

PART I

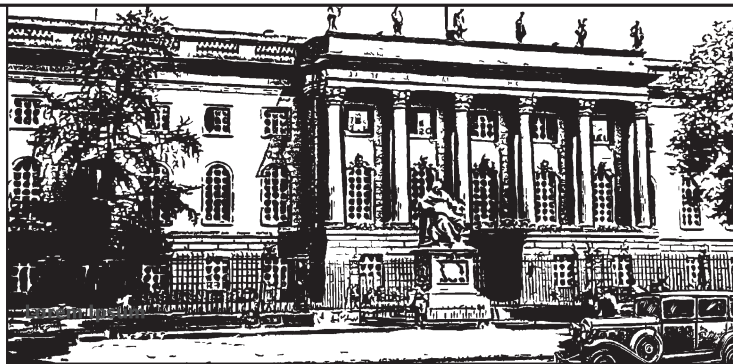
GERMANY, FRANCE, AND ALGERIA



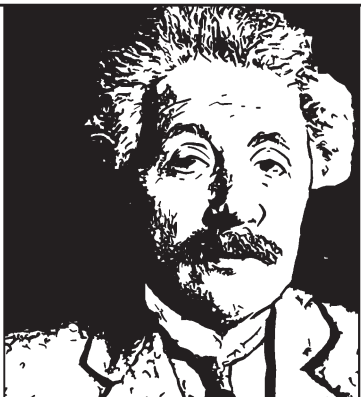
MY NAME IS HANS FRANK. I AM A GERMAN JEW, BORN IN 1904. MY MOTHER RACHEL WAS A SPANISH SEPHARDIC JEW FROM ASTURIAS AND MY FATHER JOSEF WAS AN ASHKENAZI GERMAN JEW. MY MOM WAS A LEFTIST POLITICAL ACTIVIST, BUT MY DAD BELIEVED JEWS SHOULD NEVER BE INVOLVED IN POLITICS AND SHOULD MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS.



AFTER ATTENDING HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN, WHERE I STUDIED BRITISH AND FRENCH COLONIALISM IN THE NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA, I DECIDED I WANTED TO BECOME A JOURNALIST, INSTEAD OF RUNNING A BOOKSTORE LIKE MY FATHER.



IN 1929, I MET ALBERT EINSTEIN WHEN HE WAS GIVING A LECTURE ON THE RISE OF ANTISEMITISM IN GERMANY.



I ALSO LEARNED OF HIS INTEREST IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARABS AND JEWS IN PALESTINE.



EINSTEIN INTRODUCED ME TO THE WRITINGS OF BERNARD LECACHE, A FRENCH JEWISH JOURNALIST, WHO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST ANTISEMITISM (LICA) IN PARIS.



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POURQUOI NOUS AVONS FAIT
LE CARTEL

IN DECEMBER 1932, I WENT TO BERLIN TO WRITE ABOUT HOW BERLINERS VIEWED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NAZI PARTY IN NOVEMBER'S FEDERAL ELECTIONS. I PAID MY FATHER A VISIT AT THE APARTMENT WHERE I HAD GROWN UP.

... IF THE JEWISH PRESS THINKS TODAY THAT IT CAN INTIMIDATE THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT BY VEILED THREATS, IF IT THINKS THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO BYPASS OUR URGENT MEASURES, IT SHOULD BE CAREFUL ...

... ONE DAY OUR PATIENCE WILL HAVE REACHED ITS LIMITS, AND THEN WE'LL CLOSE THE LYING AND INSOLENT BIG MOUTHS OF THESE JEWS! ...

... THIS JEWISH INSOLENCE HAS LIVED LONGER IN THE PAST ...

... THAN IT WILL LIVE IN THE FUTURE!...



... MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND SA, DON'T WORRY! THE END OF THE RED TERROR IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK ...

... COMMUNISTS, EXPECT TO GET THE WORST DRUBBING YOU'VE EVER HAD! ...



... HERE COMES THE FÜHRER, ADOLF HITLER, LEADER OF THE NEW GERMANY!

I HEARD THIS PARROT AND I DO NOT WANT TO LISTEN TO THE BARKING OF HIS MAD DOG MASTER.

CLICK!

PLEASE DAD, LEAVE THE RADIO ON! I WANT TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.

WITH HIS FIERY ORATORY, HITLER CAPITALIZED ON THE ANGER OF DISENFRANCHISED GERMANS AND PROMISED JOBS, BREAD, AND ABOVE ALL, THE RESTORATION OF GERMANY'S NATIONAL PRIDE AND GLOBAL PRESTIGE AGAINST ITS PERCEIVED ENEMIES: JEWS, COMMUNISTS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, AND THE POLITICIANS WHO HAD ACCEPTED THE ARMISTICE OF NOVEMBER 1918.



... THE PEACE TREATY IMPOSED ON GERMANY WAS A CRIME, BLACKMAIL, AND HUMILIATION. IT AIMED TO REDUCE GERMANY TO MISERY, TO PUT IT AT THE MERCY OF MARXISM ...

... THE TREATY WAS DESIGNED TO BRING DEATH TO 20 MILLION GERMANS AND TO DESTROY THE GERMAN NATION ...



... SO LONG AS THIS TREATY STANDS, THERE CAN BE NO RESURRECTION OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE ...

... THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF OUR PARLIAMENT HAVE DEFENDED NEITHER THE LIBERTY NOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR PEOPLE... GERMANY MUST NOT BOW!...

