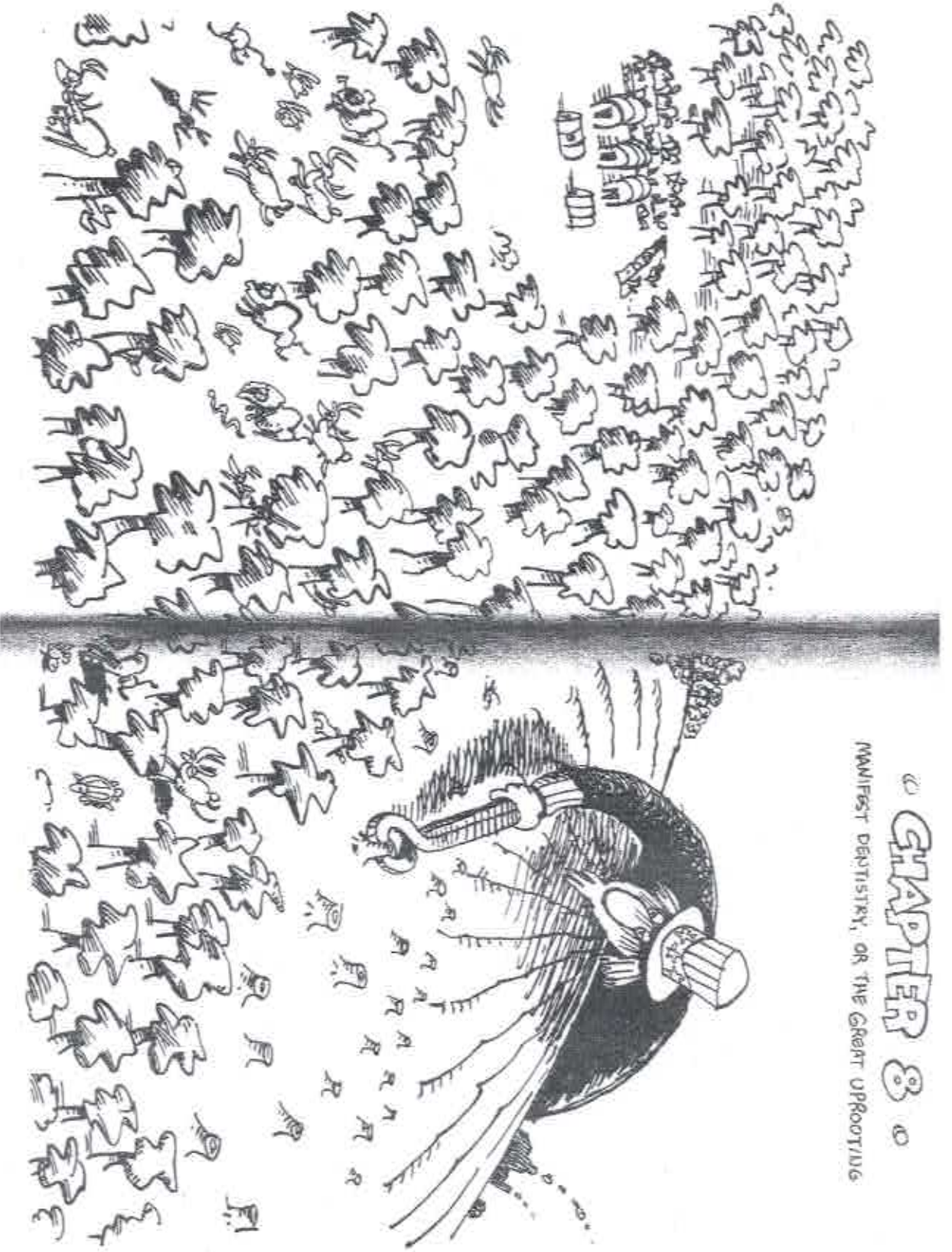


CHAPTER 8

MANIFEST DESTINY, OR THE GREAT UPROOTING



WITH VISIONS OF DEFEATING THEIR ENEMIES, AMERICANS FLOODED THE WEST IN THE EARLY 1800S. THE ACTION WAS IN OREGON, IOWA, AND ILLINOIS IN THE NORTH, AND GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI, AND ALABAMA, TOWARD SOUTH.



By Golly, man, let's carve us a farm from the virgin forest (inserted only by wild beasts & herked savages) who will grackly see the pounch-theds of civilized life!

