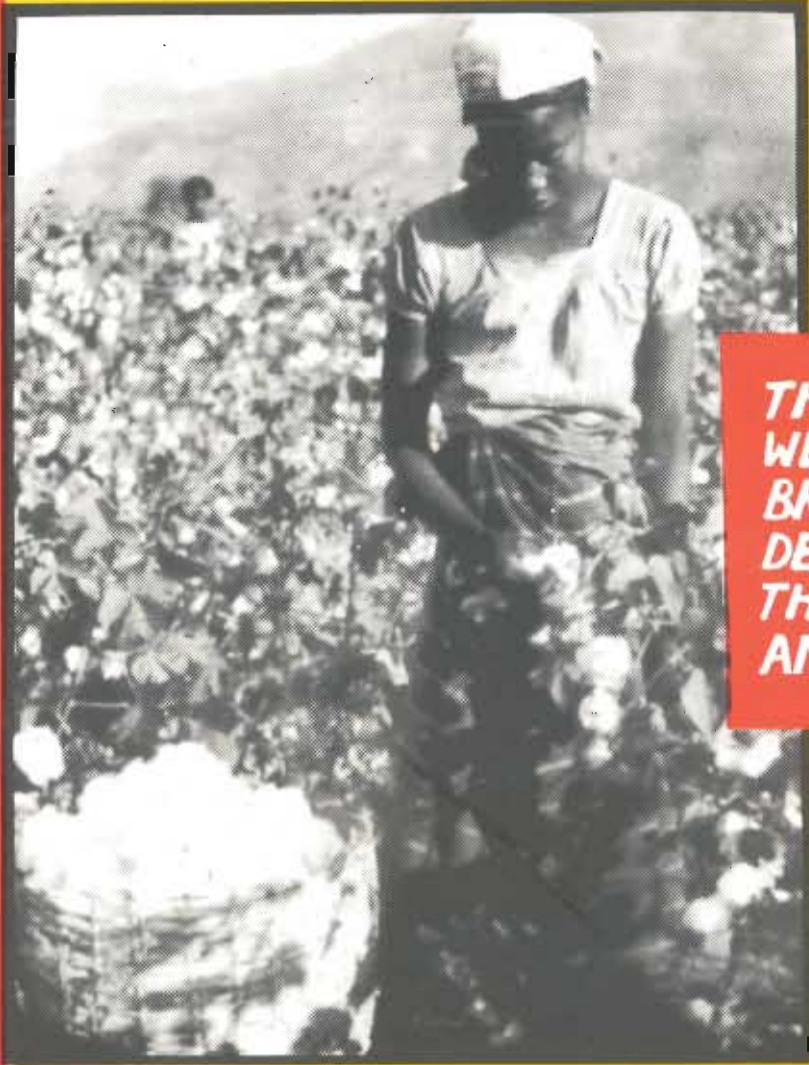
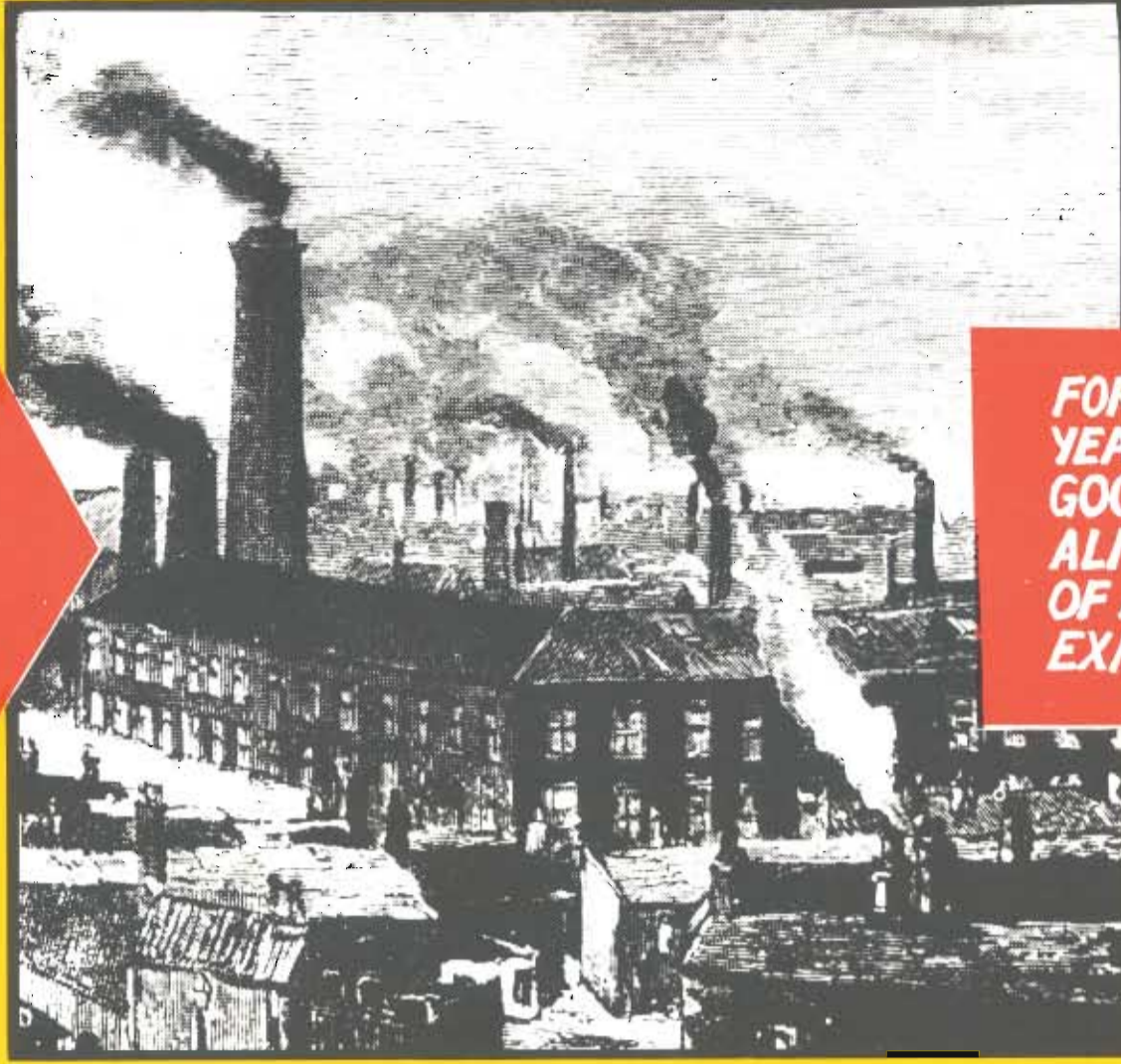