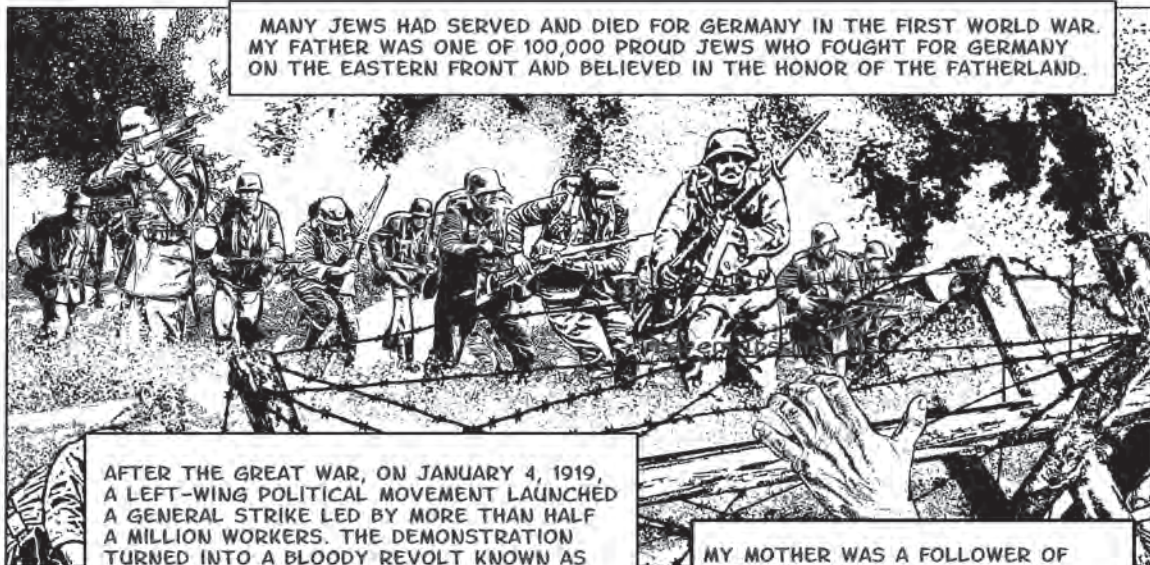


... TO WITHDRAW OUR ARMS IS TO BELITTLE GERMANY AND LOWER IT TO THE RANK OF A COLONY...

... WE ARE INTOLERANT! MY GOAL IS TO SUPPRESS ALL POLITICAL PARTIES...

... DEMOCRACY HAS RUINED GERMANY!

MANY JEWS HAD SERVED AND DIED FOR GERMANY IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR. MY FATHER WAS ONE OF 100,000 PROUD JEWS WHO FOUGHT FOR GERMANY ON THE EASTERN FRONT AND BELIEVED IN THE HONOR OF THE FATHERLAND.



AFTER THE GREAT WAR, ON JANUARY 4, 1919, A LEFT-WING POLITICAL MOVEMENT LAUNCHED A GENERAL STRIKE LED BY MORE THAN HALF A MILLION WORKERS. THE DEMONSTRATION TURNED INTO A BLOODY REVOLT KNOWN AS THE SPARTACIST UPRISING.

MY MOTHER WAS A FOLLOWER OF ROSA LUXEMBURG, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE SPARTACIST LEAGUE. MY FATHER, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS A SUPPORTER OF THE MODERATE SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PARTY LED BY FRIEDRICH EBERT WHO CRUSHED THE SPARTACIST REVOLUTION, KILLING ROSA LUXEMBURG AND KARL LIEBKNECHT, CO-FOUNDER OF THE SPARTACIST LEAGUE.



ROSA LUXEMBURG



FRIEDRICH EBERT



KARL LIEBKNECHT

A DECORATED OFFICER OF THE GREAT WAR, MY FATHER FEARED A BLOODY CIVIL WAR. SINCE 1923, RACHEL AND JOSEF HAD NEVER SEEN EYE TO EYE, AND THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS ULTIMATELY LED TO THEIR SEPARATION. MY MOTHER LEFT GERMANY TO BE CLOSER TO HER FAMILY IN NORTHERN SPAIN, AND MY FATHER REMAINED IN BERLIN.



DURING THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC, THE "MUNICH POST" WAS A SMALL SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER HEADQUARTERED IN MUNICH. I MOVED THERE FOR A JOB AS THEIR POLITICS REPORTER.

POLITICALLY ALIGNED WITH THE GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, THE "MUNICH POST" WAS VERY CRITICAL OF THE NSDAP (THE FORMER NAME OF THE NAZI PARTY) AND ITS IDEOLOGY, WHICH BEGAN IN 1920.

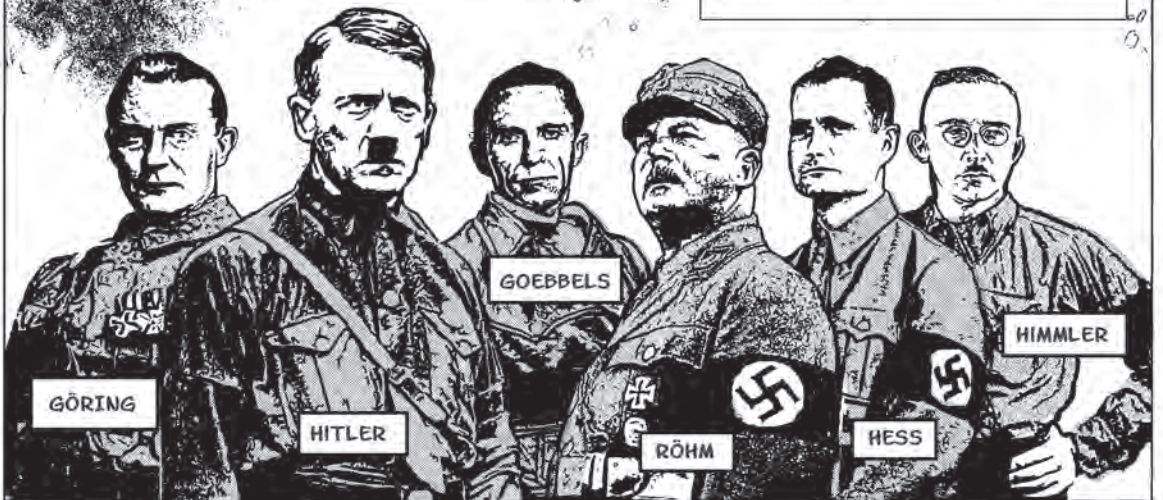


THE "MUNICH POST" WAS LARGELY KNOWN FOR ITS INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AGAINST NATIONAL SOCIALISTS. ITS ARTICLES DESCRIBED HITLER AND HIS FOLLOWERS AS A "BAND OF UNSCRUPULOUS FANATICAL THUGS" WHO WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO RISE TO POWER. HITLER, IN RETURN, CALLED THE PAPER THE "MUNICH PEST" AND REFERRED TO IT AS A "POISON KITCHEN" FULL OF MARXISTS AND JEWS.

LIKE MANY JEWS LIVING IN AN INCREASINGLY MILITARISTIC AND FASCIST GERMAN SOCIETY, I BEGAN TO GROW UNEASY.



HITLER AND HIS PARAMILITARY GROUPS SPREAD RUMORS THAT GERMANY'S MALAISE WAS CAUSED BY THE JEWS.



