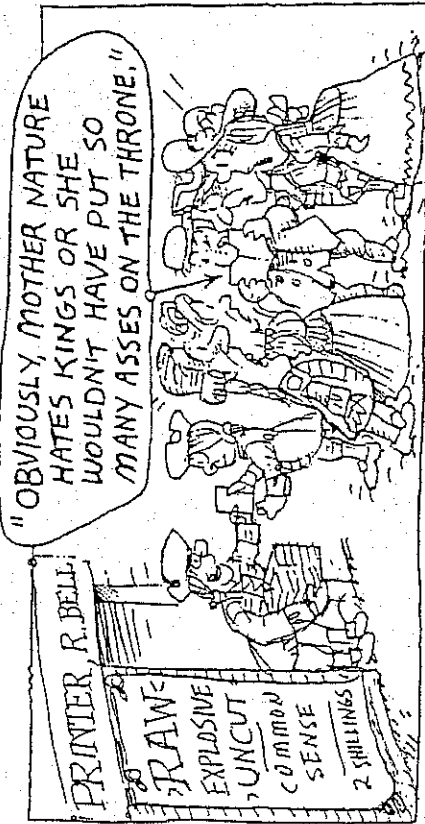
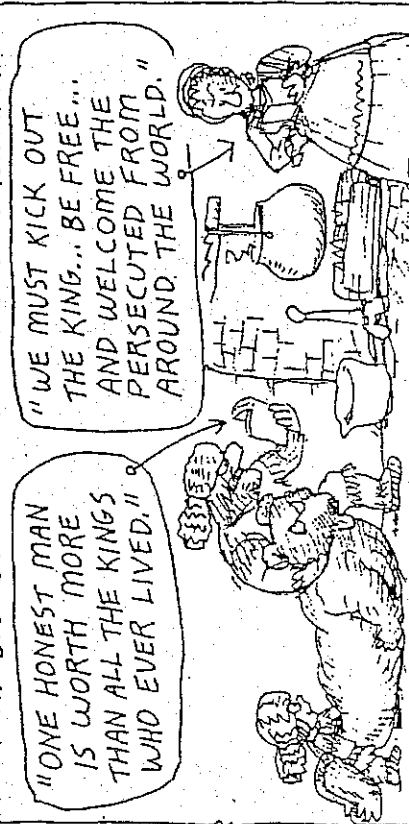


COMMON SENSE ATTACKS THE WHOLE BRITISH SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE KING AND HEREDITARY PRIVILEGE.



"OBVIOUSLY, MOTHER NATURE HATES KINGS OR SHE WOULDN'T HAVE PUT SO MANY ASSES ON THE THRONE."

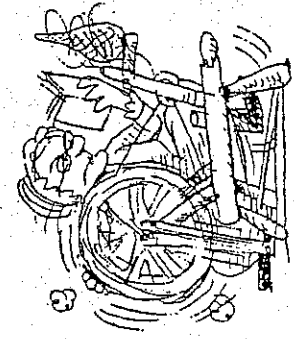
THE PAMPHLET HITS PEOPLE IN THE GUT. IT'S A RUNAWAY BEST-SELLER FROM CITY TO FRONTIER.



"ONE HONEST MAN IS WORTH MORE THAN ALL THE KINGS WHO EVER LIVED."

"WE MUST KICK OUT THE KING... BE FREE... AND WELCOME THE PERSECUTED FROM AROUND THE WORLD."

TOM'S WORDS OPEN THE EYES OF THE RICH, THE POOR, THE YOUNG, THE OLD. THE TIMING IS PERFECT! RADICALISM BECOMES FASHIONABLE.



JOHN ADAMS AND SOME OF THE OTHER FUTURE FOUNDING FATHERS CRITICIZE TOM AND HIS WORDS.



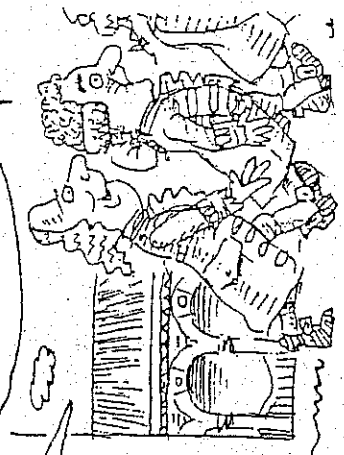
PRINE DIDN'T PUT HIS NAME ON THE BOOK, HE ISN'T GETTING ANY ROYALTIES, AND HE'S ENLISTING IN THE ARMY AS A PRIVATE. IS THAT COMMON SENSE?

HE SAYS PEOPLE ARE BASICALLY GOOD. BUT THEY'RE NOT. THEY'RE BASICALLY GREEDY. HE'S NAIVE!

AND HE HAS NO FAMILY CONNECTIONS.

BUT, HEY, HE'S GOTTEN PEOPLE BEHIND THE IDEA OF INDEPENDENCE.