LAND SPECULATORS...

I'll give you a mountain of trinkets for a mountain!



UNFORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T QUITE WORK OUT ACCORDING TO THE PARADISE DEFESSION PLAN... FOR SOME REASON, THE VANGUARD OF CIVILIZATION DIDN'T EXACTLY INSPIRE THE INDIANS TO IMITATION...

WHISKY PEDDLERS (OFTEN INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM LAND SPECULATORS)...



I'll throw this in for free!

AND WORST OF ALL, OUTRIGHT INDIAN-KILLERS WHO COULD NEVER BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE IN ANY U.S. COURT.

GOD SHOT 'EM! KILL HER AGAIN!



INDIAN RESISTANCE WAS LED BY TOLD SHAWNEE BROTHERS, ~~TEANISWAWA~~ **TEANISWAWA**, "THE PROPHET," AND **TECUMSAH**, THE WARRIOR. TECUMSAH IS THE MORE FAMOUS OF THE TWO AS HIS NAME IS EASIER TO PRONOUNCE.

"THE PROPHET"



TECUMSAH

THE PROPHET, WHO PREACHED THE REJECTION OF ALL THINGS FOREIGN TO THE U.S.A., VIEW MANY CONVERTS BY PRECUTTING A SOLAR ECLIPSE, WHICH HE HAD HEARD ABOUT FROM SOME AMERICAN ASTRONOMERS IN 1806.



TECUMSAH, WHO REVISED MORE ON LOGIC, TRAVELED FROM CANADA TO ALABAMA, TRYING TO ORGANIZE A MILITARY ALLIANCE OF ALL THE TRIBES.



BY 1811, FEDERAL TROOPS WERE MARCHING ON THE PROPHET'S HEADQUARTERS. THE RESULT WAS THE BATTLE OF TIPPECANOE (INDIANA), AND THE CONCLUSION WAS INESCAPABLE: THIS WAS WAR!

THANK GOD DEFFERONS NOT STILL PRESIDENT!



AND SO THE U.S. DID THE ONLY LOGICAL THING: DECLARED WAR—ON GREAT BRITAIN!!



THIS WAS THE

WAR OF 1812

(WHICH WAS PROMOTED BY WESTERN "WAR HUNTERS" WHO COVETED CANADA AND HOPED TO STOP BRITISH SUPPLIES FROM REACHING TECUMSEH).



NOT TO MENTION AN EXCELLENT EXCUSE TO GRAB SOME MORE INDIAN LAND!!

AMONG OTHER REASONS...



THE U.S. FROUGHT BRITAIN TO A STANDSTILL... MOST OF THE STRANDING STILL TOOK PLACE ALONG THE CANADIAN BORDER. THERE WAS ALSO SOME RUINING, WHEN THE REDCOATS BURNED WASHINGTON, D.C., AND THE OCCASIONAL SPARKING, SENSATION, ESPECIALLY AFTER MAJOR BATTLES...



BUT FOR THE INDIANS THE WAR OF 1812 WAS A DISASTER... TECUMSEH FELL IN LATE 1813, NEAR THE CANADIAN BORDER.



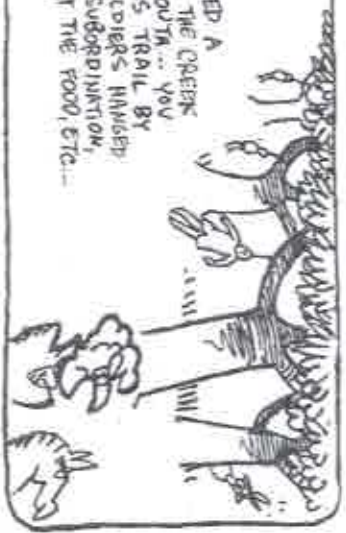
(HE IS USUALLY CONSIDERED THE GREATEST OF MODERN INDIAN STATESMEN + WARRIORS...)

OF ANDREW JACKSON,

EVEN WORSE WAS THE HEROIC WHOSE NICKNAME WAS "OLD HICKORY," BUT COULD HAVE BEEN "THE TERMINATOR." AS A BOY, JACKSON HAD LOST HIS FAMILY IN THE REVOLUTION... THIS MADE HIM A FAMILY TESTY FELLOW... HE WAS ALWAYS CHALLENGING PEOPLE TO DUELS... AND AT TIMES IT SEEMED THAT HE TOOK GENUINE PLEASURE IN KILLING PEOPLE!!