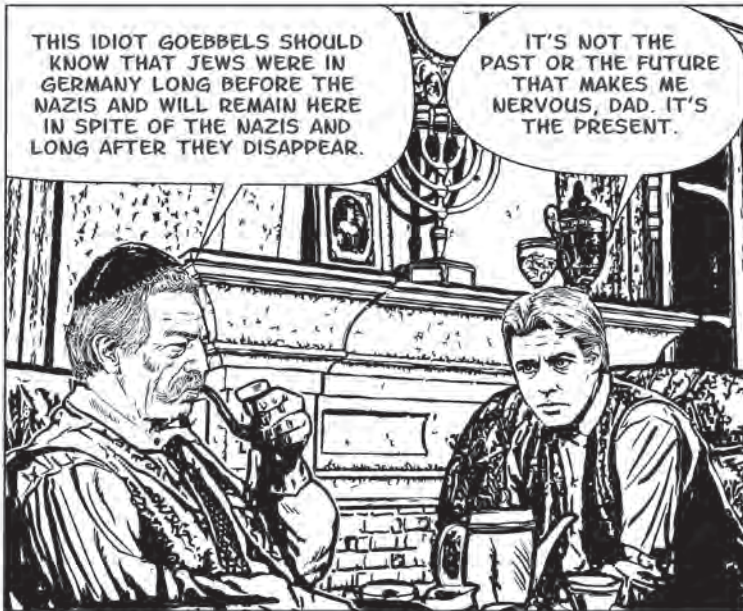
WORKING FOR THE "MUNICH POST" COVERING DAILY POLITICS IN GERMANY, I NOTICED AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF ANTISEMITISM AND MORE AND MORE VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ATTACKS AGAINST JEWS.



I BECAME WORRIED ABOUT MY FATHER. AS A JEW WHO OWNED A BOOKSTORE, HE WAS VULNERABLE TO ATTACKS.

FACING WORKERS' UPRISINGS LED BY COMMUNISTS, THE SA (NAZI PARAMILITARY WING) REPLACED THE REGULAR POLICE, USING VIOLENCE TO RESTORE ORDER. MANY PEOPLE DIED BETWEEN 1932 AND 1933.





THIS IDIOT GOEBBELS SHOULD KNOW THAT JEWS WERE IN GERMANY LONG BEFORE THE NAZIS AND WILL REMAIN HERE IN SPITE OF THE NAZIS AND LONG AFTER THEY DISAPPEAR.

IT'S NOT THE PAST OR THE FUTURE THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS, DAD. IT'S THE PRESENT.



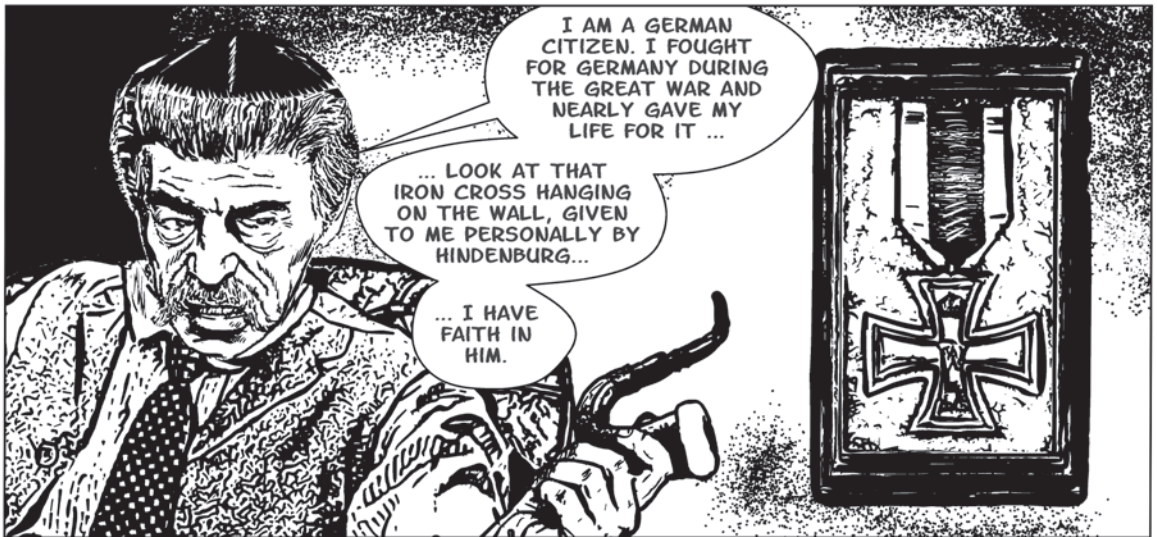
I AM WORRIED ABOUT YOU BEING HERE ALONE WITH ALL OF THIS GOING ON.



THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS, AND THE NAZI AND THEIR PARAMILITARY GROUPS HAVE ALREADY RUINED MANY LIVES NOT FAR FROM YOU ...

... I KNOW BECAUSE I TALK TO PEOPLE WHO ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THIS EVERYDAY.

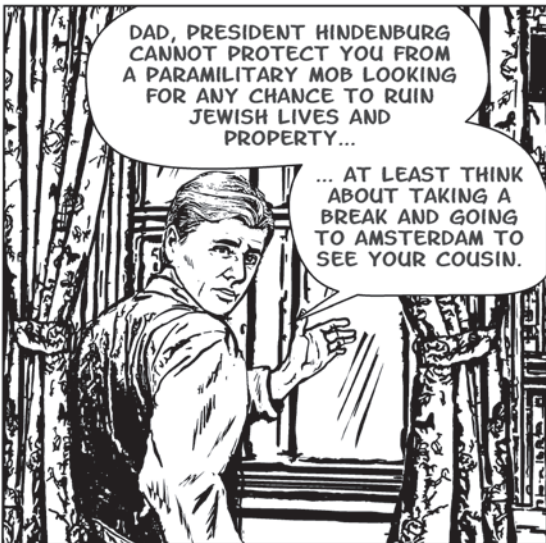
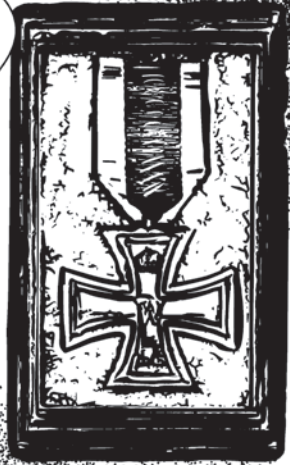
HORST WESSEL FIEL, DOCH TAUSEND NEU ERSTEHEN



I AM A GERMAN CITIZEN. I FOUGHT FOR GERMANY DURING THE GREAT WAR AND NEARLY GAVE MY LIFE FOR IT ...

