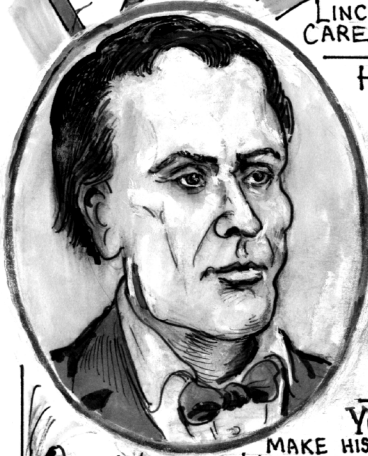


# A HOUSE DIVIDED

IN 1850, WHEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS FORTY, HIS POLITICAL CAREER HAD COME TO A DEAD END.

HE HAD SERVED ONE TERM IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, 1847~1849



★ U.S. CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, D.C., ca. 1840's  
~ STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION ~

YET AS A FIRST-TERM CONGRESSMAN, LINCOLN FAILED TO MAKE HIS MARK. HE PREPARED A RESOLUTION TO BAN SLAVERY IN WASHINGTON, BUT NEVER INTRODUCED THE BILL.



LINCOLN HAD CAMPAIGNED TO ELECT A WHIG PRESIDENT IN 1848, GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR. HE HOPED FOR A GOOD JOB IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

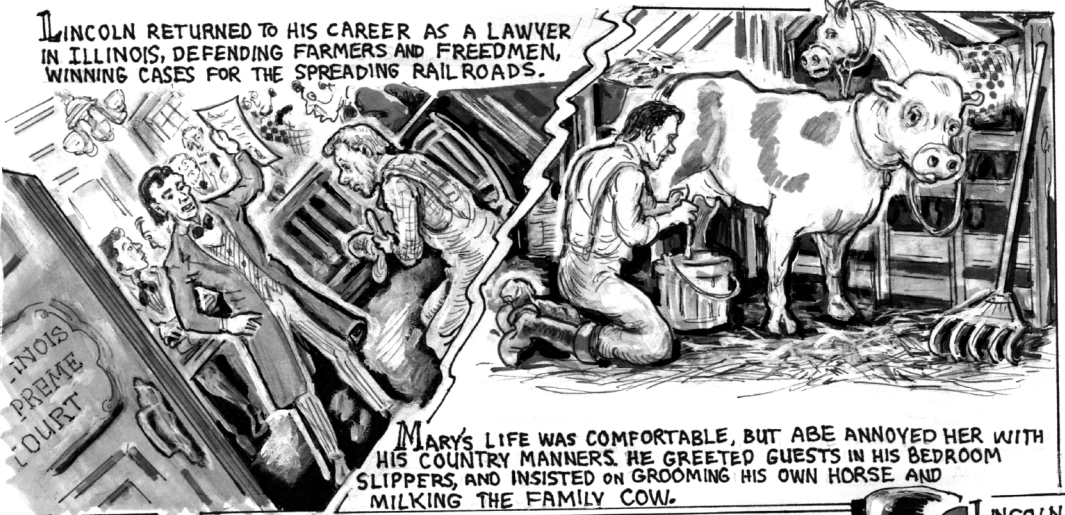


BUT LINCOLN HAD ANGERED TAYLOR BY OPPOSING THE MEXICAN WAR. THE ONLY POST HE WAS OFFERED WAS IN THE WILD OREGON TERRITORY, FAR FROM HIS GROWING FAMILY.

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# A HOUSE DIVIDED

LINCOLN RETURNED TO HIS CAREER AS A LAWYER IN ILLINOIS, DEFENDING FARMERS AND FREEDMEN, WINNING CASES FOR THE SPREADING RAILROADS.



MARY'S LIFE WAS COMFORTABLE, BUT ABE ANNOYED HER WITH HIS COUNTRY MANNERS. HE GREETED GUESTS IN HIS BEDROOM SLIPPERS, AND INSISTED ON GROOMING HIS OWN HORSE AND MILKING THE FAMILY COW.

ABE AND MARY BOTH DOTTED ON THEIR YOUNG SONS, ROBERT TODD AND EDWARD. PERHAPS RECALLING HIS OWN HARSH FATHER, LINCOLN NEVER DISCIPLINED HIS SONS.

LINCOLN KEPT HIS LAW NOTES IN HIS HAT



BUT THE WINTER BEFORE HIS 4TH BIRTHDAY, BABY EDDIE WAS OFTEN SICK.

# LINCOLN FOR BEGINNERS

EDWARD DIED IN FEBRUARY, 1850, OF WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN TUBERCULOSIS. BOTH PARENTS WERE HEARTBROKEN.



MARY TOOK TO HER BED IN A DARKENED ROOM AND REFUSED TO COME OUT FOR WEEKS. SHE HAD ALWAYS BEEN HIGH-STRUNG, BUT THIS WAS HER FIRST BREAKDOWN.

