

ANOTHER INGREDIENT
IN THE SOON-TO-BE-BUBBLING
BREW OF THE '60'S WAS THE

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

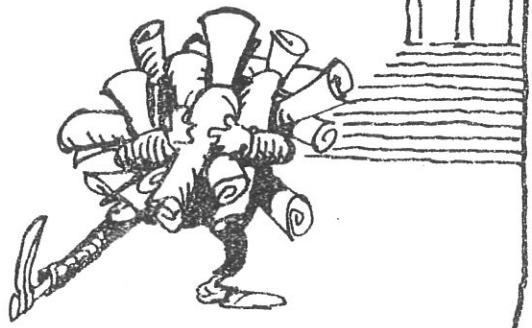
AFTER WORLD WAR II, THE GOVERNMENT
REALIZED THAT RACISM WAS
A BLOT ON AMERICA'S IMAGE
AS WORLD LEADER... SO
BARRIERS AGAINST BLACKS
BEGAN COMING DOWN.

“AHEM?”
WE'RE DOING THE
BEST WE CAN!
AND WE'VE BEEN
DOING IT FOR
MANY, MANY
MONTHS!



THE FIRST COLOR BARRIER TO FALL,
IN 1947, WAS IN MAJOR-LEAGUE
BASEBALL. NEXT, IN '48,
TRUMAN ORDERED
THE MILITARY
DESEGREGATED...

... AND THE SUPREME COURT
ISSUED A SERIES OF ANTI-
DISCRIMINATION RULINGS,
MOST NOTABLY **BROWN vs.**
BOARD OF EDUCATION,
BANNING SEGREGATED
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



THE COURT RULED THAT SEGREGATION MUST FALL "WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED." THIS WAS OPEN TO INTERPRETATION, ESPECIALLY DOWN SOUTH,* WHERE BLACKS EMPHASIZED THE SPEED, WHILE WHITES STRESSED DELIBERATION.



MONTGOMERY, ALA., WAS TYPICAL: BY LAW, BLACKS SAT IN THE BACK OF THE BUS — UNTIL A WHITE PERSON DEMANDED A SEAT, WHEN THEY STOOD...



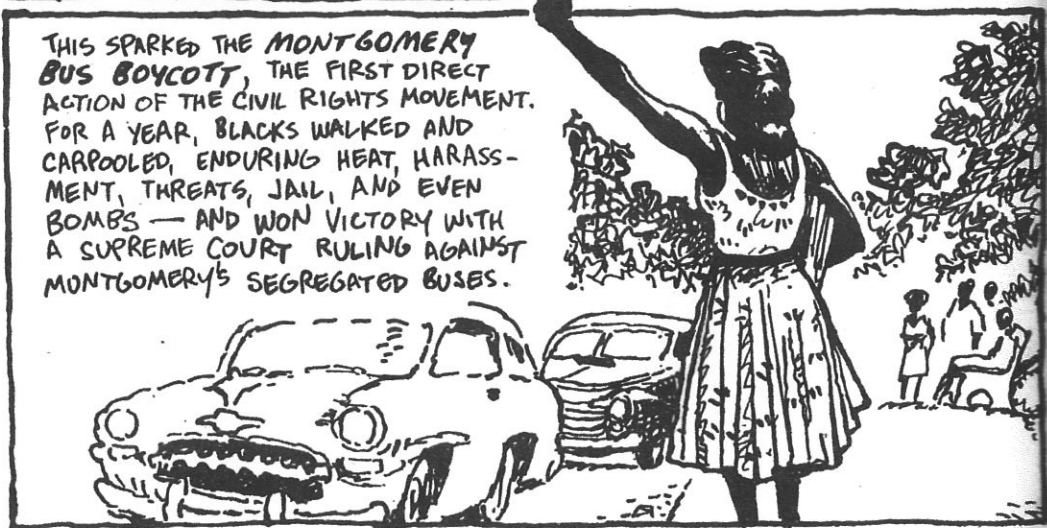
...UNTIL DEC. 1, 1955, WHEN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST ROSA PARKS SAID NO...



PARKS WAS PUT OFF THE BUS, ARRESTED, AND JAILED.



THIS SPARKED THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT, THE FIRST DIRECT ACTION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. FOR A YEAR, BLACKS WALKED AND CARPOOLED, ENDURING HEAT, HARASSMENT, THREATS, JAIL, AND EVEN BOMBS — AND WON VICTORY WITH A SUPREME COURT RULING AGAINST MONTGOMERY'S SEGREGATED BUSES.



*BUT NOT ONLY IN THE SOUTH. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ARMY TOOK YEARS TO INTEGRATE FULLY, WHILE THE AIR FORCE DID IT IN ONE DAY.

THE BOYCOTT'S LEADER
WAS A 27-YEAR-OLD
MINISTER,

**MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.,**

AN EXCEPTIONAL
COMBINATION OF
BRAVERY, VISION,
ELOQUENCE, MORAL
FORCE, AND TACTICAL
KNOW-HOW. WHEN
HIS HOUSE WAS
BOMBED, KING
DISPERSED AN ANGRY
CROWD OF BLACKS
WITH THESE WORDS:

WE MUST
MEET VIOLENCE
WITH
NON-VIOLENCE.



WHO'S
NON-VIOLENT?

KING THEN ORGANIZED THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE TO CONTINUE
NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION.



TENSION ROSE IN THE
SOUTH, AND FBI CHIEF
J. EDGAR HOOVER
DECIDED THAT KING WAS
SOME KIND OF
SUBVERSIVE.



IN 1963, CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE
IN 186 CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY... A BLACK STUDENT
ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA... SEGREGATION
RECEDED... IN JUNE, KENNEDY PROPOSED A CIVIL
RIGHTS ACT TO CONGRESS ... IN AUGUST, 250,000
PEOPLE MARCHED PEACEFULLY TO WASHINGTON, WHERE
MARTIN LUTHER KING GAVE HIS FAMOUS SPEECH...

" I HAVE A DREAM THAT ONE
DAY ON THE RED HILLS OF GEORGIA
THE SONS OF FORMER SLAVES AND
THE SONS OF FORMER SLAVE OWNERS
WILL BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN
TOGETHER AT THE TABLE OF
BROTHERHOOD... "





MEANWHILE, BLACKS WERE LOSING PATIENCE WITH WHITE RACISM... THE VIETNAM WAR DEVoured THEM...

ELIJAH MOHAMMED, PREACHING THAT WHITES ARE DEVILS, ATTRACTED MANY BLACKS TO HIS MUSLIM SECT. THE MESSAGE WAS "BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL"... THE AFRO EXPANDED...

BUT THE MUSLIMS' MOST ELOQUENT SPEAKER, **MALCOLM X,** HAD A VISION OF RACIAL HARMONY ON A TRIP TO MECCA. HE BROKE WITH ELIJAH MOHAMMED... AND IN 1965, MALCOLM X WAS ASSASSINATED.



...BY THE MUSLIMS? BY THE CIA? BY MUSLIMS WHO WERE CIA? NO ONE KNOWS...

IN '66 THE SWELLING RAGE BROKE IN THE TIDAL WAVE OF LOS ANGELES'S WATTS RIOTS. FINAL TOLL: 40 DEAD, HUNDREDS OF ACRES CHARRED.