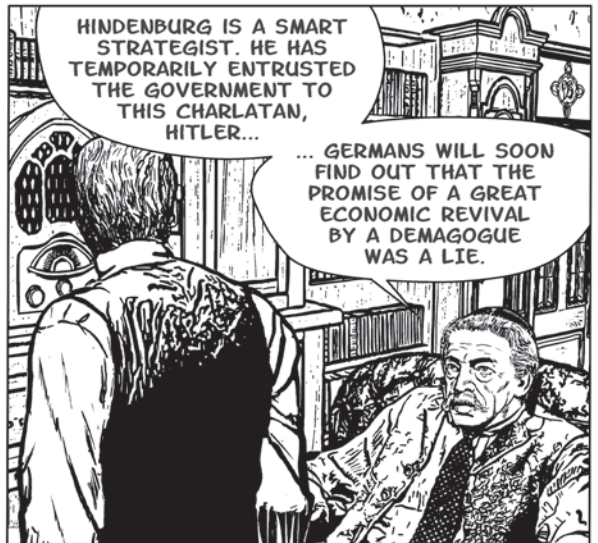
... LOOK AT THAT IRON CROSS HANGING ON THE WALL, GIVEN TO ME PERSONALLY BY HINDENBURG...

... I HAVE FAITH IN HIM.



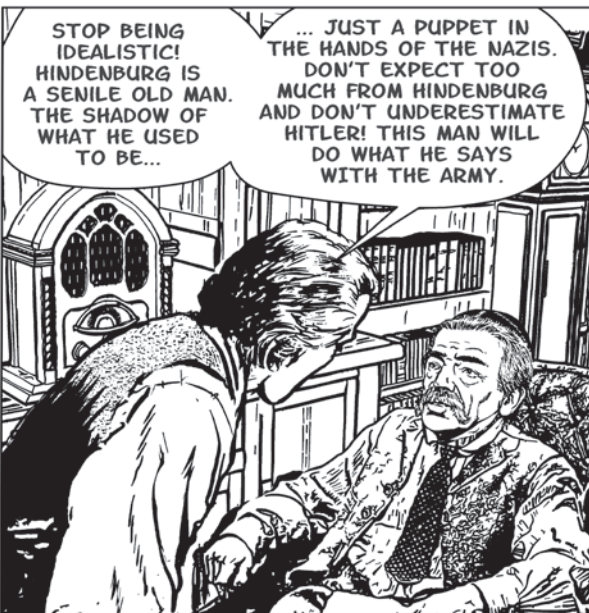
DAD, PRESIDENT HINDENBURG CANNOT PROTECT YOU FROM A PARAMILITARY MOB LOOKING FOR ANY CHANCE TO RUIN JEWISH LIVES AND PROPERTY...

... AT LEAST THINK ABOUT TAKING A BREAK AND GOING TO AMSTERDAM TO SEE YOUR COUSIN.



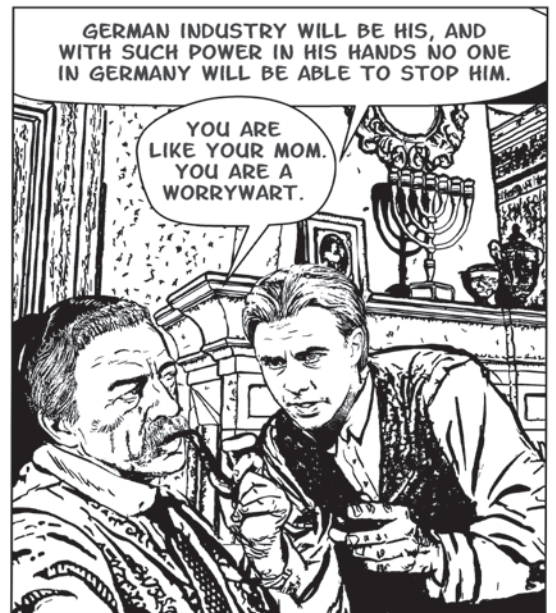
HINDENBURG IS A SMART STRATEGIST. HE HAS TEMPORARILY ENTRUSTED THE GOVERNMENT TO THIS CHARLATAN, HITLER...

... GERMANS WILL SOON FIND OUT THAT THE PROMISE OF A GREAT ECONOMIC REVIVAL BY A DEMAGOGUE WAS A LIE.



STOP BEING IDEALISTIC! HINDENBURG IS A SENILE OLD MAN. THE SHADOW OF WHAT HE USED TO BE...

... JUST A PUPPET IN THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS. DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM HINDENBURG AND DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HITLER! THIS MAN WILL DO WHAT HE SAYS WITH THE ARMY.



GERMAN INDUSTRY WILL BE HIS, AND WITH SUCH POWER IN HIS HANDS NO ONE IN GERMANY WILL BE ABLE TO STOP HIM.

YOU ARE LIKE YOUR MOM. YOU ARE A WORRYWART.



FATHER, PEOPLE DO NOT NEED TO READ WHAT HITLER WRITES. MILLIONS OF THEM LISTEN TO HIS WORDS ON THE RADIO EVERY DAY.

THE NAZIS USE THE MEDIA TO INDOCTRINATE PEOPLE WITH THEIR VIEWS ...

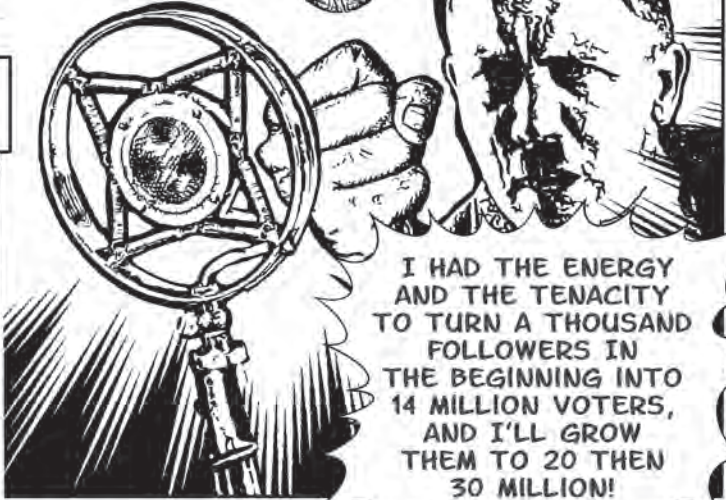
... HITLER HIMSELF SAYS THAT "THE BROAD MASSES OF THE PEOPLE CAN BE MOVED ONLY BY THE POWER OF SPEECH"...

... HE'S USING DEMOCRACY TO KILL FREEDOM.