IN 1813, JACKSON LED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CREEK INDIANS IN THE SOUTH... YOU COULD FOLLOW HIS TRAIL BY THE BODIES OF SOLDIERS HUNG FOR DEFECTION, INCUBERATION, COMPLAINING ABOUT THE FOOD, ETC...



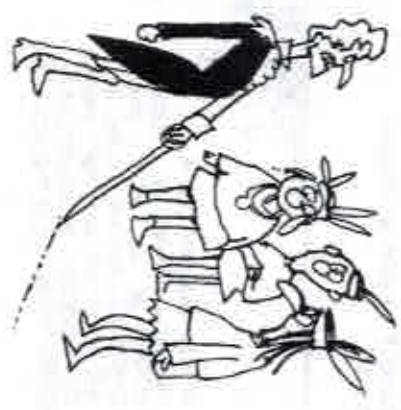
JACKSON INVITED, OR
TERROORIZED, HUNDREDS
OF CREEKS AND
CHEROKEES INTO HIS ARMY...
AND THEY SENT THEM TO
LEAD THE CHARGE AGAINST
THEIR COUSINS...



FOR GOD
AND
PROPERTY
VALUES??

THEN HE 'REWARDED' HIS ALLIES WITH A TREATY
THAT TOOK AS MUCH LAND FROM THEM AS FROM
THEIR ENEMIES! (THIS WAS PART OF GEORGIA AND
MOST OF ALABAMA...)

THE REST IS
YOURS WHILE
THE SUN SHINES
AND THE WATER
FLOWS—ON
MY HONOR AS
A GENTLEMAN...



NEXT HE MARCHED HIS ARMY
TO NEW ORLEANS AND DEFENDING
THE BRITISH IN A HUGE
BATTLE WHICH MADE JACKSON
A NATIONAL HERO...
IRONICALLY, THE TENCE TREATY
HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGNED,
BUT WORD HADN'T
ARRIVED FROM EUROPE
YET...



IF THE TELEGRAPH
EXISTED, IT
WOULD BE ANOTHER
DEATH-DEALING
MACHINE FROM
TENNESSEE!

AND, FOR HIS FINALE
EXPLOIT OF THE
18-YEARS, JACKSON
MADE A SEMI-
UNAUTHORIZED INVASION
OF SPAINISH FLORIDA.
THERE HE KILLED INDIANS,
DESTROYED A FORTFUL
OF ESCAPED SLAVES,
PUNISHED A COURSE
ENGLISHMAN...
AND CONVINCED
SPAIN TO SELL
FLORIDA CHEAP...
WASHINGTON
TOOK NOTE!



HIS METHODS ARE
CRUDE, VICIOUS,
ILLEGAL, AND
UNCONSTITUTIONAL,
BUT HIS BODY COUNT
IS ASTONISHING!

A
ROTURE
IN COLLECTS
LOOMS--

UNTIL TEN YEARS, JACKSON WAS PRESIDENT - THE FIRST WESTERNER IN THE OFFICE...



UNTIL 1828, EVERY PRESIDENT EITHER CAME FROM VIRGINIA, OR WAS NAMED ADAMS!

JACKSON PROCEEDED TO "OPEN" THE WEST -



"AC IN, 'OPEN' WIDE!"

(NOTE: JACKSON HIMSELF WAS A BIG SPECULATOR IN WESTERN REAL ESTATE.)

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD GUARANTEED CERTAIN LANDS TO THE INDIANS, NOW LOOKED THE OTHER WAY AS THEY WERE TAKEN AWAY BY WHITE SETTLERS, STATE LANDS, AND PLAIN, OLD FRAUD...



AND WHEN WE RESIST, THEY CALL IT "BARBARIC SETTLEMENTS!"

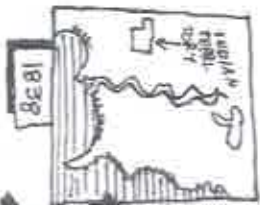
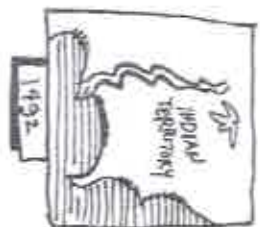
FINALLY, WHEN FIGHTING BROKE OUT AGAIN, THE PRES UNVEILED HIS REAL PLANS, WHICH TOOK THE NAME OF

REMOVAL.



