  
WAS STILL THERE IN THE  
UNDETERRED SPIRIT OF  
WORKING PEOPLE.



ON THE MORNING THAT THE  
BODIES WERE DISCOVERED IN THE  
TENT PIT AT LUDLOW, AMERICAN  
WARSHIPS ATTACKED VERACRUZ,  
MEXICO, LEAVING A HUNDRED  
MEXICANS DEAD. PERHAPS THE  
AFFAIR IN MEXICO WAS AN  
INSTINCTUAL RESPONSE OF THE  
SYSTEM FOR ITS OWN SURVIVAL,  
TO CREATE A UNITY OF FIGHTING  
PURPOSE AMONG A PEOPLE TORN  
BY INTERNAL CONFLICT.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF VERACRUZ  
WAS A SMALL INCIDENT. BUT IN  
FOUR MONTHS, WORLD WAR I  
WOULD BEGIN IN EUROPE.



# World War I

A WHOLE EMPIRE WALKING VERY SLOWLY, DYING IN FRONT AND PUSHING BEHIND. AND ANOTHER EMPIRE WALKING VERY SLOWLY BACKWARD A FEW INCHES A DAY, LEAVING THE DEAD LIKE A MILLION BLOODY RUGS.

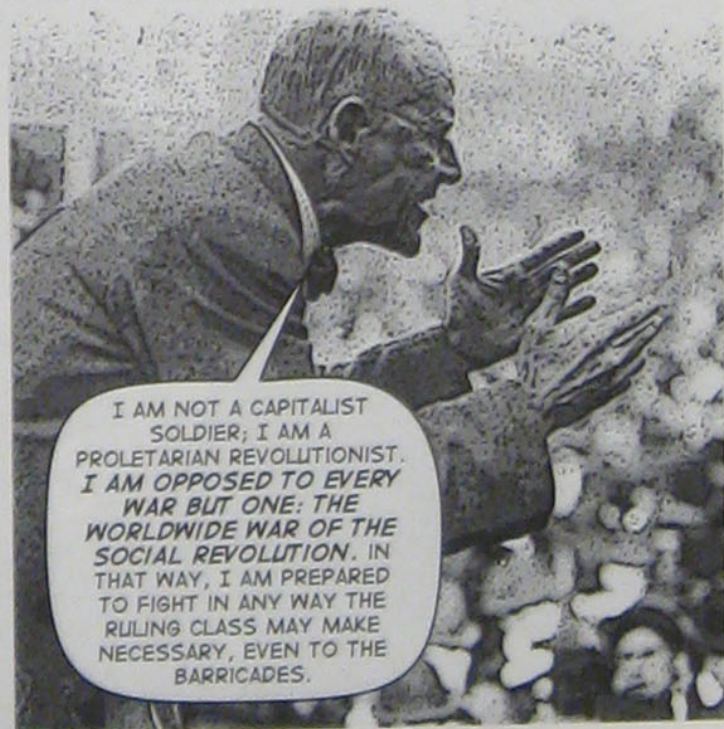
- F. SCOTT FITZGERALD  
TENDER IS THE NIGHT



"WAR IS THE HEALTH OF THE STATE," THE RADICAL WRITER **RANDOLPH BOURNE** SAID. INDEED, AS THE NATIONS OF EUROPE WENT TO WAR IN 1914, GOVERNMENTS FLOURISHED, PATRIOTISM BLOOMED, CLASS STRUGGLE WAS STILLED, AND **YOUNG MEN DIED IN FRIGHTFUL NUMBERS.**



IN THE U.S., NOT YET IN THE WAR, THERE WAS WORRY ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE STATE. SOCIALISM WAS GROWING. CLASS CONFLICT WAS INTENSE. THE **AMERICAN SOCIALIST PARTY** CLAIMED THAT IT WAS AN IMPERIALIST WAR: THE ADVANCED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE WERE FIGHTING OVER BOUNDARIES, COLONIES, SPHERES OF INFLUENCE; THEY WERE COMPETING FOR ALSACE-LORRAINE, THE BALKANS, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST. SOCIALIST LEADER **EUGENE DEBS** DECLARED:



I AM NOT A CAPITALIST SOLDIER; I AM A PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONIST. I AM OPPOSED TO EVERY WAR BUT ONE: THE WORLDWIDE WAR OF THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION. IN THAT WAY, I AM PREPARED TO FIGHT IN ANY WAY THE RULING CLASS MAY MAKE NECESSARY, EVEN TO THE BARRICADES.



IN MAY 1915, THE *ATLANTIC MONTHLY* PUBLISHED A REMARKABLY PERCEPTIVE ARTICLE BY *W.E.B. DU BOIS* ENTITLED "THE AFRICAN ROOTS OF WAR." IT WAS A WAR FOR EMPIRE, HE ASSERTED, OF WHICH THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE ALLIES OVER AFRICA WAS BOTH A SYMBOL AND REALITY:

Africa is a prime cause of this terrible overturning of civilization which we have lived to see; and these words seek to show how in the Dark Continent are hidden the roots, not simply of war today but of the menace of wars tomorrow.

The methods by which this continent has been stolen have been contemptible and dishonest beyond expression. Lying treaties, rivers of rum, murder, assassination, mutilation, rape, and torture have marked the progress of Englishman, German, Frenchman, and Belgian on the Dark Continent.

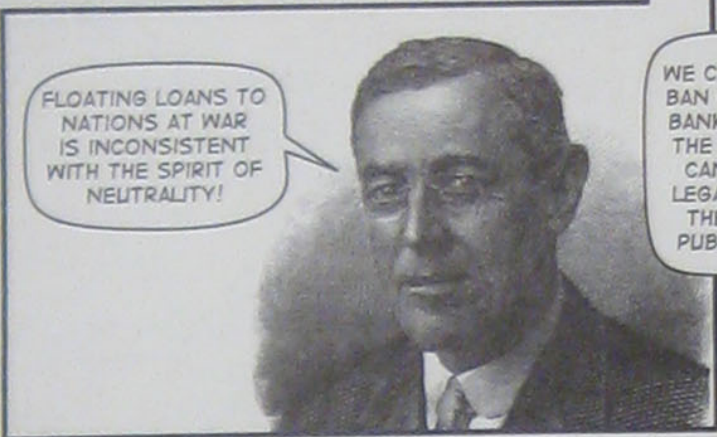
The white workingman has been asked to share the spoils of exploiting "chinks and niggers." It is no longer simply the merchant prince, or the aristocratic monopoly, or even the employing class, that is exploiting the world: It is the nation; a new democratic nation composed of united capital and labor.

THE U.S. FITTED THAT IDEA OF DU BOIS. AMERICAN CAPITALISM NEEDED INTERNATIONAL RIVALRY - AND PERIODIC WAR - TO CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BETWEEN RICH AND POOR. IN THE MIDST OF A SEVERE DEPRESSION, PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON, WHO HAD PROMISED THAT THE U.S. WOULD STAY NEUTRAL IN THE WAR, WOULD FIND A WAY TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF AMERICAN CAPITAL AS WELL AS THE ALLIES' IMPERIALISM.



WHEN WAR BROKE OUT IN EUROPE, PRESIDENT WILSON INVOKED A 1907 TREATY THAT ESTABLISHED THE RIGHT OF NATIONS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

IN 1915, WILSON AND SECRETARY OF STATE **ROBERT LANSING** IMPLEMENTED A PLAN TO HELP THE ALLIES THAT WAS ANYTHING BUT NEUTRAL.



FLOATING LOANS TO NATIONS AT WAR IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF NEUTRALITY!

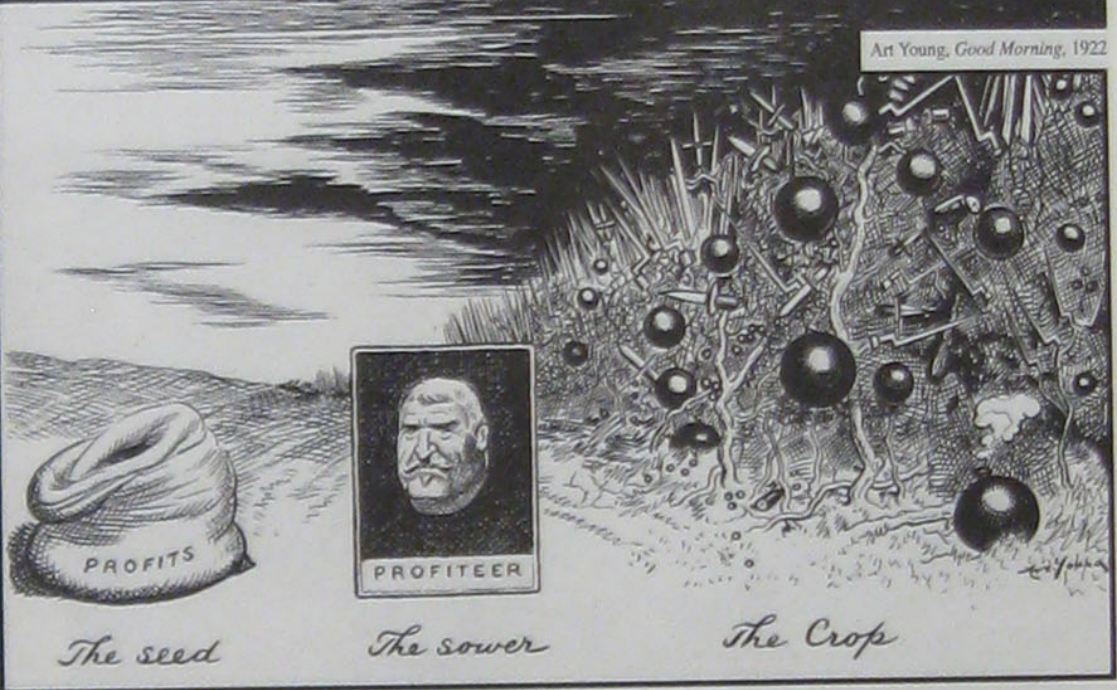
WE CAN LIFT THE BAN ON PRIVATE BANK LOANS TO THE ALLIES. WE CAN SAY IT'S LEGAL BECAUSE THEY AREN'T PUBLIC LOANS.