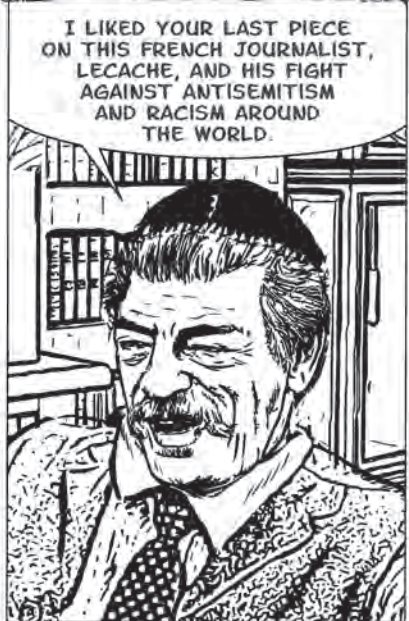
POSTER: "ALL OF GERMANY LISTENS TO THE FÜHRER WITH THE PEOPLE'S RADIO" (VOLKSEMPFÄNGER).



mit dem Volksempfänger



I HAD THE ENERGY AND THE TENACITY TO TURN A THOUSAND FOLLOWERS IN THE BEGINNING INTO 14 MILLION VOTERS, AND I'LL GROW THEM TO 20 THEN 30 MILLION!



I LIKED YOUR LAST PIECE ON THIS FRENCH JOURNALIST, LECACHE, AND HIS FIGHT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM AROUND THE WORLD.



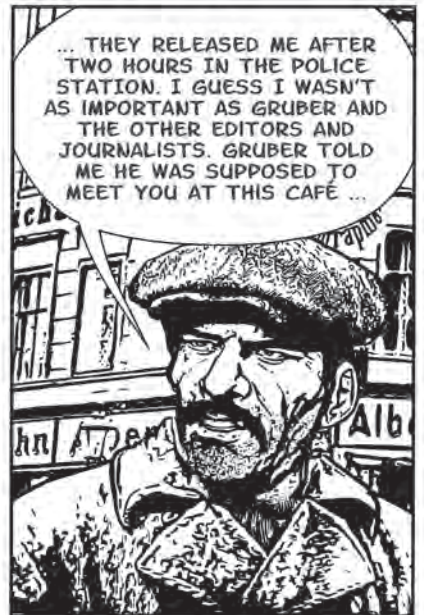
HE SEEMS TO BE A RISING STAR IN FRENCH JEWISH CIRCLES. BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE TOO MUCH IMPRESSED BY HIM...

...TELL ME ABOUT YOUR WORK! DO YOU ENJOY BEING A JOURNALIST?

I LIKE MY WORK, DAD!

ON MARCH 9, 1933, I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET UP AT A CAFE WITH GRÜBER, THE EDITOR OF THE "MUNICH POST." HE HAD WANTED ME TO WRITE A STORY ABOUT EINSTEIN'S TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE RISKS HE WOULD FACE BY RETURNING TO GERMANY. HE NEVER SHOWED UP.

AS I WAS ABOUT TO STEP OUTSIDE THE CAFE, JOHANNES, A DELIVERYMAN FOR THE NEWSPAPER, APPEARED INSTEAD.









I HAVE A CONTACT IN FRANCE IN THE UNDERGROUND. WE'LL FIND A WAY TO GET YOU OUT OF THE COUNTRY ...

... I WILL ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH HER, AND WE WILL ARRANGE YOUR ESCAPE THROUGH HER NETWORK ...



... I LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE NO ONE WILL NOTICE YOU ...

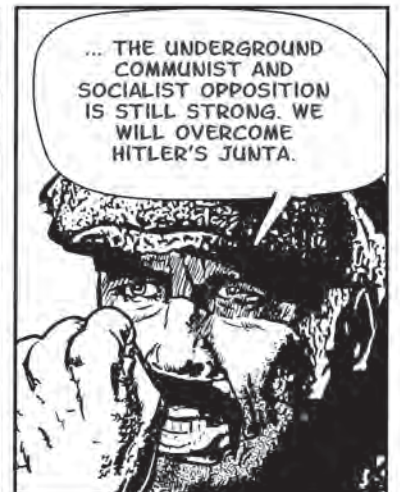
... YOU CAN STAY AT MY PLACE AS LONG AS YOU WANT.



WHAT ABOUT YOU? AREN'T YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOURSELF AND BEING CAPTURED BY THE SA? ...

... THEY'RE ATTACKING THE COMMUNISTS TOO.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! ...



... THE UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST OPPOSITION IS STILL STRONG. WE WILL OVERCOME HITLER'S JUNTA.



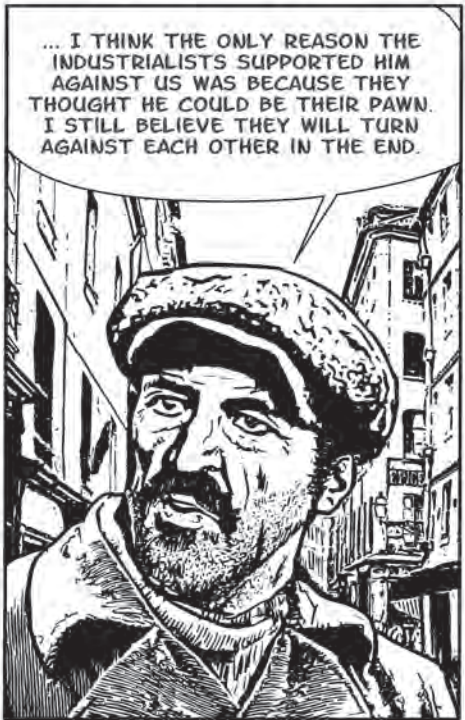
HE DOES NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF GERMANS. WE WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HITLER.

BUT HE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE ARMY AND MANY BANKERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS. HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THAT THEY'LL BE ABLE TO LIMIT HIS POWER?



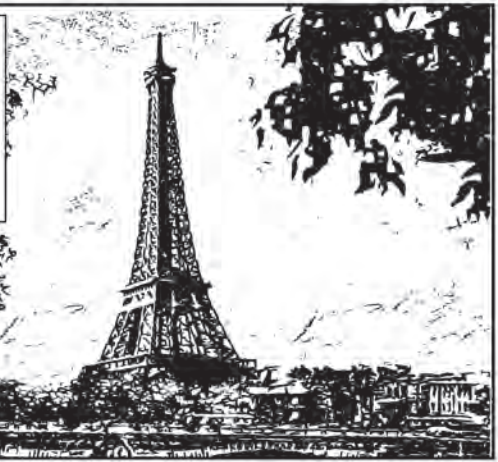
THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SA HAS NOW REACHED 2 MILLION. THE ARMY WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL THEM ...

