

HEY, SOMEONE'S COMING!

THEY'RE OUT A BIT LATE, AREN'T THEY?

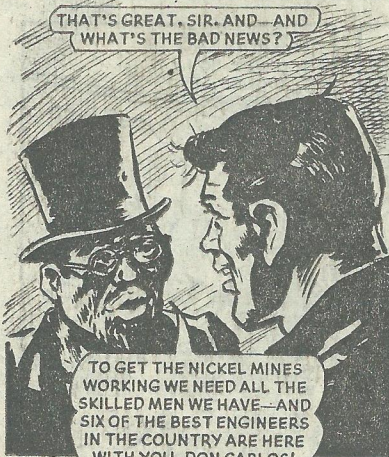


It was President Sidney.

AH, THANK GOODNESS I HAVE CAUGHT YOU. ALL DAY I HAVE PEDALLED AS FAST AS I COULD GO.

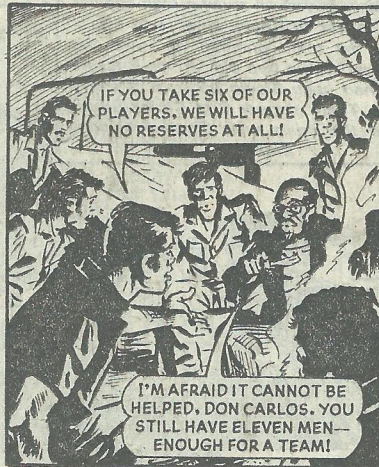


I BRING GOOD NEWS, AND BAD NEWS. FIRST, THE GOOD! TROBADORE TECHNICIANS HAVE DISCOVERED NICKEL DEPOSITS IN THE MOUNTAINS. WE WILL SELL NICKEL TO THE WORLD. OUR COUNTRY WILL BECOME RICH!



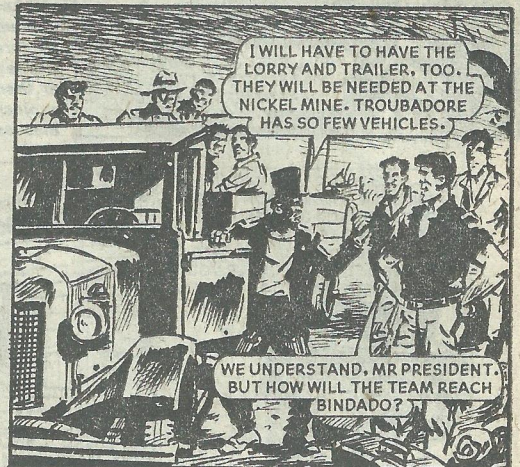
THAT'S GREAT, SIR. AND—AND WHAT'S THE BAD NEWS?

TO GET THE NICKEL MINES WORKING WE NEED ALL THE SKILLED MEN WE HAVE—AND SIX OF THE BEST ENGINEERS IN THE COUNTRY ARE HERE WITH YOU, DON CARLOS!



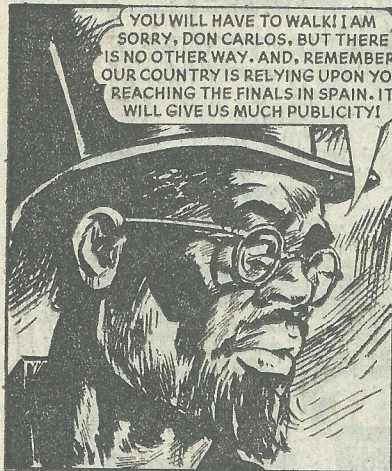
IF YOU TAKE SIX OF OUR PLAYERS, WE WILL HAVE NO RESERVES AT ALL!

I'M AFRAID IT CANNOT BE HELPED, DON CARLOS. YOU STILL HAVE ELEVEN MEN—ENOUGH FOR A TEAM!