AND WE CAN STILL CLAIM NEUTRALITY.

WORLD WAR I WAS A BOON FOR U.S. GOODS AND LOANS. WAR ORDERS FOR THE ALLIES (MOSTLY ENGLAND) HAD STIMULATED THE ECONOMY. AMERICAN EXPORTS JUMPED FROM \$2 BILLION IN 1913 TO OVER \$5 BILLION IN 1916.

THE INDUSTRIALISTS AND POLITICAL LEADERS TALKED OF PROSPERITY AS IF IT WERE CLASSLESS, BUT IT WAS THE RICH WHO TOOK EVEN MORE DIRECT CHARGE OF THE ECONOMY. FINANCIER **BERNARD BARUCH** HEADED THE WAR INDUSTRIES BOARD, THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE WARTIME GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. BANKERS, RAILROAD MEN, AND INDUSTRIALISTS DOMINATED THESE AGENCIES.



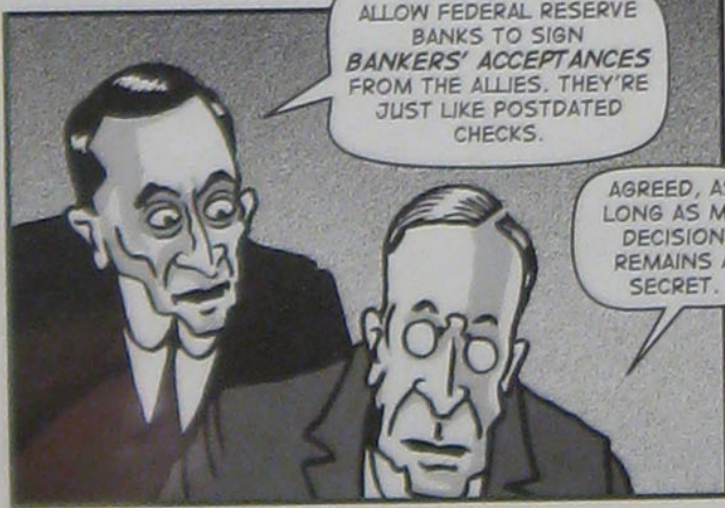
Art Young, Good Morning, 1922

*The seed*

*The sower*

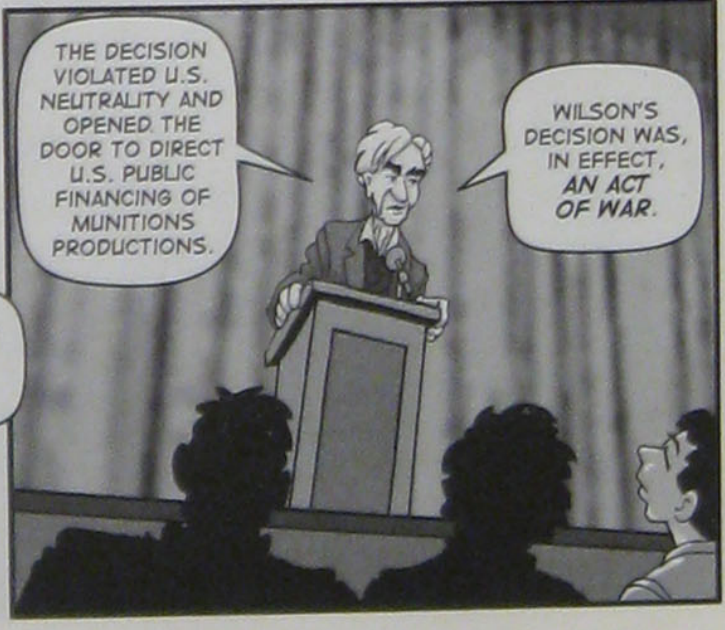
*The Crop*

THOUGH HUGE QUANTITIES OF AMERICAN-MADE MUNITIONS WERE FLOWING TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE, BANK CREDITS COULDN'T COVER THE COST. TREASURY SECRETARY **WILLIAM MCADOO** ADVISED WILSON:



ALLOW FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO SIGN **BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES** FROM THE ALLIES. THEY'RE JUST LIKE POSTDATED CHECKS.

AGREED, AS LONG AS MY DECISION REMAINS A SECRET.

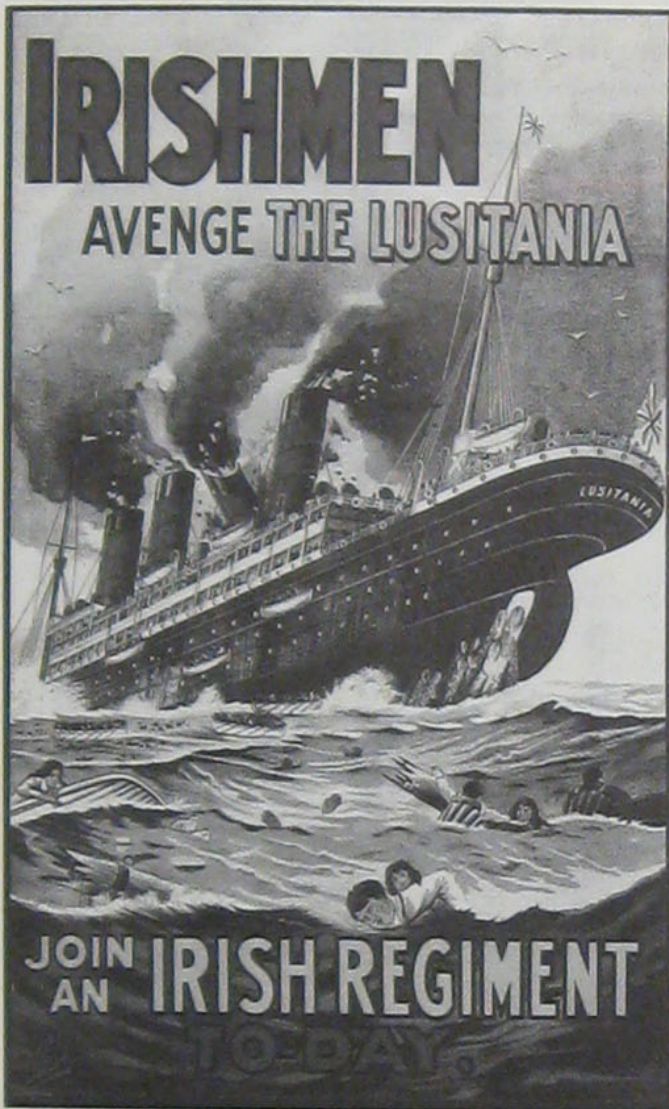


THE DECISION VIOLATED U.S. NEUTRALITY AND OPENED THE DOOR TO DIRECT U.S. PUBLIC FINANCING OF MUNITIONS PRODUCTIONS.

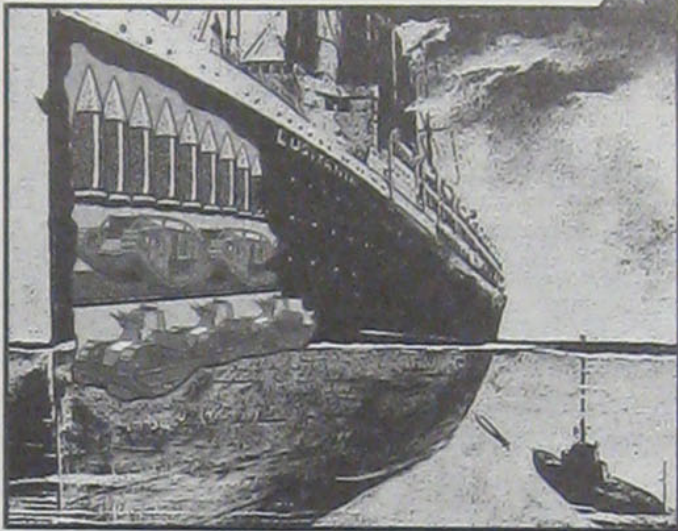
WILSON'S DECISION WAS, IN EFFECT, AN ACT OF WAR.