AT LEAST IT'S AN HONEST NAME!

THE IDEA WAS DAZZLINGLY SIMPLE: JUST "REMOVE" ALL THE INDIANS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ACROSS TO THE WEST SIDE TO "INDIAN TERRITORY" (OKLAHOMA). SIMPLICITY ITSELF!!



OF COURSE IT'S SMALLER, BUT THERE ARE FEWER OF THEM!

CONGRESS VOTED, AND IT WAS DONE... TRIBES AFTER TRIBES WERE MATCHED OFF BY THE CAVALRY... CHICKASAWS, CHOCTAWS, CREEKS, CHEROKEES, SHAWNEES, SACS, FOXES... 70,000 IN ALL... AND ALL BOLDLY SUPPLIED WITH FOOD AND BLANKETS. SO THAT THOUSANDS DIED ALONG THE WAY... 4500 CHEROKEES ALONE... MARTIN VAN BUREN, THE NEXT PRESIDENT,

CALLED IT "A HAPPY AND CERTAIN CONSUMMATION" OF A "WISE, HUMANE, AND UNDEViating POLICY" WHILE CHEROKEES STILL CALL IT THE **TRAIL OF TEARS.**



DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IS HEALTHY IN A DEMOCRACY!

SO - IF YOU EVER HEAR THE QUESTION ASKED, "CAN 'IT' HAPPEN HERE?" - THE ANSWER IS:



IT ALREADY DID!

BEFORE TAKING LEAVE OF ANDREW JACKSON, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT HE WAS ONE OF ONLY TWO PRESIDENTS WHOSE NAMES BECAME ADJECTIVES, AS IN →

(THE OTHER ONE WAS JEFFERSON.)



WHAT WAS DEMOCRACY, JACKSON-STYLE? ACTUALLY, IT'S EASIER TO SAY WHAT "JEFFERSONIAN" MEANT, BECAUSE JEFFERSON, A THINKER AND WRITER, HAD A THEORY OF SOCIETY. IN JEFFERSON'S VIEW, DEMOCRACY SHOULD BE BASED ON A SELF-SUFFICIENT MIDDLE CLASS OF "YEOMAN FARMERS," WHOSE IDEAS WOULD BE FORGED BY LIBERAL EDUCATION AND A FREE PRESS. GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE MINIMAL AND TAXES LOW.



"JACKSONIAN" DEMOCRACY, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS NOT THE PRODUCT OF ANY ONE MIND. IT SIMPLY MEANT WHATEVER DEMOCRACY HAD BECOME BY THE TIME ANDREW JACKSON HAD APPEARED ALONG. (IRONICALLY, THE CONSERVATIVE JACKSON WAS ALMOST NOTHING TO DO WITH ITS DEVELOPMENT.)



ITS ELEMENTS: UNIVERSAL MALEHOOD SUFFRAGE. BEGINNING IN THE WEST, STATES HAD BEGUN EXTENDING THE VOTE TO ALL (WHITE) MEN, REGARDLESS OF PROPERTY. THIS WAS THE DEMOCRACY OF ALL SOCIAL CLASSES.



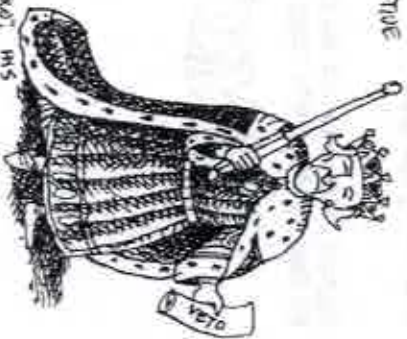
RAPID EXPANSION OF THE WEST: JACKSONIANS ASSAILED "FOREIGN MONEY," WHOSE CONSERVATION SLOWED WESTERN GROWTH... THEY FAVORED EASY MONEY + PLENTY OF SPECULATION, EVEN IF THESE PRODUCED A CANOTRA, BOOM/BOUST ECONOMY WITH FREQUENT BANK FAILURES.

(AND OF COURSE INDIAN REMOVAL WAS A BIG PART OF WESTERN EXPANSION.)



THE PRESIDENT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL THE PEOPLE: PREVIOUSLY, CONGRESS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED THE MOST "POPULAR" BRANCH... BUT JACKSON FREELY VETOED CONGRESSIONAL BILLS AND FEARED OPENLY WITH THE SUPREME COURT. JACKSON SET THE MODEL FOR THE BORN-ON-THE-FRONTIER, NOT-ESPECIALLY WELL-EDUCATED, MILITARY-HERO TYPE PRESIDENT.