# IN THE 1800's BRITAIN BECAME KNOWN AS THE 'WORKSHOP OF THE WORLD'

THE SLAVES GREW AND PICKED THE COTTON ON NEW PLANTATIONS IN THE SOUTH OF THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS SENT TO ENGLAND WHERE THE WORKERS IN THE COTTON MILLS MADE IT INTO CLOTH. THE BOSSES MADE HUGE PROFITS FROM THE LABOUR OF THE SLAVES AND WORKERS.

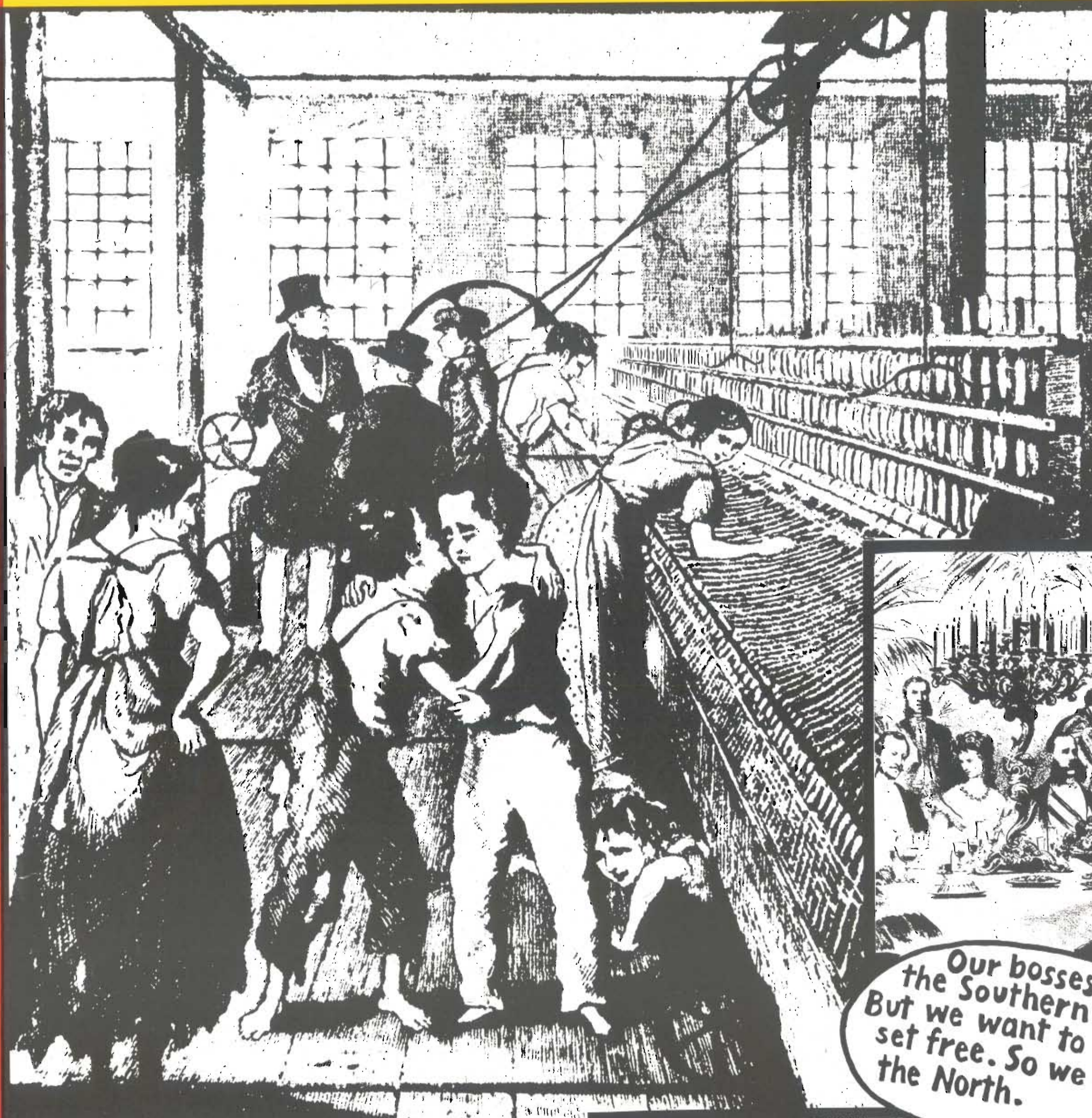
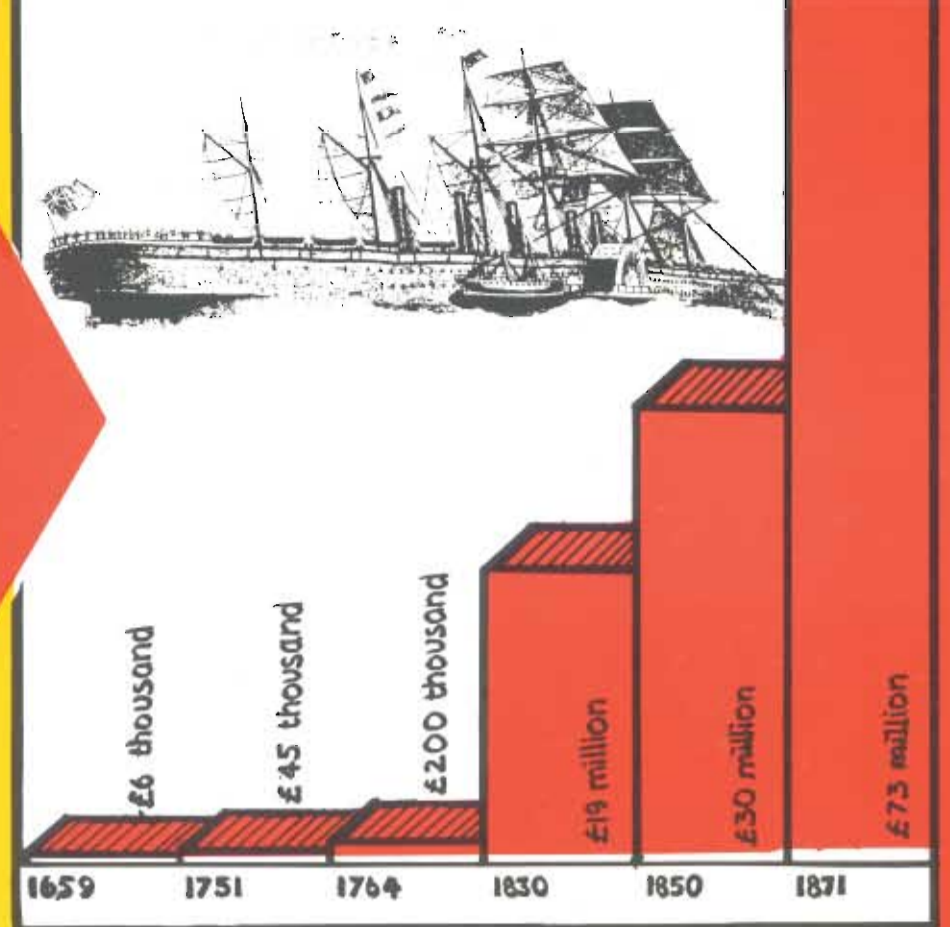