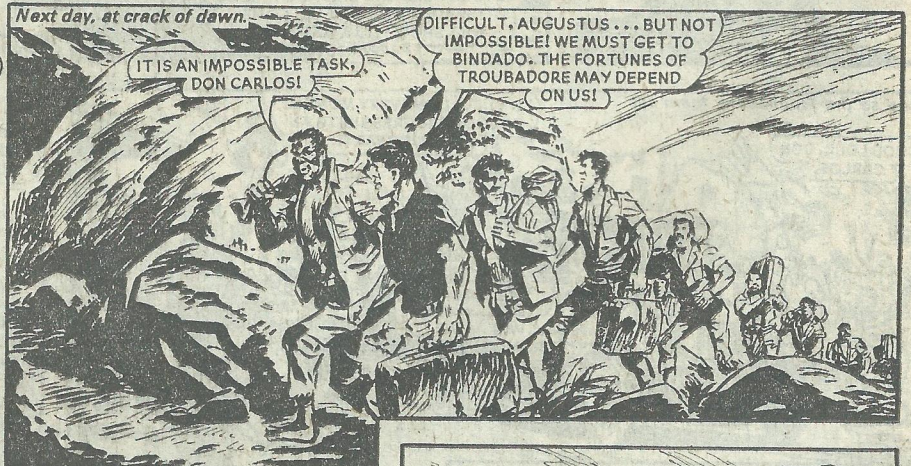


I WILL HAVE TO HAVE THE LORRY AND TRAILER, TOO. THEY WILL BE NEEDED AT THE NICKEL MINE. TROBADORE HAS SO FEW VEHICLES.

WE UNDERSTAND, MR PRESIDENT. BUT HOW WILL THE TEAM REACH BINDADO?



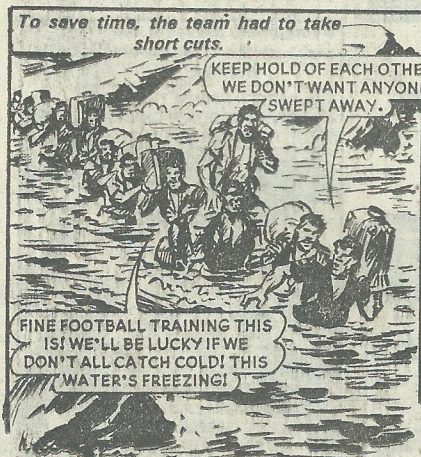
YOU WILL HAVE TO WALK! I AM SORRY, DON CARLOS, BUT THERE IS NO OTHER WAY. AND, REMEMBER, OUR COUNTRY IS RELYING UPON YOU REACHING THE FINALS IN SPAIN. IT WILL GIVE US MUCH PUBLICITY!



Next day, at crack of dawn.

IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK, DON CARLOS!

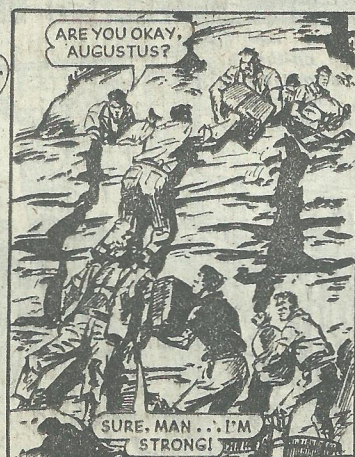
DIFFICULT, AUGUSTUS... BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE! WE MUST GET TO BINDADO. THE FORTUNES OF TROBADORE MAY DEPEND ON US!



To save time, the team had to take short cuts.

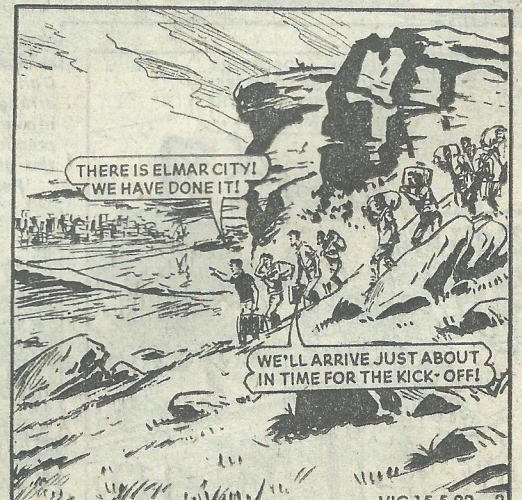
KEEP HOLD OF EACH OTHER. WE DON'T WANT ANYONE SWEEPED AWAY.

FINE FOOTBALL TRAINING THIS IS! WE'LL BE LUCKY IF WE DON'T ALL CATCH COLD! THIS WATER'S FREEZING!



ARE YOU OKAY, AUGUSTUS?

SURE, MAN... I'M STRONG!



THERE IS ELMAR CITY! WE HAVE DONE IT!

WE'LL ARRIVE JUST ABOUT IN TIME FOR THE KICK-OFF!