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5. What message does this particular political cartoon reflect? Write a half-page which utilizes the cartoon as a writing prompt to explain what was occurring to the subjects or theme addressed in the cartoon.
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