MAY 7, 1915: A GERMAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOED THE BRITISH PASSENGER SHIP *LUSITANIA* EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO ENGLAND. THE SHIP SANK IN 18 MINUTES; 1,198 PEOPLE DIED. WAR PASSIONS WERE ENFLAMED. THIS ENLISTMENT POSTER EXPLOITED THE CARNAGE.



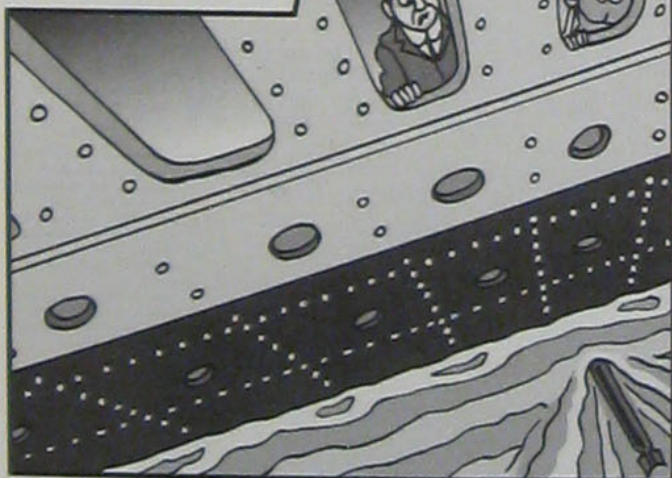
THE PUBLIC WAS NOT TOLD THAT THE SHIP WAS ARMED AND CARRYING TONS OF U.S.-MANUFACTURED WAR MATERIEL UNDER A FALSIFIED MANIFEST.



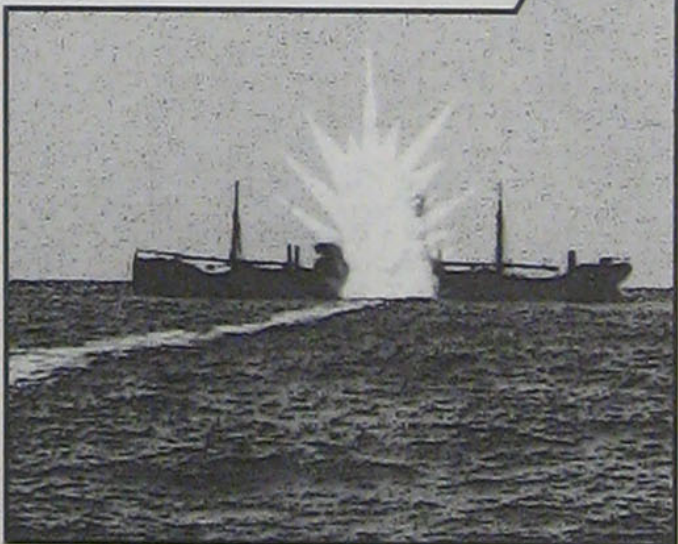
MARCH 24, 1916: GERMANY SANK THE *SUSSEX*, AN UNARMED FRENCH PASSENGER SHIP. WILSON PROTESTED. GERMANY REPLIED THAT IT WOULD RESTRICT SUBMARINE WARFARE IF THE U.S. PERSUADED THE BRITISH TO STOP THEIR BLOCKADE OF FOOD SUPPLIES TO GERMANY...



...AND IF WILSON CEASED DEFENDING ARMED BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS. THESE SHIPS OFTEN CARRIED AMERICAN PASSENGERS.



THE BRITISH REFUSED TO BREAK THEIR BLOCKADE, AND THE CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME CONTINUED.





THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY ASKED THE MILITARY TO STOP SINKING MERCHANT SHIPS. FIELD MARSHAL PAUL LUDWIG HANS ANTON VON BENECKENDORFF UND VON HINDENBURG SHRUGGED IT OFF.

THIS UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE MIGHT PROVOKE THE U.S. INTO WAR.



THE U.S. HAS ALREADY TAKEN SIDES. IN ANY EVENT, WE ARE PREPARED FOR THE UNITED STATES. THINGS CANNOT BE WORSE THAN THEY ARE NOW.

IT WAS A COSTLY BLUNDER. ON APRIL 6, 1917, THE U.S. ENTERED THE WAR.

CHANGING THE COURSE OF HISTORY

# New York American

# WAR WITH GERMANY

## BAKER ASKS AN ARMY OF 1,200,000

## Gibbons Prays God May Guide Nation in War

## THREE BILLION AND A HALF IN WAR BUDGET

## FOUR GERMAN SHIPS TOWED TO CITY PIER

## Americans in Belgium May Be Interned

## CARRANZA'S TROOPS MASS UPON BORDER

## Austria and Turkey Hope to Stay Neutral

## HOUSE BACKS UP WILSON, 373 TO 56

Bill for Selective Conscription. War of 500,000 from 19 to 25. Cost to Set at \$7,922,537,932

Many Exceptions, Including One with Dependents, President Year's Training Before Service

All conscripts, under 30, members of the President's family, and those of the President's family, shall be exempt from the draft. The President may also exempt from the draft any person who is a member of the President's family, or who is a member of the President's family, or who is a member of the President's family.

## GERMANS TWIST WILSON SPEECH

Belief in Printing, Advertising, Specific War and Financing, Allies Get Out by Cover.

House in the National Primarily by Taxation and in the Unusually Available for Use

Shannon, Mass., Clearing and Protection and Salvage Inds. Saved by Government

Taken from Eastern Island Anchorage to South Brooklyn—Four German Ships Seized by U.S. Navy

ALL 17,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS who are being interned in Belgium are being held in a camp at Mauthausen, Austria. The camp is a large, open-air structure, and the soldiers are being held in a very unhealthy environment. The camp is a large, open-air structure, and the soldiers are being held in a very unhealthy environment.

## NAVY TO TOTAL 197,000 MEN

1917-1921 Appropriation by Act—That First to Be Sold, 100,000 Sold

General Huger's Army of 100,000 in Mexico, Wellington Clearly Watch Situation

By Press, April 4—The U.S. Navy is to be increased to 197,000 men by the end of the fiscal year. The increase is to be accomplished by the purchase of 100,000 more men, and the discharge of 100,000 men.

## NO BREAK WITH AUSTRIA NOW

Initiative is Expected to Come from Great Britain, Washington Says.

HOUSE BACKS UP WILSON, 373 TO 56

House today passed the President's war message by a vote of 373 to 56. The vote was a decisive one, and it shows that the American people are behind the President's policy.

TEN MILLION DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD, TWENTY MILLION CIVILIANS DIED OF HUNGER AND DISEASE RELATED TO THE WAR, AND NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SHOW THAT THE WAR BROUGHT ANY GAIN FOR HUMANITY THAT WOULD BE WORTH ONE HUMAN LIFE.