LINCOLN SOLDIERED ON, WORKING AT HIS LAW FIRM AND CARING FOR HIS FAMILY. BEFORE LONG, A NEW SON, WILLIAM, CONSOLED MARY. BUT HISTORY WAS NOT DONE WITH THE LINCOLNS.



UNCLE TOM'S CABIN BY HARRIET BEECHER STOWE 1852 - A WILDLY POPULAR ANTI-SLAVERY NOVEL.



IN THE MID 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, THE CONFLICT OVER SLAVERY WAS COMING TO A BOIL. BRITAIN OUTLAWED SLAVERY IN 1834. IN THE UNITED STATES, MORE PEOPLE WERE BECOMING CONVINCED OWNING OTHER HUMAN BEINGS WAS *WRONG*.

MODERATES, SUCH AS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, EXPECTED SLAVERY TO END GRADUALLY. NEW INDUSTRIES AND ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY WERE BETTER SUITED TO WAGE WORKERS THAN SLAVES.



ABOLITIONISTS, SUCH AS FREDERICK DOUGLASS, WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON AND SOJOURNER TRUTH DEMANDED AN IMMEDIATE END TO SLAVERY.

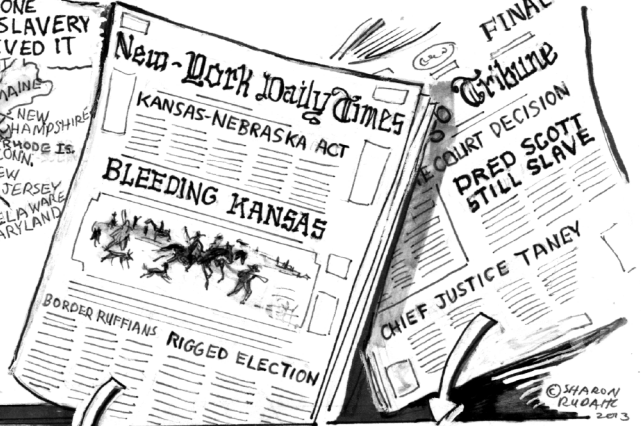


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ABOVE ALL, LINCOLN RESPECTED THE CONSTITUTION, THE FRAMEWORK THAT KEPT SLAVE STATES AND FREE STATES IN ONE UNION OF UNITED STATES. AS LONG AS SLAVERY WAS CONFINED TO THE SOUTH, HE BELIEVED IT WOULD DIE OUT NATURALLY...

BUT IN THE 1850'S, TWO SHOCKING POLICY CHANGES FORCED LINCOLN TO TAKE A STRONGER STAND.

ca 1850  
 ■ FREE STATES  
 ■ SLAVE STATES  
 TERRITORIES



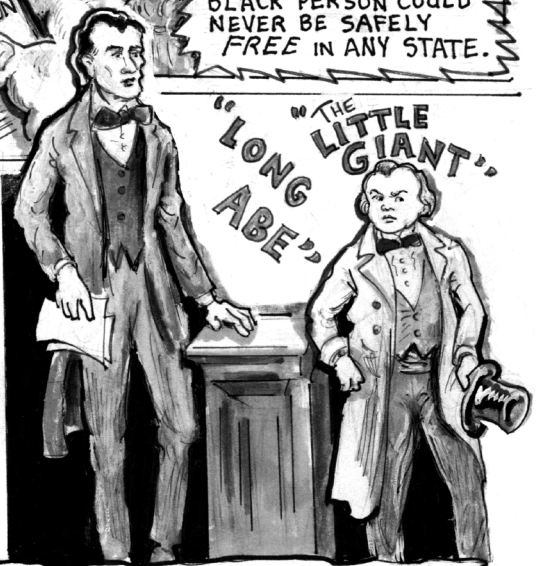
IN 1854, LINCOLN'S OLD RIVAL, STEPHEN DOUGLAS PUSHED THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT THROUGH CONGRESS. THIS STRUCK DOWN THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE WHICH HAD KEPT SLAVERY OUT OF NEW STATES.

THE DRED SCOTT SUPREME COURT DECISION OF 1857 RETURNED SCOTT AND HIS FAMILY TO THEIR FORMER OWNER, THOUGH THEY HAD LIVED ON FREE SOIL FOR MANY YEARS.



ONCE A SLAVE, A BLACK PERSON COULD NEVER BE SAFELY FREE IN ANY STATE.

LINCOLN WAS ROUSED FROM HIS QUIET LIFE. HE GAVE FIERY SPEECHES ACROSS ILLINOIS, DENOUNCING DRED SCOTT AND THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT.



IN 1858, THE NEW REPUBLICAN PARTY NOMINATED ABE LINCOLN TO RUN FOR THE U.S. SENATE HIS OPPONENT WAS HIS OLD ADVERSARY, DEMOCRAT STEPHEN DOUGLAS.



## THE GREAT DEBATES

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CHALLENGED  
STEPHEN DOUGLAS TO A SERIES OF SEVEN DEBATES  
ALL AROUND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



DOUGLAS WAS A FOOT SHORTER THAN LINCOLN AND DRESSED LIKE A PLANTATION DANDY. HE RODE IN A PRIVATE RAILCOACH, DRINKING FINE BRANDY.