"King Andrew," HIS ENEMIES CALLED HIM...



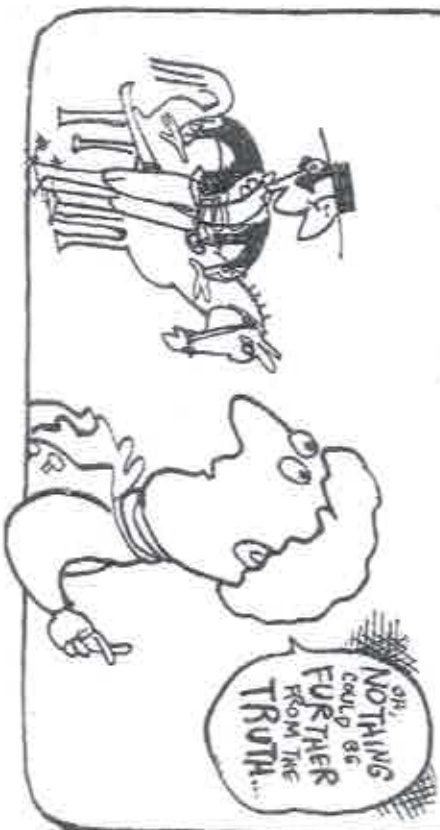
MEANWHILE

(ON ANOTHER FRONT...)

THE BROOM OF REVOLUTION WAS SWEEPING SPAIN OUT OF LATIN AMERICA... BY 1823, ONLY THE MORNING UP WAS LEFT...

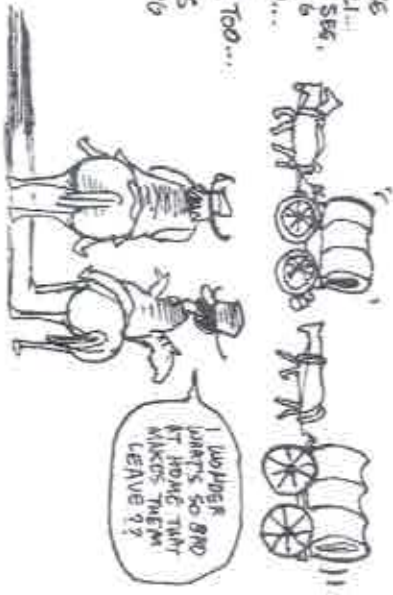


SO THE UNITED STATES, IN THE PERSON OF PRESIDENT MONROE, ISSUED A DOCTRINE. (THIS WAS CHEAPER THAN SENDING AID TO THE REVOLUTIONARIES.) FROM NOW ON SEND THE DOCTRINE, THE U.S. WOULD NO LONGER TOLERATE EUROPEANS WHO PILLAGED THE AMERICANS... FOR SOME REASON, THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS TOOK THIS TO MEAN THAT ALL FUTURE PILLAGING WOULD BE DONE BY THE U.S.A. ALONE...



TAKE THIS MEXICO, FOR EXAMPLE...

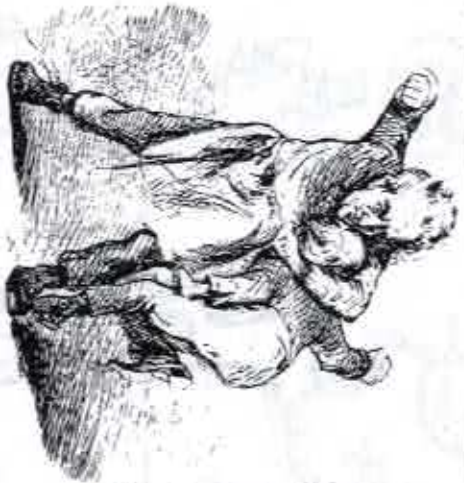
MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE CAME IN 1821... AS YOU CAN SEE, IT WAS A BIG PLACE THEN... MUST HAVE BEEN NICE, TOO... BECAUSE AMERICANS KEPT MOVING THERE...



Suddenly, the American public and press discovered that their country had a **MONUMENT EMBASSY** TO SPREAD FROM SEA TO SEA... THIS HAD NEVER BEEN PARTICULARLY MANIFEST BEFORE ESPECIALLY TO MEXICANS.