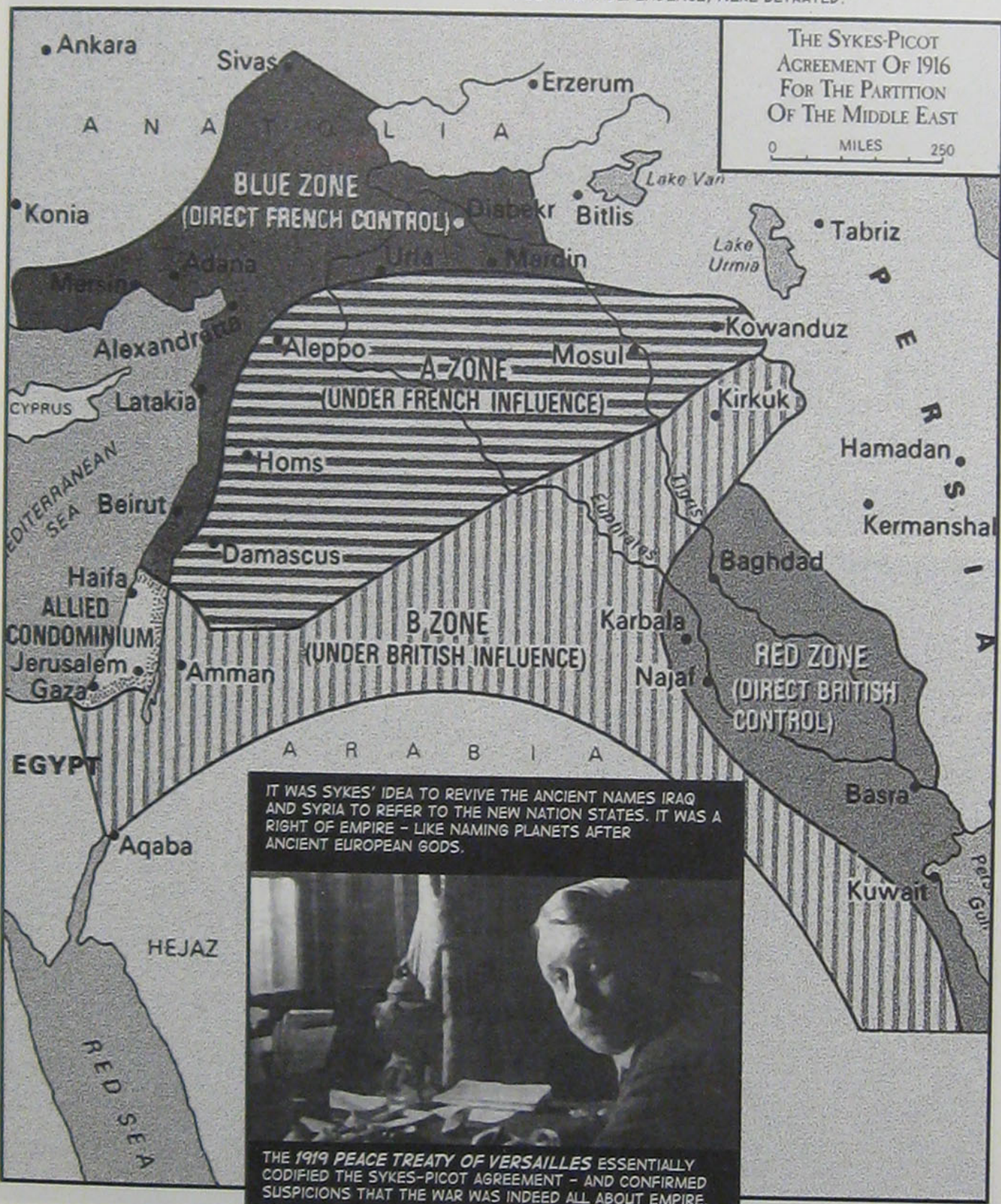


MAY 9, 1916: A FULL YEAR BEFORE THE U.S. ENTERED THE WAR AND MORE THAN TWO YEARS BEFORE THE WAR ENDED, BRITISH DIPLOMAT SIR MARK SYKES AND FRENCH NEGOTIATOR FRANCOIS GEORGES PICOT CARVED UP THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE SYKES-PICOT AGREEMENT SECRETLY PORTIONED OUT TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE THE OIL-BEARING LANDS OF THE FIVE-CENTURY-OLD OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

CERTAIN PORTIONS WERE ALSO ALLOTTED TO THE ITALIANS, GREEKS, RUSSIANS, ARABS, AND FLEDGLING ZIONISTS (IN AN "INTERNATIONAL ZONE"). THE ALLIED DIPLOMATS EXPRESSED THE POINT CAREFULLY: FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN "SHALL HAVE PRIORITY OF RIGHT OF ENTERPRISE AND LOCAL LOANS."

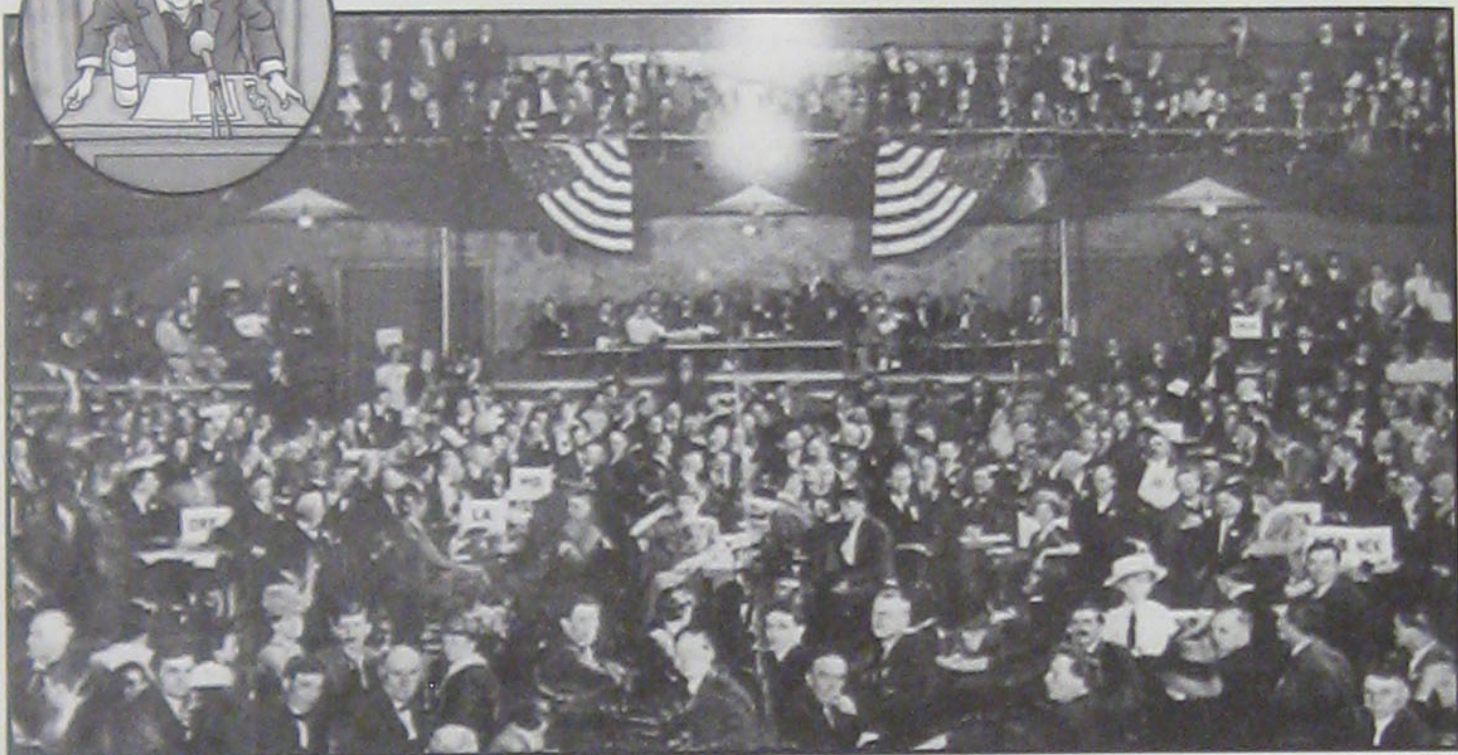
THE ARABS, WHO WERE LED TO BELIEVE THEY WOULD OBTAIN POSTWAR INDEPENDENCE, WERE BETRAYED.





# Resistance to War

THE DAY AFTER THE DECLARATION OF WAR, THE *SOCIALIST PARTY U.S.A.* MET IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION IN ST. LOUIS AND CALLED IT "A CRIME AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES."



THE GENERAL PUBLIC WAS ALSO FIRMLY AGAINST THE WAR AND ELECTED MANY ANTIWAR SOCIALISTS IN THE 1917 STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.



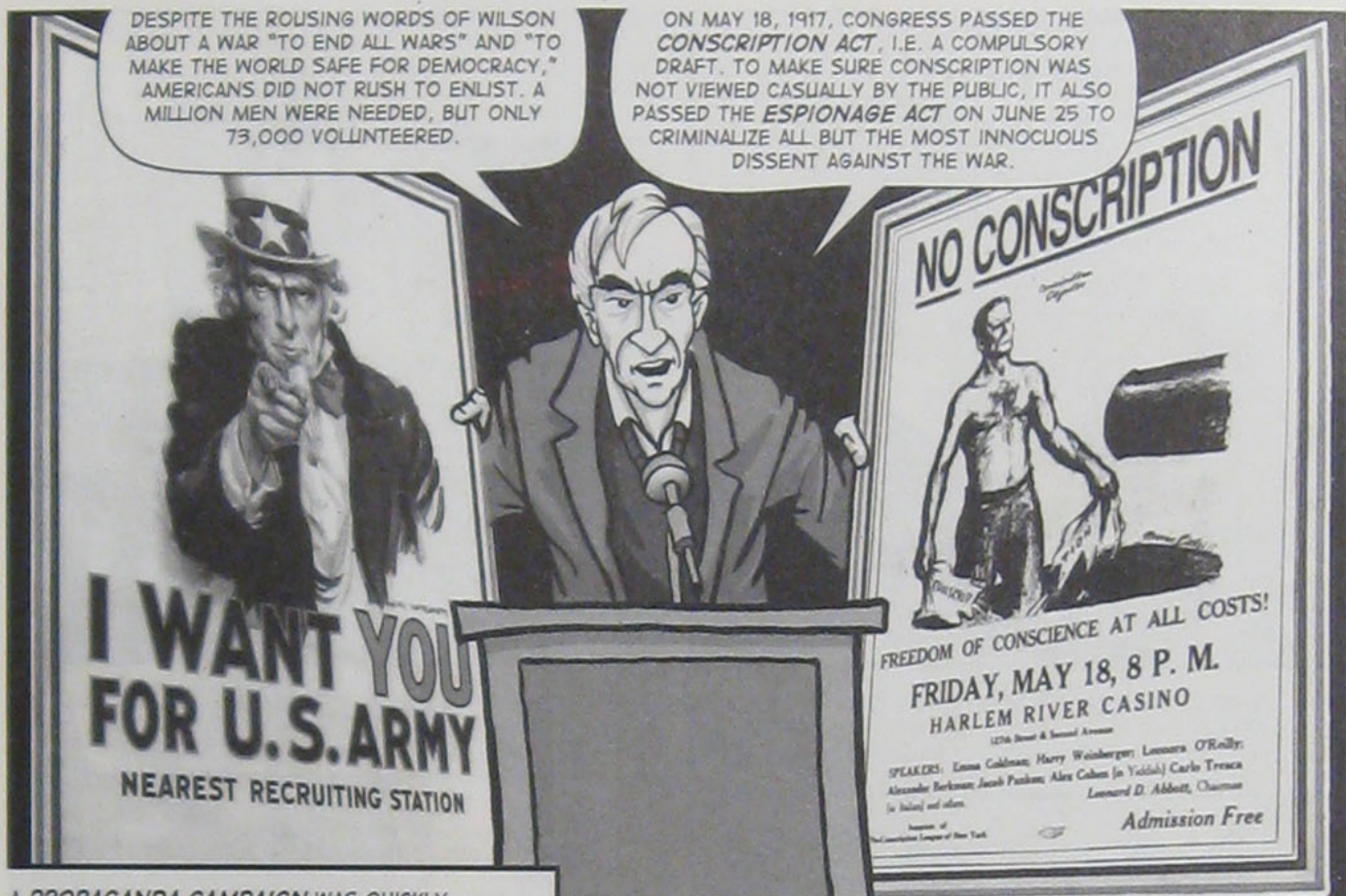
BUT PROWAR ADVOCATES ALSO RALLIED. RELIGIOUS CONSERVATIVES, LIKE THE NATION'S MOST FAMOUS EVANGELIST, *BILLY SUNDAY*, CALLED UPON THE FAITHFUL TO SUPPORT THE WAR.





