

Silvershirts Hoard Food³ In Readiness for Siege^{sep, 13} Foretold by Pyramids

Symbols on Walls at Gizah, Supposedly Warning of Danger, Cause Run on Canned Sardines

Mysticism is typical of all secret organizations. Members of the Silvershirts and the affiliated "Christian Party" have distorted the legend of the pyramids in predicting an uprising of the "communists" this year. Some say September 16 is the day set. Others believe and say it will be "some time" this year. In this third of The Journal's series on the activities, the strange beliefs and the incredible credo of the "Christian Party," some of the mysticism which is whispered in meetings is disclosed.

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The Pyramids of Gizah have forecast dark events for September 16.

In the walls of the "pyramid" are graven the symbols which foretell the epochal doings of that day.

It can mean nothing else than the seizure of the world by the Jews, a seizure that has been planned since Solomon's time.

So believe members of Minneapolis' newest "Fascist" organization—the Silvershirts. This story is part of the anti-Semitic poison being spread every day in Minnesota by William Dudley Pelley's "Silver Legion."

September 16 is next Wednesday. It is a Jewish holiday.

Pyramids Given Credit for Forecasting Beginning and End of European War

Ludicrous as it may sound, a member of the "Christian Party" affiliated with the Silvershirts, told me this story in deadly earnest.

Which of the pyramids in the Gizah group bear the "revelations" he did not say. (There are three and the Sphinx in the shifting sands of the Sahara).

Not only have the pyramids made this "forecast" but they also forecast the beginning of the World war—to the very day, and the Armistice—to the very day; not to mention the present depression, declared my informant.

Will Stay Home On "Fateful Day"

"Oh, we've known for a long time," he confided, "that the Jews are plotting to seize the United States government. They want to run the whole world and tell us what to do. Just look at Russia—the Jews certainly got Russia, didn't they?"

"Yes, sir. September 16 is the day. You want to watch out. We've

all got orders to stay home and away from windows."

There must have been doubt in my expression, for he shook his head, with a compassionate smile, and though patient with my dullness. "Come with me."

We went into his kitchen. He opened a cupboard door. Canned meat, sardines and vegetables were piled high, shelf on shelf.

Canned Goods Hoarded in Case of Siege

"I'm ready for the siege. We have enough food to last me and my little wife for two weeks." He prodded me with a forefinger, and with the tone of a martyr said:

"If they come in here, I won't offer any resistance. They can sack and burn. But if they touch my wife—why I am prepared to die."

In silence we went back to the whispered talk of the Silvershirts in the old man's living room.

Then I went out to get some fresh air.

Silvershirts and Christian party members are so confident that the "Jewish plot" really exists that they even have a plan in theory, to overthrow it. It is Pelley's "counter-revolution" that Silvershirts preach.

Pelley Is Coming "Savior of Nation"

To his followers—supposedly 6,000 in Minnesota—Pelley is the coming savior for the nation. They believe he is the man to do in America what Hitler has done in Germany.

This ridiculous "Jewish plot" has been detailed to me several times. A quavering note comes into voices of the Silvershirts when they tell it. It seems to be the chief stock on which they sell their fascist organization.

In the home of the state chairman the other day I saw the membership application book. The top blank was numbered 285490.

The chairman explained the figure like this:

The 28 stood for Minnesota, the twenty-eighth state. The 5 stood for the fifth congressional district and the 490 stood for the number of members in the district.

"Because of the political situation here," he told me, "we must organize very quietly."

Therefore, the so-called "councils of safety."

Each "council" is presumed to consist of nine individuals, known to one another. Each member has his own council of eight others. Thus no one member can know more than a very few others, except in the case of the real leaders.

It is a technique old in the history of revolutionary societies. Tomorrow—The Ides of September