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Of People and

Bricker's Gold Brick

The Democratic party has found a new "friend."

It is no less a distinguished personage than Gov. Bricker, the eloquent candidate for Vice President on the Dewey ticket.

In his speech at Baltimore the other night Gov. Bricker appealed to the Democrats of the nation to "take back their party from Hillman and his CIO's by electing Tom Dewey for President."

At this distance we can almost see the crocodile tears streaming from the would-be Vice President's gleaming orbs, as in his 'solicitude' for the welfare of the Democratic party he pleaded with the Democrats: Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die.

Does anyone wonder if the Governor is sincere? Is anyone on earth so gullible?

Somehow the Governor's attitude reminds us of an undertaker perching on the foot of of fine dying "prospect's" bed, croaking: "Give him digitalis, give him a transfusion, send for the oxygen tent." And then locking the door, covers his face with his hands and bursts into—a laugh.

One wonders if the Governor and his political entourage were on the receiving end of the CIO stampede, his consternation and despair would be the same.

If so, why does not the Governor appeal to the skipper of his own ship to toss overboard some of its ballast—such as John L. Lewis and his henchmen.

Why not plead with Dewey and his pals to take back the Republican party from the Lewises, Fishes, Wheelers, Nyes, Reynoldses, Peglers, and all that heterogeneous aggregation of disloyalty and sabotage which are sinking it?

No, the Governor is not sincere in his advice. He is so palpably dissimulating that even all the fools in the country smile. What he most desires is not that the Democratic party should live, but that it should die.

If he thought for one moment that the 5 million labor votes of Hillman and his CIO's headed toward Roosevelt, would kill the Democratic party, he would be as silent as the Sphinx, and would cover his face and—laugh.

The gold brick of Gov. Bricker doesn't hit many people. It will not fool many voters.

Instead they will utter as loud a laugh as the American people are now according Dewey when he in his desperation claims to be the first who called for a 2-ocean navy, and the originator of the idea to prepare the country for war.

Bricker and Dewey have not yet found out that the masses still have a sense of humor.

Roosevelt and the New Deal will accept the support of the CIO's just like

Sympathy

The Reporter and its readers and persons are deeply sympathetic with mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts and friends of the boys who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

All honor to them. They will be remembered as long as gallant and deathless valor are honored by our peoples.

The casualty list, now numbering twelve for the county, will contain names as the wars rage to their end. On the square here is the great board which is emblazoned the names of hundreds of fine Stokes county men now in Europe, Africa, and islands and seas of the great world. And the board list steadily grows more are to be added.

There is thanks and gratitude in a heart that our Death Roll is not so long as it is at this time.

Our Terrible Navy

Joseph H. Liston, special assistant to Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, says the American Navy now has 14,000 ships, more than double the size of all the navies in the world.

This must be tremendously impressive news to the war lords of Japan. They must some day face these terrible forces of destruction. In order to survive such a jolting experience, it is not advisable for the rats to commit hari-kari now.

And another thought percolates. As Mr. Dewey says he inspired naval production, we hope when the day comes in—if and when?—he will see these ships commit hari-kari and find out if they did the old navy.

We might need them again to help us smash Japan.

Bricker and Dewey and the others are accepting the support of the able Lewis and his henchmen, like the Republicans of the New South accepted the support of the ed vote and fattened on it in the gone by.

There may be some communication forth in the CIO, just like there are large groups of voters, but the business of the Democrats

And we daresay there are no more loyal and seditious citizens in the country than there are Lewises, Fishes, Reynoldses, McCormick, Wheelers and Nyes in

Call the next case.