

# **Political Cartoon, "A Hopeless Undertaking"**

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A REPUBLICAN ENTERTAINING

HARPER (with this line and down to the end of the line) says to the man in the diving suit: "If I only had this old ball, above water, and on the White House dry-dock, she might be made ready for action again."

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**Description**

This is a photograph of a political cartoon from William A. Rogers and published by Harper's Weekly on October 9th, 1880. The cartoon shows a man in diving equipment at the ocean floor, attempting to rescue a ship called "Democracy" that says "Sunk 1860." The diver is attached to a boat full of men flying the Vermont flag. In the background, a man is swimming next to a ship called the "Republic." A description at the bottom of the illustration reads: "Hancock (who has been sent down to see what can be done to raise an ancient wreck). 'If I only had this old hulk above water, and on the White House dry-dock, she might be made ready for action again.'"

Date(s)

ca.

1964

5x7 inches (13x18 cm)

Black & White

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