DESPITE THE ROUSING WORDS OF WILSON ABOUT A WAR "TO END ALL WARS" AND "TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY," AMERICANS DID NOT RUSH TO ENLIST. A MILLION MEN WERE NEEDED, BUT ONLY 73,000 VOLUNTEERED.

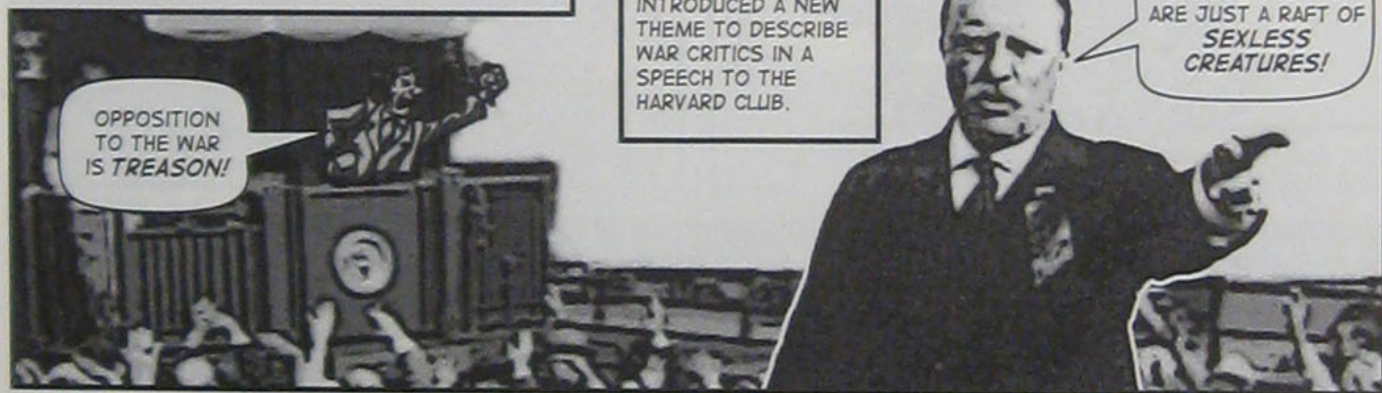
ON MAY 18, 1917, CONGRESS PASSED THE **CONSCRIPTION ACT**, I.E. A COMPULSORY DRAFT. TO MAKE SURE CONSCRIPTION WAS NOT VIEWED CASUALLY BY THE PUBLIC, IT ALSO PASSED THE **ESPIONAGE ACT** ON JUNE 25 TO CRIMINALIZE ALL BUT THE MOST INNOCUOUS DISSIDENT AGAINST THE WAR.



A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN WAS QUICKLY ORGANIZED. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ORATORS, DRILLED TO DELIVER A PROWAR SPEECH IN FOUR MINUTES, VISITED 5,000 CITIES AND TOWNS.

FORMER PRESIDENT **TEDDY ROOSEVELT** INTRODUCED A NEW THEME TO DESCRIBE WAR CRITICS IN A SPEECH TO THE HARVARD CLUB.

PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE THE WAR ARE JUST A RAFT OF **SEXLESS CREATURES!**



## ZINFORMATION



FORTY YEARS LATER, FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION AND KENNEDY BIOGRAPHER **ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER JR.** FOLLOWED SUIT, ACCUSING CRITICS OF THE COLD WAR OF SHOWING "A FEMININE FASCINATION WITH THE RUDE AND MUSCULAR POWER OF THE PROLETARIAT."



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE **CHAMP CLARK**, A MISSOURI PROGRESSIVE, DENOUNCED THE DRAFT.

"IN THE ESTIMATION OF MISSOURIANS," HE TOLD THE HOUSE, "THERE IS PRECIOUS LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CONSCRIPT AND A CONVICT."



IN A PRIVATE LETTER, PRESIDENT WILSON WROTE A NOVEL DEFENSE OF THE DRAFT.

IT IS IN NO SENSE A CONSCRIPTION OF THE UNWILLING, BUT RATHER A SELECTION FROM A NATION WHICH VOLUNTEERED EN MASSE.



THE ESPIONAGE ACT WAS USED TO OUTLAW ANY ANTIWAR TALK THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS **DISCOURAGING ENLISTMENT**.

**NO CONSCRIPTION!**



A SIMILAR REPRESSIVE LAW WAS PASSED AFTER 9/11. THE **U.S.A. PATRIOT ACT** (UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE TOOLS REQUIRED TO INTERCEPT AND OBSTRUCT TERRORISM ACT OF 2001) GIVES THE **F.B.I.** POWERS TO SPY ON CITIZENS, MONITOR LIBRARY AND MEDICAL RECORDS, AND SECRETLY SEARCH HOMES AND WORKPLACES.



**ZINFORMATION**

FROM ITS TITLE, ONE WOULD SUPPOSE THAT THE ESPIONAGE ACT WAS A LAW AGAINST SPYING. INSTEAD, THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SECRETLY EMPOWERED PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS TO SPY ON "DISLOYAL" AMERICANS.



ONE GROUP, THE **AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE (A.P.L.)**, HAD 300,000 CITIZEN VIGILANTES.

THEY OPENED PRIVATE MAIL AND BROKE INTO HOMES TO FIND INCRIMINATING PUBLICATIONS. IN ALL, THE A.P.L. REPORTED **THREE MILLION CASES OF DISLOYALTY**.

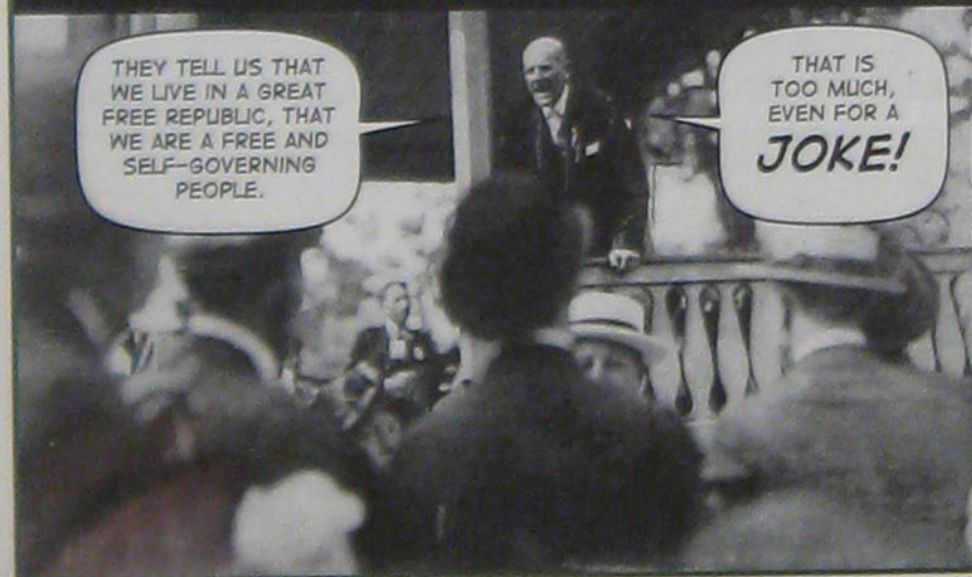


THE ESPIONAGE ACT WAS USED TO IMPRISON AMERICANS WHO OPPOSED THE WAR, INCLUDING SOCIALIST PARTY CHIEF **EUGENE DEBS**. AFTER VISITING THREE ANTI-DRAFT ACTIVISTS IN JAIL, DEBS SPOKE AT AN ANTIWAR RALLY ACROSS THE STREET.