... THAT'S WHAT WE ARE BANKING ON -- A FIGHT BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE SA ...



... I THINK THE ONLY REASON THE INDUSTRIALISTS SUPPORTED HIM AGAINST US WAS BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT HE COULD BE THEIR PAWN. I STILL BELIEVE THEY WILL TURN AGAINST EACH OTHER IN THE END.

THROUGH JOHANNES'S CONNECTIONS IN THE UNDERGROUND, I MADE CONTACT WITH THE ORGANIZATION THAT EINSTEIN HAD ONCE TOLD ME ABOUT: THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST ANTISEMITISM (LICA). WE ARRANGED BY CORRESPONDENCE FOR A LICA REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET ME IN PARIS.



ON AUGUST 15, 1933, I ARRIVED IN PARIS AT THE GARE DU NORD CENTRAL TRAIN STATION. AS I GOT OFF THE TRAIN, MAKHLOUF, AN ALGERIAN JEW FROM THE CITY OF CONSTANTINE, WAS WAITING FOR ME.

I AM JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR THAT ANOTHER JEW DID FOR ME A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO WHEN I CAME FROM ALGERIA ...

THANKS, MAKHLOUF, FOR MEETING WITH ME. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP.

... WELCOME TO PARIS, HANS!



THE LAST TIME I REMEMBER BEING HERE WAS WITH MY MOTHER WHEN I WAS A CHILD ...

... WE WERE TRAVELING TO SEE HER GRANDFATHER IN SPAIN BEFORE HE DIED, JUST A FEW YEARS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT WAR IN 1914.

LET'S GET A TAXI!

WHERE TO?

NEAR THE GRAND MOSQUE.





WE HAVE TEMPORARILY RENTED A SMALL STUDIO IN A BUILDING MANAGED BY A GROUP OF STUDENTS ...

... REPRESENTING THE WORLD UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS, WHICH HAS BEEN HELPING NEW JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE TO SETTLE IN FRANCE.



LET'S HOPE THAT PARIS WILL BE THE LAST STOP ON OUR REFUGEE TRAIL! ...

... WHY DID YOU LEAVE ALGERIA FOR PARIS?



I JUST LOST MY JOB. I WAS A DEDICATED POLICEMAN FOR OVER A DECADE IN CONSTANTINE ...

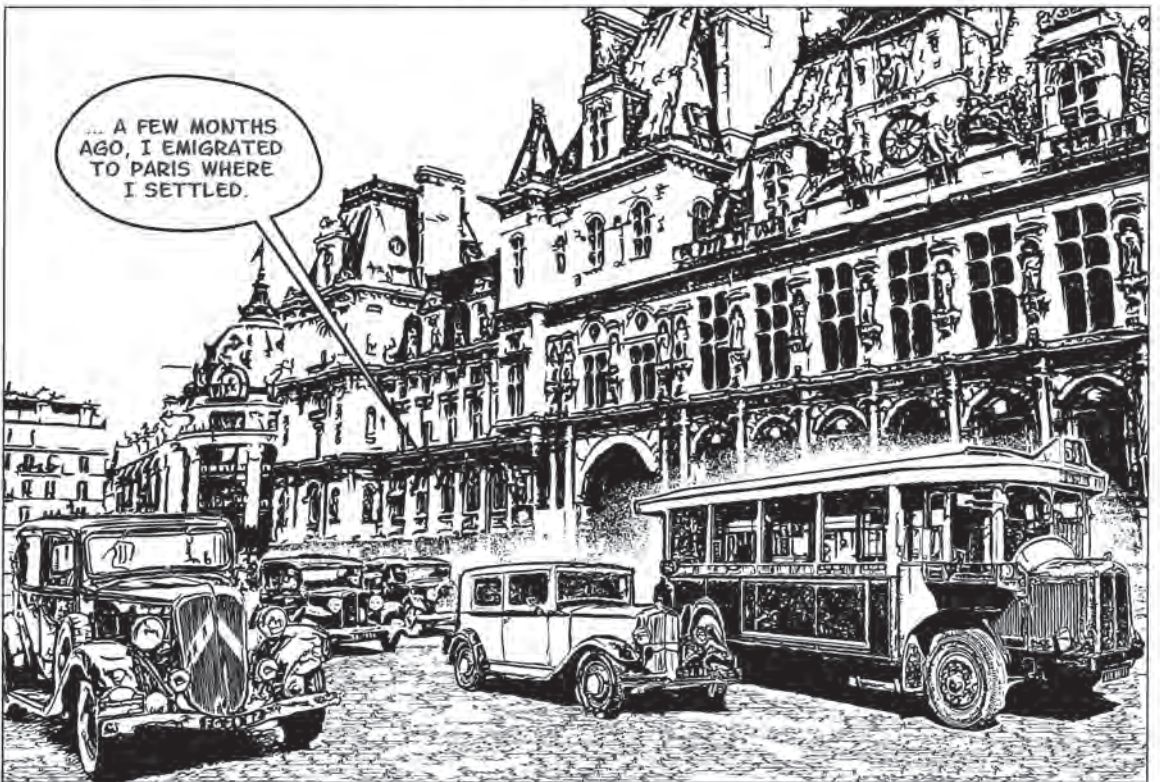
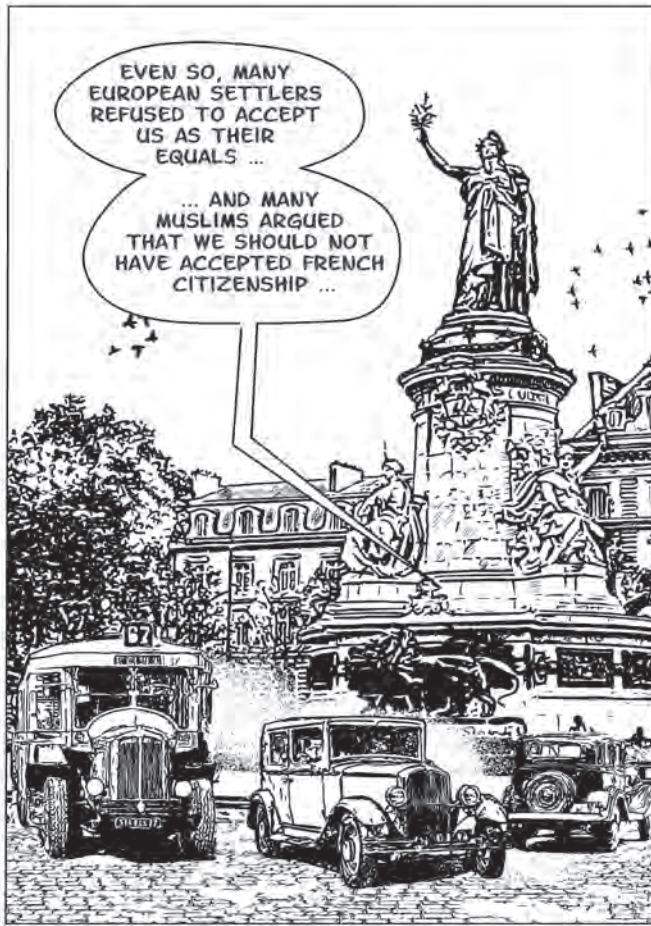
... UNTIL I WAS FIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER ...

