

"The Hurly-Burly Pot" Cartoon, 1850

Pictured are the radical abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison (second to the left), Pennsylvania Free Soil advocate David Wilmot (far left), New York journalist Horace Greeley (far right) and Southern states' rights spokesman Senator John C. Calhoun (second from the right).

The three wear fool's caps and gather, like the witches in Shakespeare's "Macbeth," around a large, boiling cauldron, adding to it sacks marked "Free Soil," "Abolition" and "Fourierism."

Sacks of "Treason," "Anti-Rent" and "Blue Laws" already simmer in the pot.

The speech bubble above Wilmot reads, "Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble! / Boil, Free Soil, / Ther Union spoil; / Come grief and moan, / Peace be none. / Til we divided be!"

The speech bubble above Garrison reads, "Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble / Abolition / Our condition / Shall be altered by / Niggars strong as goats / Cut your master's throats / Abolition boil! / We divide the spoil."

The speech bubble above Greeley reads, "Bubble, buble [sic], toil and trouble! / Fourierism / War and schism / Till disunion come!"

In the background, stands the aging John Calhoun. His speech bubble reads, "For success to the whole mixture, we invoke our great patron Saint Benedict Arnold."

Benedict Arnold rises from the fire under the pot, commending them, "Well done, good and faithful servants!"