THE GROWING WEALTH OF THE BRITISH BOSSES DEPENDED ON THE SUPPLY OF AMERICAN COTTON



FOR OVER 30 YEARS COTTON GOODS MADE UP ALMOST HALF OF ALL BRITISH EXPORTS.

EXPORTS OF COTTON GOODS FROM BRITAIN. 1659-1871



In the mills more than half the workers were women and children. They worked up to 14 hours a day and were paid starvation wages.

WORKERS' PROTEST SONG OF THE TIME :-

The working people such as we  
 Pass their time in misery  
 While they live in luxury-  
 The Cotton Lords of Preston.  
 They're making money every way  
 And building more factories every day.  
 Yet when we ask for more pay  
 They have the impudence to say:  
 'To your demands we'll not consent-  
 You get enough, so be content'-  
 But we will have the ten percent  
 From the Cotton Lords of Preston.



Our bosses support the Southern slave owners. But we want to see the slaves set free. So we support the North.

WHEN THE BOSSES OF THE NORTHERN STATES OF AMERICA SAW HOW MUCH MONEY THE BOSSES IN BRITAIN WERE MAKING, THEY TOO WANTED BIG FACTORIES. BUT THE PLANTATION OWNERS IN THE SOUTH WANTED TO KEEP THEIR SLAVES SO THAT AMERICA COULD STAY A FARMING COUNTRY. THIS IS WHY THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH STARTED. MANY SLAVES RAN AWAY FROM THE PLANTATIONS. THEY WENT TO FIGHT WITH THE NORTHERN SOLDIERS BECAUSE THE NORTH WANTED TO ABOLISH SLAVERY. THE NORTH PREVENTED THE SOUTH FROM SENDING COTTON TO THE BRITISH MILLS. THIS MEANT THAT MANY ENGLISH WORKERS LOST THEIR JOBS.