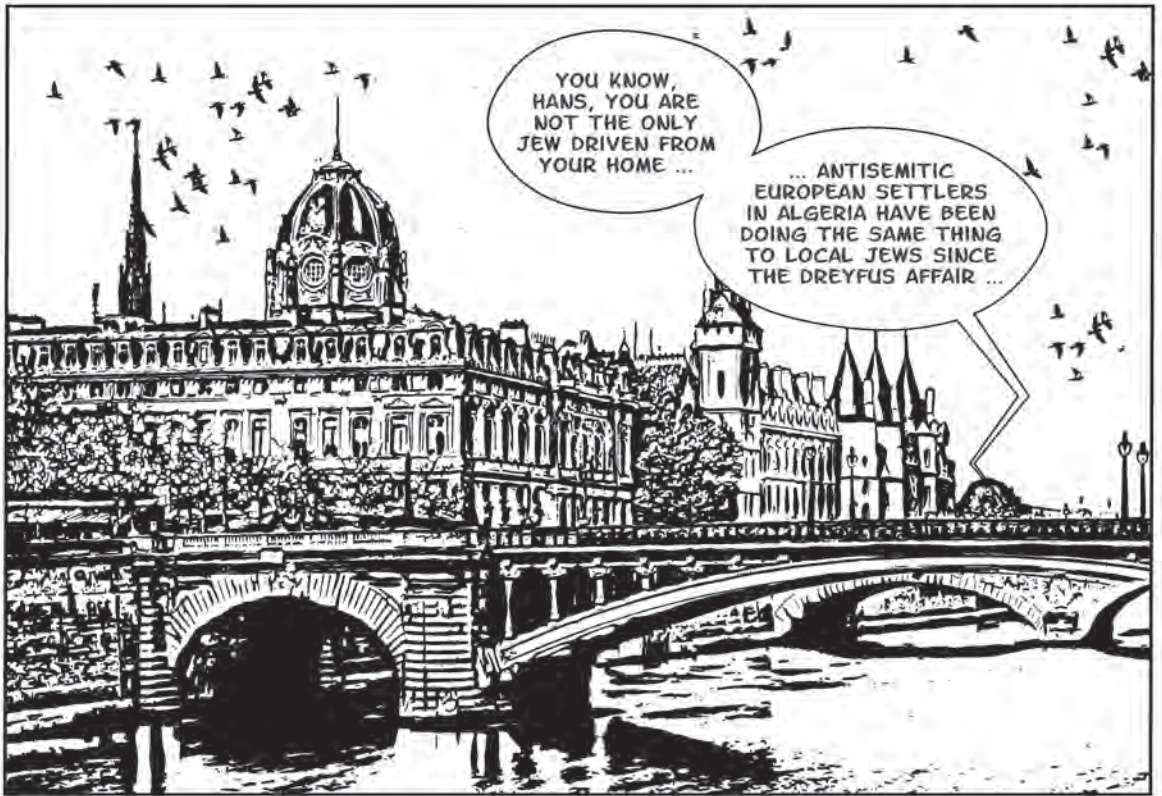


... WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS ANTISEMITIC VIEWS AND BIAS AGAINST THE JEWS OF THE CITY.



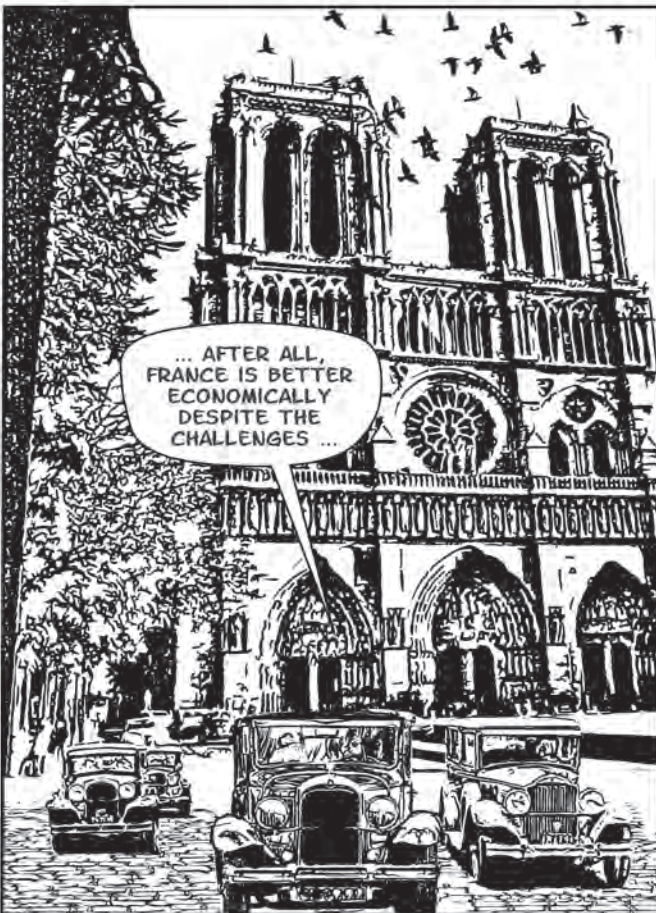
I THOUGHT THAT THE 1870 CRÉMIEUX DECREE HAD GRANTED ALL ALGERIAN JEWS CITIZENSHIP.





YOU KNOW,
HANS, YOU ARE
NOT THE ONLY
JEW DRIVEN FROM
YOUR HOME ...

... ANTISEMITIC
EUROPEAN SETTLERS
IN ALGERIA HAVE BEEN
DOING THE SAME THING
TO LOCAL JEWS SINCE
THE DREYFUS AFFAIR ...