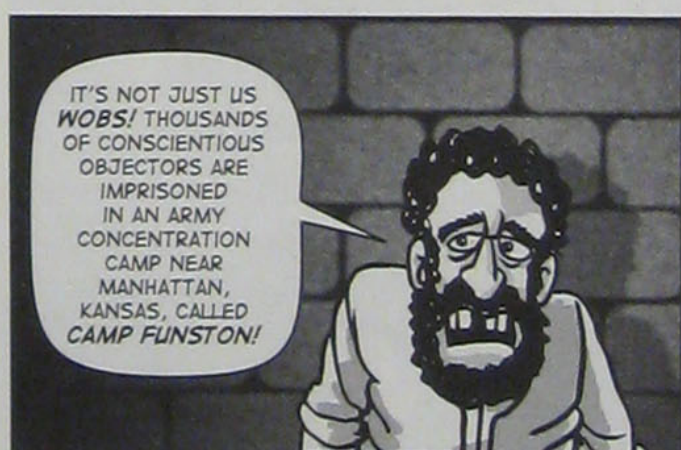
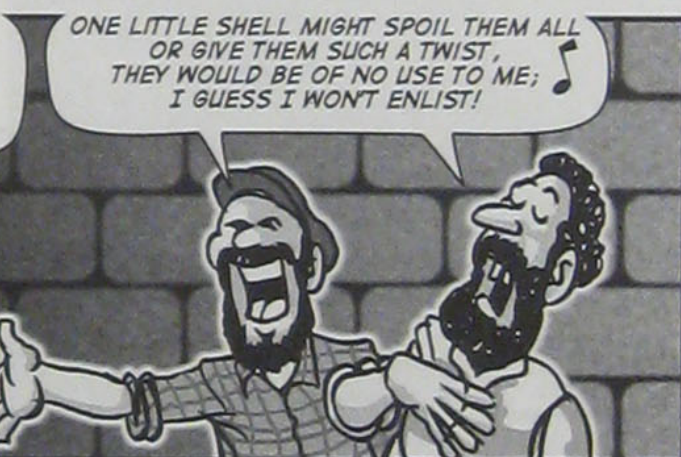
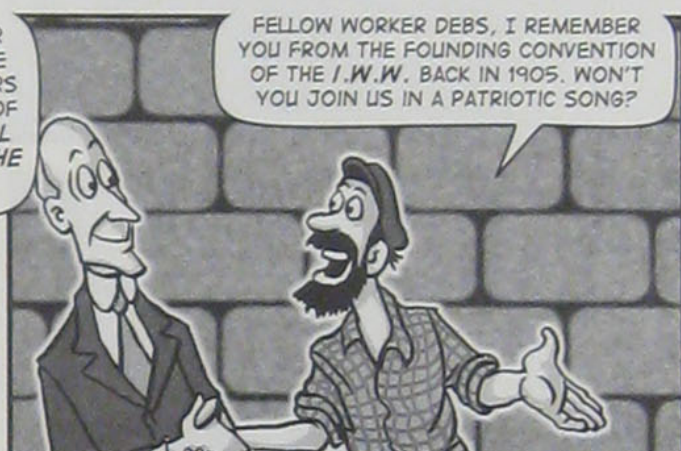
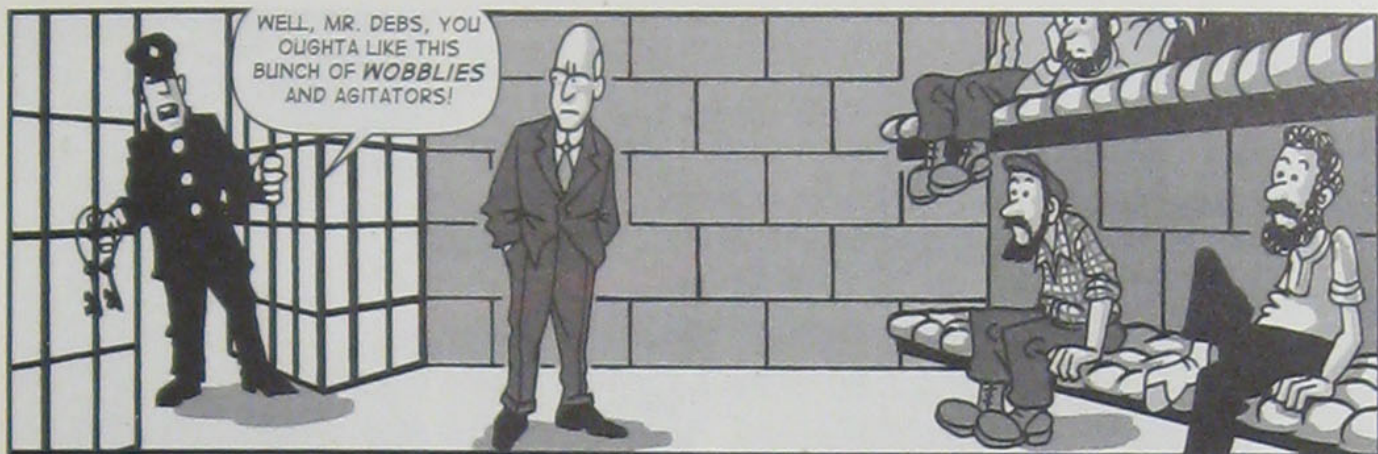
THEY TELL US THAT WE LIVE IN A GREAT FREE REPUBLIC, THAT WE ARE A FREE AND SELF-GOVERNING PEOPLE.

THAT IS TOO MUCH, EVEN FOR A **JOKE!**

YER UNDER ARREST, DEBS!









CAMP FUNSTON! NAMED AFTER BRIGADIER GENERAL **FREDERICK FUNSTON**, THE MAN WHO CAPTURED AGUINALDO IN THE PHILIPPINE WAR. THE CAMP WAS UNDER THE COMMAND OF A FAMILIAR FIGURE, GENERAL **LEONARD WOOD** - VETERAN OF THE GERONIMO CAMPAIGN, FORMER MILITARY GOVERNOR OF CUBA AND THE PHILIPPINES, AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE **MORO MASSACRE**.

**FUNSTON**

**WOOD**

THEY TREATED US LIKE DOGS IN THAT PLACE. I WAS THERE ONCE. I SAW THEM TORTURE THEIR PRISONERS.

THERE WAS A MAN NAMED **SHELDON W. SMITH**. HE WAS A BRAVE SOUL. HE EVEN REFUSED TO PUT ON A PRISON UNIFORM.

IF YOU DON'T SIGN THIS RECEIPT FOR YOUR UNIFORM, I'LL MAKE YOU WISH YOU HAD!

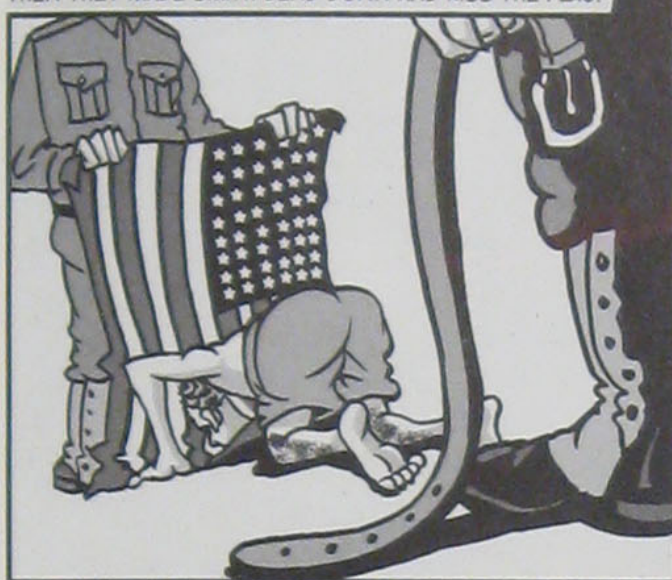
THEY HUNG SMITH AND A COUPLE OF OTHERS FROM THE WATER PIPES IN THE SHOWER AND SCRUBBED THEM RAW WITH BROOMS.

THEN THE GUARDS BEAT THEM WITH BELTS.

**AAIIYYEE!**



THEN THEY MADE SMITH BEND DOWN AND KISS THE FLAG!



A FATHER OF A FUNSTON PRISONER WROTE GENERAL WOOD: "YOU DO NOT DENY CERTAIN ATROCITIES COMMITTED UPON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS BY GUARDS UNDER YOUR COMMAND,

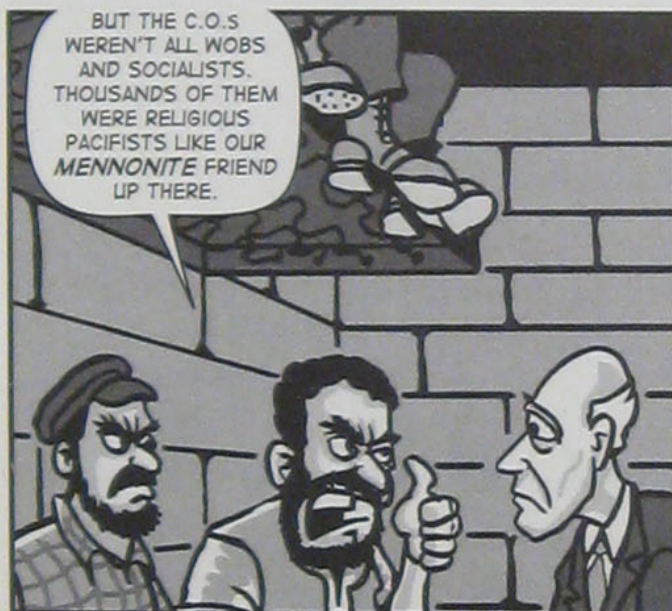
WHICH *OUT-PRUSSIANIZES THE WORST OF THE PRUSSIANS.*"

GENERAL WOOD WROTE BACK: "C.O.'S ARE OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT IN THE EFFORTS WHICH IT IS MAKING TO CRUSH AUTOCRACY."