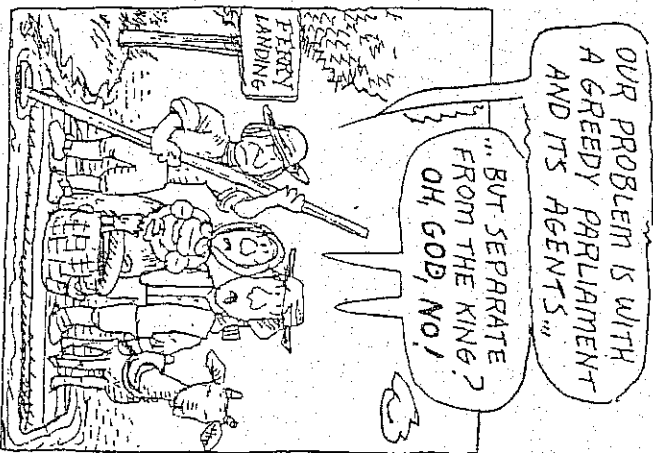
RIGHT! FIRST WE WIN A SHORT, VIOLENT WAR, THEN WE WORRY ABOUT TOO MUCH DEMOCRACY.



BEFORE THIS, REVOLUTION MEANT PLANETS TURNING IN SPACE. NOW IT'LL ALSO MEAN OVERTHROWING A GOVERNMENT.



IN THE 1700S, MANY PEOPLE STILL BELIEVE IN THE HEREDITARY RIGHT OF "KINGS" TO RULE.

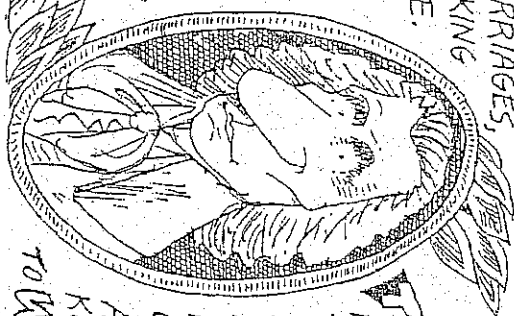


OUR PROBLEM IS WITH A GREEDY PARLIAMENT AND ITS AGENTS

BUT SEPARATE FROM THE KING? OH GOD, NO!

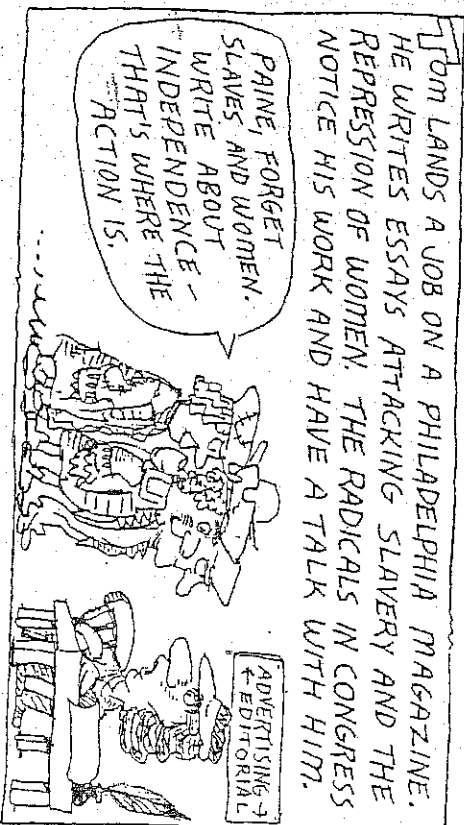
WHEN THE RADICALS GET A BREAK. IN 1774, A 37-YEAR-OLD ENGLISH IMMIGRANT SHOWED UP IN PHILADELPHIA. HE LEFT BEHIND FAILED JOBS, AND FAILED MARRIAGES, AND CAME LOOKING FOR A NEW LIFE.

TOM PAINE



TOM PAINE KNOWS FIRSTHAND THE TYRANNY OF THE ENGLISH ELITE AND THE GRINDING POVERTY OF THE LOWER CLASSES. AND HE KNOWS HOW TO WRITE

Stan Mack's Real Life American Revolution (1994), pp. 76-79



TOM LANDS A JOB ON A PHILADELPHIA MAGAZINE. HE WRITES ESSAYS ATTACKING SLAVERY AND THE REPRESSION OF WOMEN. THE RADICALS IN CONGRESS NOTICE HIS WORK AND HAVE A TALK WITH HIM.

PAINÉ, FORGET SLAVES AND WOMEN. WRITE ABOUT INDEPENDENCE - THAT'S WHERE THE ACTION IS.

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TOM PAINE LISTENS AND, WITH A BOTTLE OF RUM AT HIS ELBOW, HE GOES TO WORK.



PAINÉ, EASY ON THE RUM AND THE "DEMOCRACY" STUFF.

TO A LOT OF COLONISTS, "DEMOCRACY" IS ANOTHER WORD FOR "MOB."

RUM'S

EARLY IN 1776, TOM COMES OUT WITH A PAMPHLET HE CALLS

IT'S WRITTEN SIMPLY AND DIRECTLY WITHOUT THE FLOURISHES THE POWERFUL USE TO OBSCURE THE TRUTH.

COMMON SENSE

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