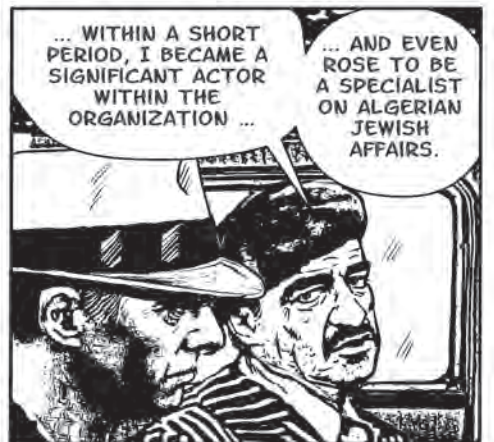


... AFTER ALL,
FRANCE IS BETTER
ECONOMICALLY
DESPITE THE
CHALLENGES ...



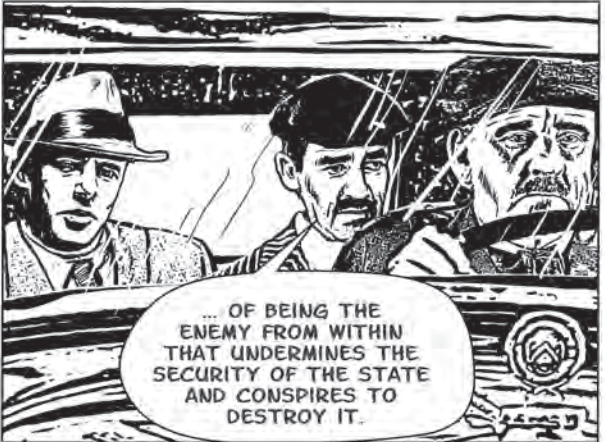
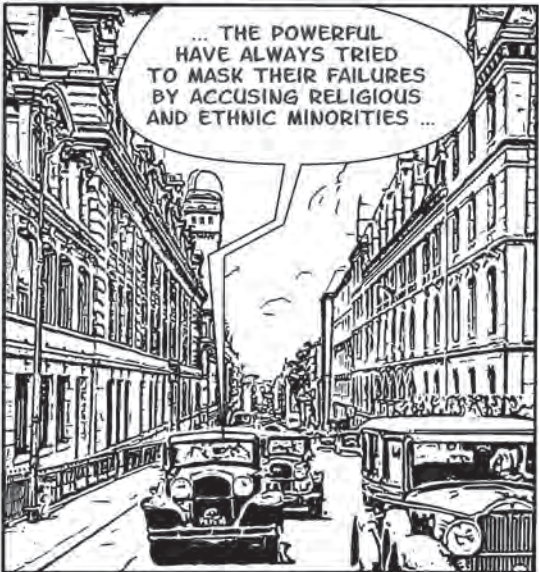
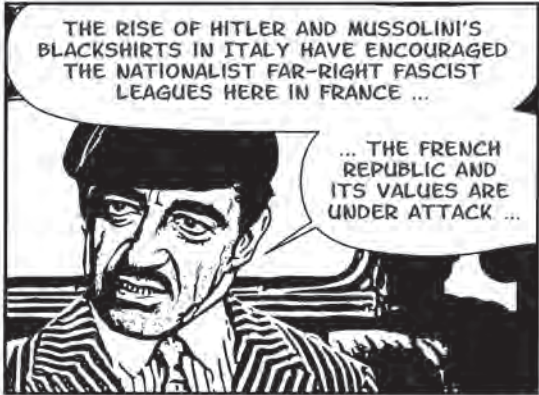
... I WAS ABLE
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... I WAS FIRST
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THE COLLECTION OF
NEWSPAPER REPORTS
ON ANTI-JEWISH
INCIDENTS IN ALGERIA
AND ANTI-JEWISH
VIOLENCE AGAINST
ALGERIAN JEWS
AND BUSINESSES ...



... WITHIN A SHORT
PERIOD, I BECAME A
SIGNIFICANT ACTOR
WITHIN THE
ORGANIZATION ...

... AND EVEN
ROSE TO BE
A SPECIALIST
ON ALGERIAN
JEWISH
AFFAIRS.

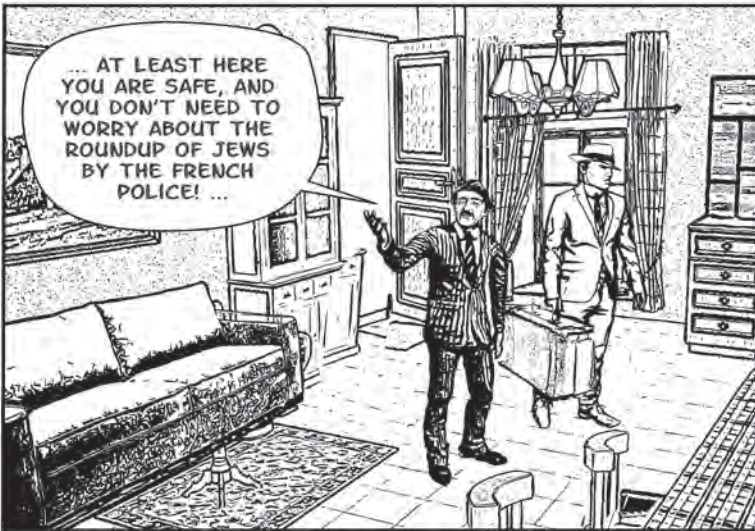




YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET HIM WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. HE'S ATTENDING A CONFERENCE THERE ON COMBATTING RACISM ...



... THE ROOM IS NOT THE BEST...



... AT LEAST HERE YOU ARE SAFE, AND YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE ROUNDUP OF JEWS BY THE FRENCH POLICE! ...



... IN ADDITION TO LECACHE, YOU MUST MEET KADDOUR BENGHABRIT, THE RECTOR OF THE GRAND MOSQUE OF PARIS ...



... HE'S BUSY IN THE COMING WEEK BECAUSE HE IS PREPARING FOR A MEETING WITH THE YOUNG SULTAN OF MOROCCO ...



... YOU MUST BE HUNGRY. I'VE MADE A RESERVATION AT THE RESTAURANT AROUND THE CORNER FOR A DELICIOUS NORTH AFRICAN COUSCOUS.

I WOULD STAY IN PARIS FOR MANY MONTHS, VOLUNTEERING AS A WRITER FOR "LE DROIT DE VIVRE," LICA'S NEWSPAPER. OCCASIONALLY, I WOULD SEE MAKHLOUF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF LICA.