\*CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

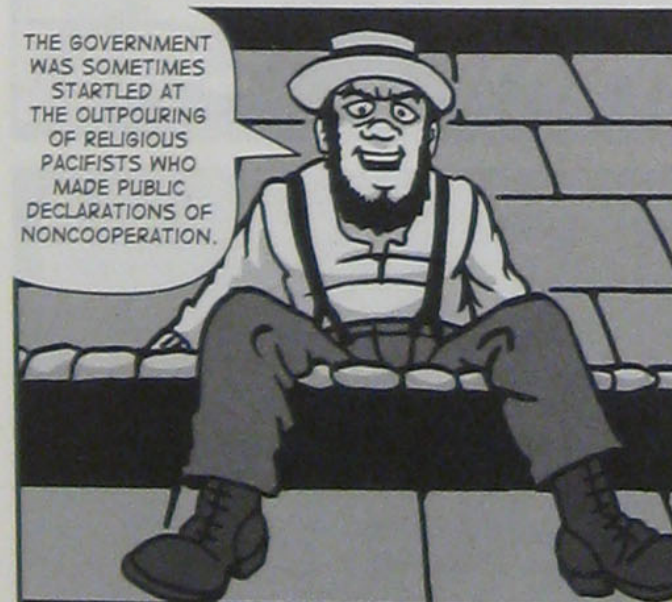
BUT THE C.O.'S WEREN'T ALL WOBBS AND SOCIALISTS. THOUSANDS OF THEM WERE RELIGIOUS PACIFISTS LIKE OUR MENNONITE FRIEND UP THERE.



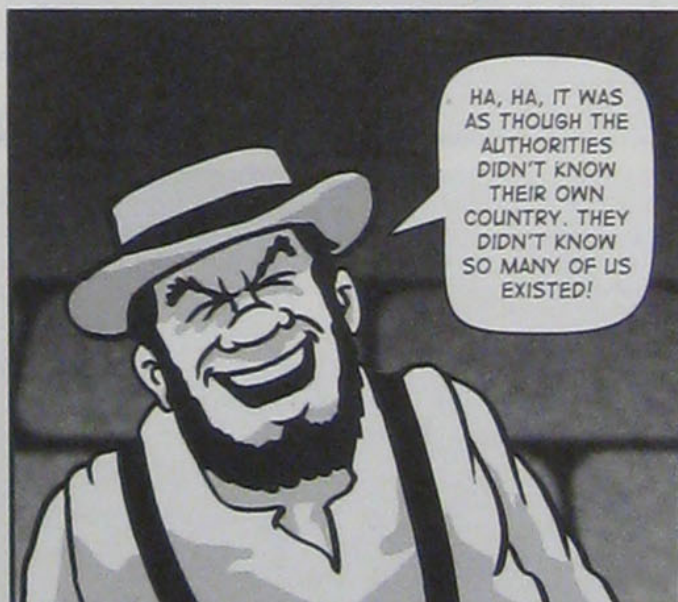
HUNDREDS OF MY BRETHREN WERE AT CAMP FUNSTON. THE TREATMENT WAS SO BAD MANY AGREED TO SOME FORM OF MILITARY DUTY.



THE GOVERNMENT WAS SOMETIMES STARTLED AT THE OUTPOURING OF RELIGIOUS PACIFISTS WHO MADE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS OF NONCOOPERATION.



HA, HA, IT WAS AS THOUGH THE AUTHORITIES DIDN'T KNOW THEIR OWN COUNTRY. THEY DIDN'T KNOW SO MANY OF US EXISTED!







IN ANOTHER PRISON AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS, A DOZEN OKLAHOMA MENNONITES WERE PUNISHED FOR REFUSING TO CARRY OUT A WORK DETAIL. THEY REFUSED TO CUT DOWN A SUNFLOWER TEN FEET FROM THE CAMP.



FOR GERMAN PIETISTS, LIKE THE MENNONITES, THE SUNFLOWER, WHICH TURNS ITS FACE ALL DAY TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF THE SUN, IS THE SYMBOL OF FAITH.

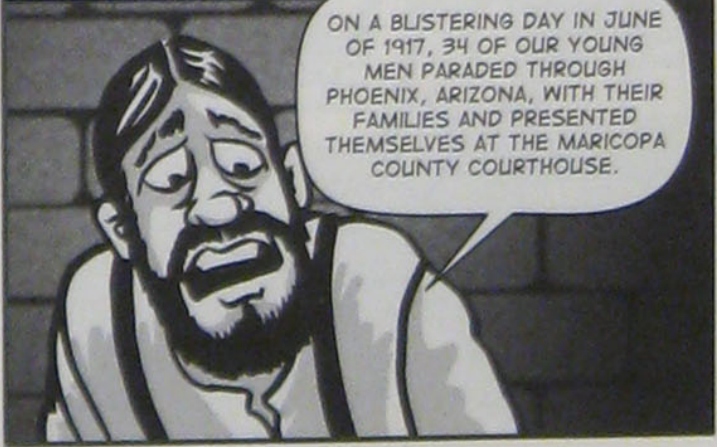
THEY WERE SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON.



I'M A MOLOKAN. WE ARE A PACIFIST BREAKAWAY SECT FROM RUSSIAN ORTHODOXY.



ON A BLISTERING DAY IN JUNE OF 1917, 34 OF OUR YOUNG MEN PARADED THROUGH PHOENIX, ARIZONA, WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND PRESENTED THEMSELVES AT THE MARICOPA COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

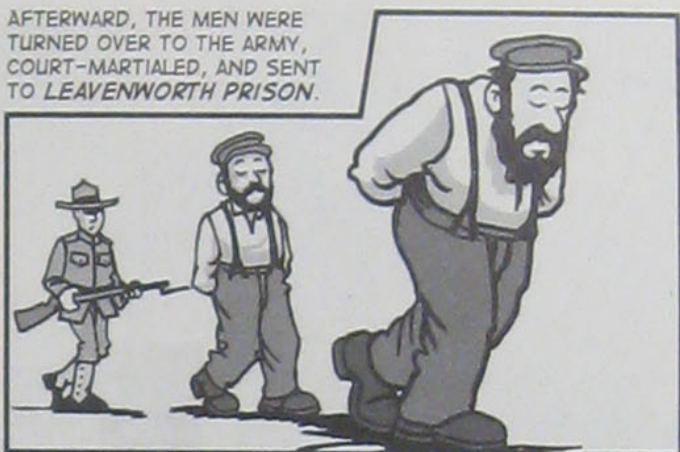




THEY PRAYED IN THE 110-DEGREE SUN BEFORE ENTERING THE COURTROOM, TELLING ASTONISHED SPECTATORS THAT THEY WERE *PREPARED FOR MARTYRDOM*.

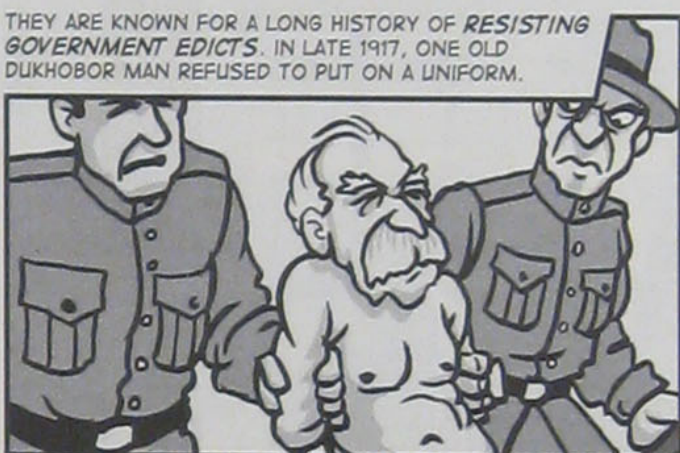


AFTERWARD, THE MEN WERE TURNED OVER TO THE ARMY, COURT-MARTIALED, AND SENT TO *LEAVENWORTH PRISON*.

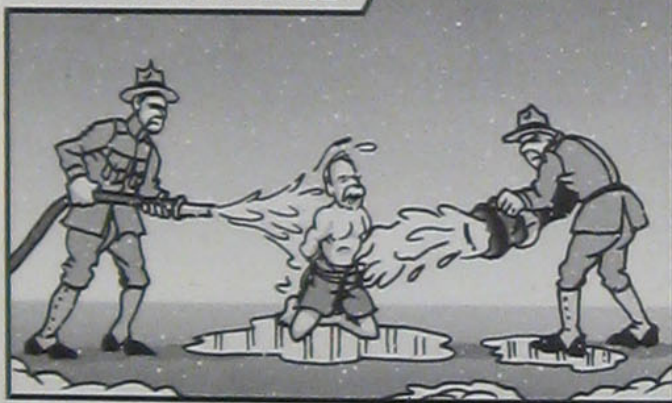


AT LEAVENWORTH, THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO PERSECUTE THE RELIGIOUS. THE *DUKHOBORS* WERE ANOTHER RUSSIAN SECT.