LINCOLN TRAVELED AN OBSTACLE COURSE OF RUTTED BUGGY PATHS AND MUDDY FERRY CROSSINGS.

BOTH MEN WERE WELL KNOWN AS POWERFUL SPEAKERS. TOWN SQUARES WERE ADORNED WITH BANNERS AND BUNTING. CROWDS FLOCKED FROM MILES AWAY...

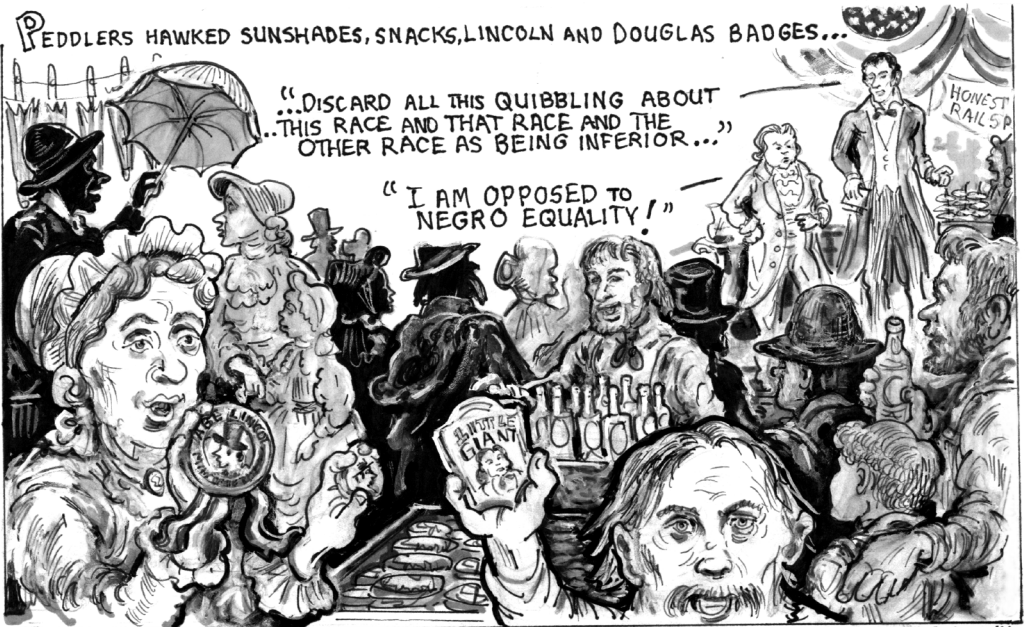


"THIS GOVERNMENT WAS  
INSTITUTED TO SECURE THE  
BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM."

"I BELIEVE THIS GOVERNMENT WAS  
MADE BY THE WHITE MAN, TO BE  
ADMINISTERED BY THE WHITE MAN!"

# A HOUSE DIVIDED

PEDDLERS HAWKED SUNSHADES, SNACKS, LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS BADGES...



"...DISCARD ALL THIS QUIBBLING ABOUT  
...THIS RACE AND THAT RACE AND THE  
OTHER RACE AS BEING INFERIOR..."

"I AM OPPOSED TO  
NEGRO EQUALITY!"

REPORTERS FROM BIG CITY NEWSPAPERS TRAILED THE CANDIDATES, TAKING DOWN  
THE SPEECHES IN SHORTHAND...

"IT IS THE SAME SPIRIT THAT  
SAYS 'YOU WORK AND TOIL AND  
EARN BREAD, AND I'LL EAT IT!'"

"ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF CONFERRING  
THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF  
CITIZENSHIP UPON THE NEGRO?"

"THERE IS NO REASON THE  
NEGRO IS NOT ENTITLED TO  
ALL THE NATURAL RIGHTS."



...THEN TELEGRAPHED THEIR STORIES TO  
CHICAGO, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK...

## LINCOLN FOR BEGINNERS

NOT ALL THE TALK WAS *SERIOUS* - LINCOLN HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OFF HIS WIT AND GOOD NATURE...

MY OPPONENT IS A  
*TWO-FACED MAN!*

I LEAVE IT TO MY  
AUDIENCE - IF I HAD  
*TWO FACES*, WOULD I  
WEAR THIS ONE?!

STEPHEN DOUGLAS HAD A STATE-WIDE  
POLITICAL ORGANIZATION BEHIND HIM. IN  
SPITE OF LINCOLN'S STIRRING PERFORMANCE  
IN THE DEBATES, HE LOST THE ELECTION FOR  
U.S. SENATOR.

" I AM TOO BIG  
TO CRY AND TOO  
BADLY HURT TO  
LAUGH ... "

BUT AFTER THE DEBATES, LINCOLN WAS BACK IN  
THE POLITICAL ARENA. HE HAD BECOME A MAJOR  
VOICE FOR ANTI-SLAVERY FORCES AND A WELL-  
KNOWN CHARACTER ON THE NATIONAL STAGE.