"FOOLY, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE UNITED STATES..."



POKALSO BY LINDY HOB

PRESIDENT POLK, A PROTEGE OF ANDREW JACKSON, KNEW HOW TO START A FIGHT. IN 1846 HE SENT TROOPS INTO MEXICO... WHEN THE MEXICAN ARMY SHOT AT THEM, POLK SQUEALED THAT "OUR BOYS" NEEDED PROTECTION!

CONGRESS RICKETED CONFIDENTLY... SOME SAID POLK WAS A SNEAKY, SLIMY, BAWD-FACED LIAR... OTHERS SAID OF COURSE HE IS, BUT HE'S ALSO THE PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF... WITH THAT REASSURING THOUGHT, CONGRESS VOTED MONEY FOR FIGHTING, BUT WITHHELD A DECLARATION OF WAR...



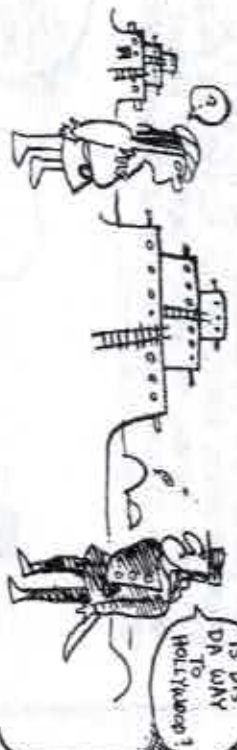
A FINE COMPROMISE!

AND SO BEGAN **THE MEXICAN WAR** - FIRST OF A LINE OF UNDECLARED WARS... THE MARINES LANDED IN MEXICO, AND THE INVASION HENDED FOR THE "HALLS OF MONTESUMAR."



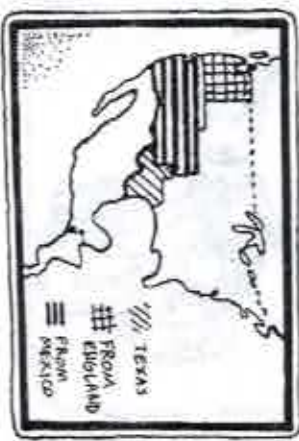
HERE'S TO THE MONROE DOCTRINE!

THE NAVY SAILED FOR THE COAST, WHILE THE CAVALRY VISITED SUPPLY NEW MEXICO...



IS DIS DR WAY TO HOLD THEM?

WHEN IT WAS OVER IN 1848, MEXICO WAS MIBUS HALF ITS LAND, AND THE U.S.A. HAD SUDOLEN TO ITS FAMILIAR SHORE. (O'REGON HAD BEEN ACQUIRED PENACULTY.)



A FEW PARTS OF MEXICO
THE GRANGERS INVADIED:

TEXAS

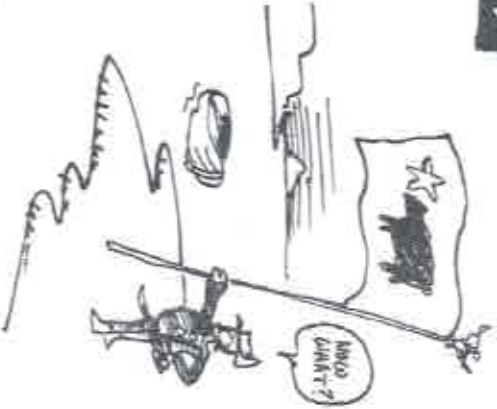
ANGLOS (AND SLAVES) BEGAN
SETTLING IN THE 1830'S...
THEY RAISED BIG CATTLE WITH
LONG HORNS ON HUGE RANCHES...
EVERYTHING ABOUT THE FLAG
WAS BIG... THE QUANTITY OF BULL
WAS ENORMOUS... ESPECIALLY
WHEN THE TEXAS SWORE LOYALTY
TO MEXICO. UNK BROKE OUT
IN 1836 - REMEMBER THE ALAMO?
THEN A STATE OF THE UNION
AND A STATE OF MIND...