THEY ARE KNOWN FOR A LONG HISTORY OF *RESISTING GOVERNMENT EDICTS*. IN LATE 1917, ONE OLD *DUKHOBOR* MAN REFUSED TO PUT ON A UNIFORM.



THEY TORTURED HIM WITH WATER FOR HOURS IN THE WINTER COLD.



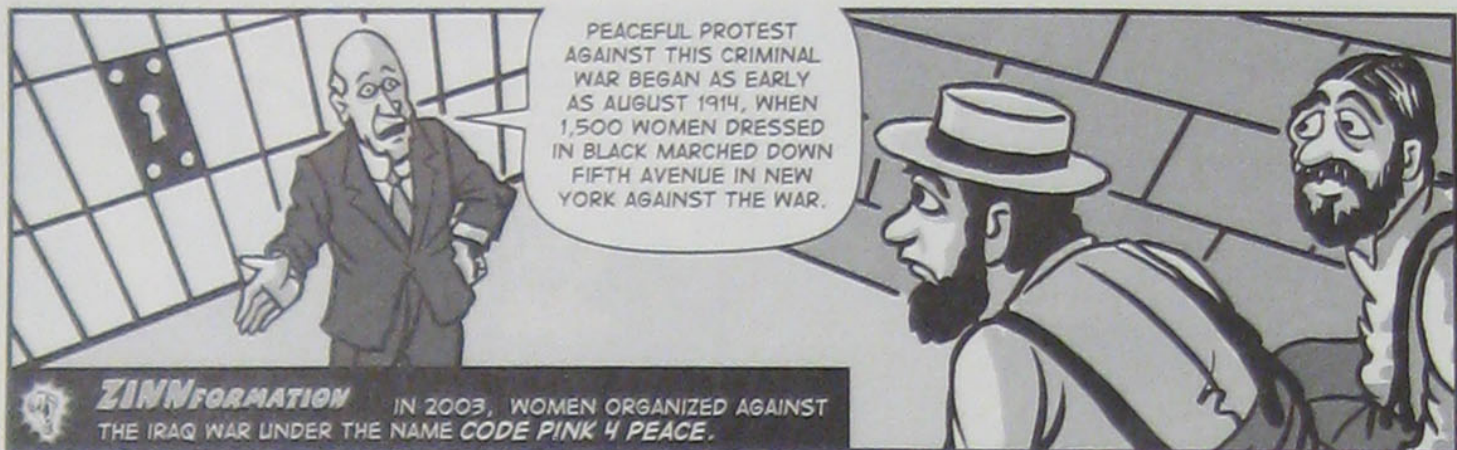
THE OLD MAN DIED, AND HIS WIDOW WAS TOLD TO PICK UP HIS BODY.



TO HUMILIATE HIS FAMILY, THE ARMY DRESSED HIM IN A MILITARY UNIFORM.

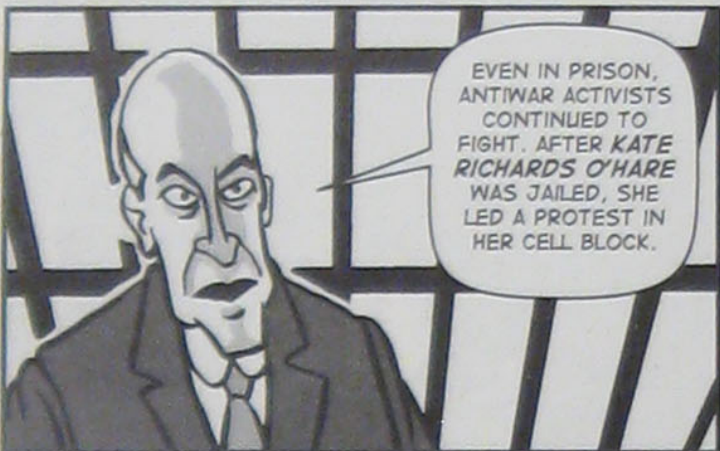




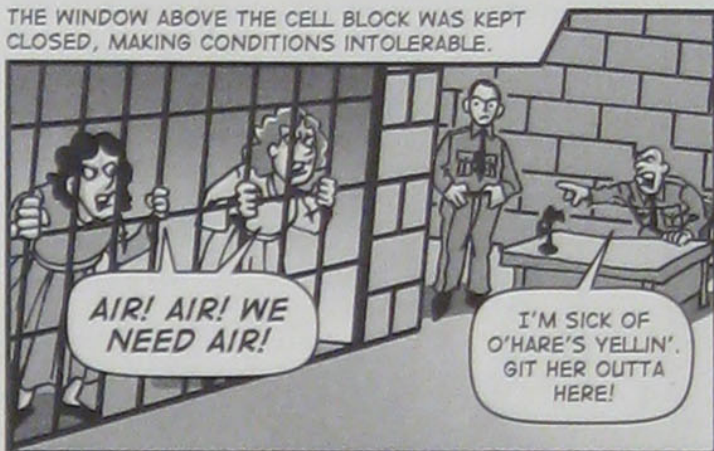


PEACEFUL PROTEST AGAINST THIS CRIMINAL WAR BEGAN AS EARLY AS AUGUST 1914, WHEN 1,500 WOMEN DRESSED IN BLACK MARCHED DOWN FIFTH AVENUE IN NEW YORK AGAINST THE WAR.

**ZINFORMATION** IN 2003, WOMEN ORGANIZED AGAINST THE IRAQ WAR UNDER THE NAME **CODE PINK 4 PEACE**.



EVEN IN PRISON, ANTIWAR ACTIVISTS CONTINUED TO FIGHT. AFTER KATE RICHARDS O'HARE WAS JAILED, SHE LED A PROTEST IN HER CELL BLOCK.



THE WINDOW ABOVE THE CELL BLOCK WAS KEPT CLOSED, MAKING CONDITIONS INTOLERABLE.

AIR! AIR! WE NEED AIR!

I'M SICK OF O'HARE'S YELLIN'. GIT HER OUTTA HERE!



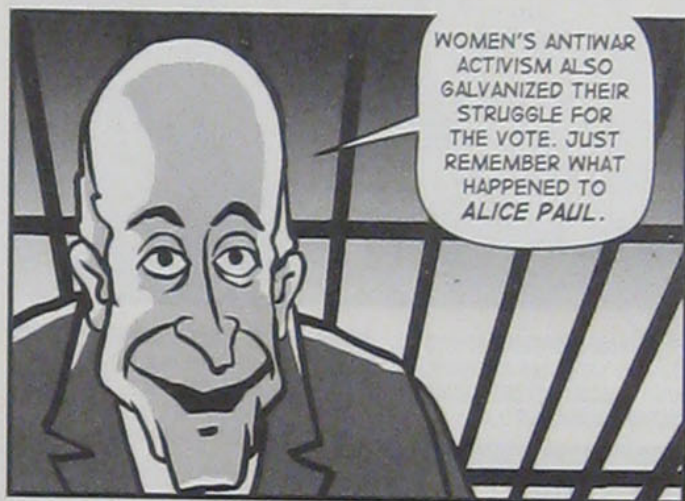
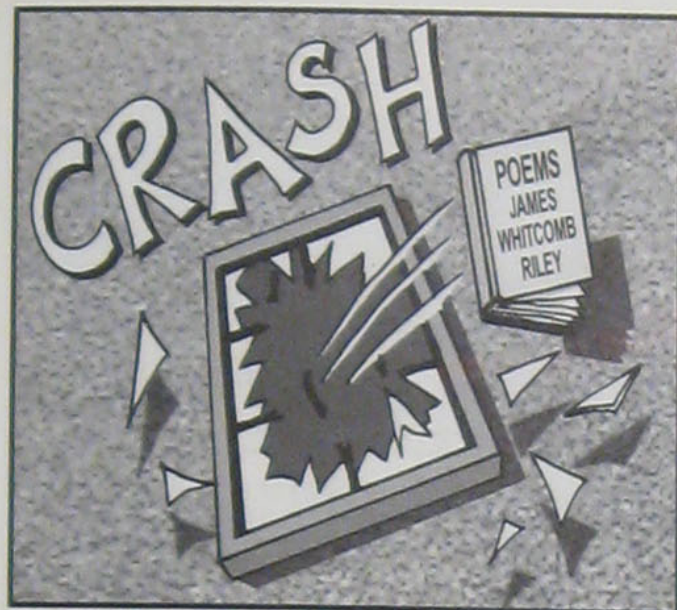
AIR! AIR!

ALL RIGHT, LADY, YER COMIN' WITH US!



AIR! AIR!





THROUGHOUT 1917, THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S PARTY PICKETED THE WHITE HOUSE, DEMANDING THAT PRESIDENT WILSON SUPPORT A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE.



ALICE PAUL WAS ONE OF THE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE SUFFRAGIST MOVEMENT.







WILSON'S ARRESTS INCREASED, BUT THE PICKETING DIDN'T STOP. FINALLY, THE POLICE ARRESTED THE LEADER, ALICE PAUL.