POLO TEXAS JUNE

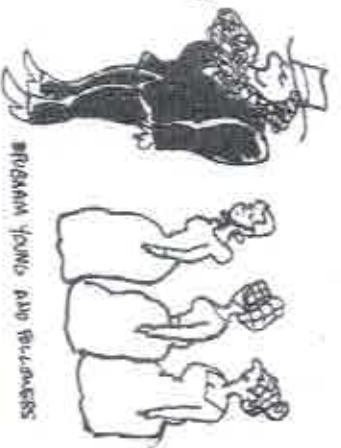
CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA WAS FAR AWAY,
BUT FAR OUT... THE
PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY
WAS GOING ON HIKES...
NEVERTHELESS, WHEN
CAPT. JOHN FREMONT'S
TROOP SLOPPED OVER
THE SIERRA, A DOZEN
MEN BESTRODE
THEMSELVES TO
PROCLAIM THE
BEAR FLAG
REPUBLIC IN 1846.



UTAH

IN 1847, SALT LAKE CITY
WAS FOUNDED BY THE MORMONS,
WHO WERE FLEEING RELIGIOUS
PERSECUTION. A GRAND
AMERICAN TRADITION...
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WAS,
THIS PERSECUTION WAS IN
THE UNITED STATES... UTAH
SEEMED SAFE, AS WHO ELSE
WOULD WANT IT?

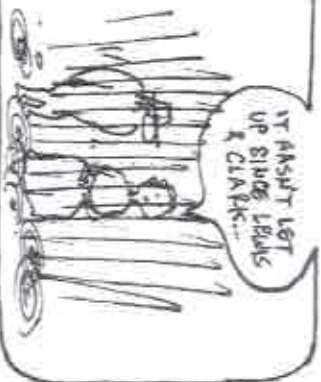


THE MORMONS GOT ALONG FINE WITH THE MEXICANS AND INDIANS...
IT WAS THE AMERICANS THEY DETESTED... IN FACT ONE OF THE
WILD WEST'S MORE HEINOUS EPISODES WAS THE MOUNTAIN
MEADOWS MASSACRES, IN WHICH MORMONS AND PIONEERS
COMBINED TO SLAUGHTER OVER 100 MEN, WOMEN, + KIDS ON THEIR
WAY TO CALIFORNIA...



OREGON

JUST TO PROVE THAT THEY
WEREN'T PICKING ON MEXICO,
AMERICANS ALSO FLOODED
OREGON, WHICH WAS CLAIMED
BY BRITAIN. AND WHO USUALLY
FLOODED ALBERTA!



*FLUWID, THAT IS, NOT PERSECUTION

POSTSCRIPT TO CHAPTER 8:
THE BUB

RODIN RIVER

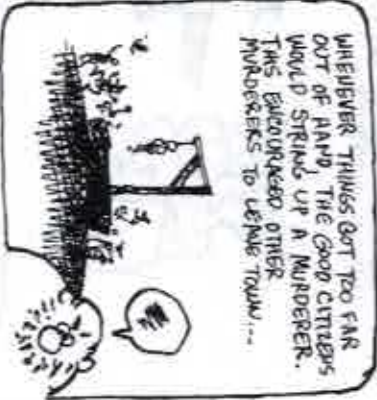
IN 1848,
JOSÉ PÉREZ
CALIFORNIA
WAS
ACQUIRED
THE STUFF
THAT ERVES
NEW MAD
WAS
FOUND
THERE...



THEY CAME FROM CHILE, CHINA,
CHINCO...



SAN FRANCISCO EXPLODED INTO AN
INSTANT CITY OF MAD TENTS,
SHACKS, HARD MEN AND EASY
WOMEN, EASY MONEY AND HARD
LUCK... A HARBOR OF GOTTING,
REANIMATED SHIPS... PAINTS CUT
FROM SAILCLOTHS BY LEVI STRAUSS...



THEY FILLED ARIZONA
WITH THE "MOST
VILLANOUS COLLECTION
OF WHITE MEN THAT
EVER BREATHED" (IN ONE
HISTORIAN'S LONELY PHRASE).



IN JUST TWO YEARS,
CALIFORNIA WAS
ASKING FOR
STRENGTH AND
PLUMBING THE
UNION INTO CRISIS...
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO
GET THROUGH THE
NEXT CHAPTER
BEFORE YOU LEARN
WHAT THAT WAS
ABOUT...

CHAPTER 9
RAILROADS, OVER- AND UNDERGROUND

YES, THE YOUNG COUNTRY WAS
ON THE MOVE, AND NOT ONLY
WESTWARD... IT WAS ALSO
BLASTING FULL STEAM AHEAD INTO
THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION...

