

Silvershirts Here Elevate Maurice Rose to Status of International Banker

But That Isn't All—They Have Changed the Ides of March to An Autumn Festival

Members of the Silvershirts and the affiliated "Christian Party" have taken a cue from cultism in their belief that the world will change Wednesday. All of the followers of William Dudley Pelley do not believe September 16 is the "zero hour," but in this story, the fourth of a series, a reporter for The Journal tells what he has heard whispered by some of the "Christian partisans."

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Fate has her finger on September 16, 1936.

It is something like Caesar's Ides of March.

The Minneapolis Silvershirts will tell you why. That is the day they say the Jews have set for the seizure of America. They actually believe it.

September 16—Wednesday—is the New Year on the Hebrew calendar. Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown. It is the day when Jews ask to be inscribed in the Book of Life for the coming year.

But this year—if we are to believe the whisperings of the Silvershirts—the Jews will forget their solemn devotions and prayer; forget the peaceful proscriptions of their faith and take up the sword.

The "uprising" will be a "Jew-Communist" revolution, say the Silvershirts. They believe all Jews are Communists and vice versa.

Silvershirts Have Plan

For Counter-Revolution

The Silvershirts have a plan for a counter-revolution.

"Why wait?" I asked a state organizer for the secret society. "Why not—er, nip the Jewish revolution in the bud?"

"Oh, no!" he exclaimed as though that were a violation of the creed. "That can't be done."

He didn't explain why not.

He couldn't explain very much about William Dudley Pelley's Silvershirt counter-revolution either, but he's quite positive it will come to save America. So are the other Silvershirts.

If you believe it impossible that modern Minneapolis citizens could believe such fantasy, go to a Silvershirt meeting sometime—if you can get in. You will go away wondering whether you live in America in 1936 or in storybook land.

Fantastic Belief

In Uprising

The credo of these men and women declares that:

The Jews have a gigantic conspiracy to seize world power.

They deliberately inspired the World war.

They seized control of Russia. Hitler prevented such a coup in Germany.

On September 16 the Jews

will begin their bloody conquest of the United States. Minneapolis will be one of their first goals.

Roosevelt is really a Jew named Rosenfelt. He will declare martial law and prevent any national election this fall.

Newspapers, telegraph lines and radio are Jew controlled.

The Russian revolution was financed by a New York Jew by the name of Bronstein.

("Didn't you know," one member of the Christian Party, outer fringe of the Silvershirts, said to me, "that the Jews have an uncrowned king called Akha Dham. He has a prince sponsor in each hemisphere. Barney Baruch is his prince sponsor in the western world.")

Maurice Rose Is

Promoted to Banker

Are you laughing? Well then: Maurice Rose, chauffeur to Governor Olson and Petersen, is a Jewish international banker in disguise," say the Silvershirts.

What of Minneapolis in the "Jewish plot?"

Here is what one woman wrote to The Journal last week:

She reported she has been told that "September 16 is the date for an uprising of all communists in the nation and on this continent, including all Canada, with a promise of just such ruthless warfare as is now going on in Spain."

"In Minneapolis they are going to start through Kenwood and sweep eastward around the lakes and thence across the city."

"I was warned to supply myself for at least two weeks' siege and

stay indoors and away from windows."

Dream Told Of the Nuptics Sept. 14

This is the dream-talk of the mystics, this is their credo.

And many in the Silvershirt society believe it all.

Then comes the Pelley counter-revolution. They don't know how it is going to come and Pelley never tells them in his literature, but they just know that "a savior will arise. Didn't Washington and Lincoln arise when we needed them?" they ask you with finality.

After Pelley is president they will establish the "Christian Commonwealth." There is an economic plan that is a plan.

Under it, the "American Corporation" takes form. On the theory that America can live on one-fourth of its potential production, they say, there will be surpluses. Each person will get \$1,000 a year above what he earns himself. This is his dividend in the American Corporation. The aged will get what their average earnings were in 1928.

Here's One for The Economists

Preposterous? You can't convince the Silvershirts of that.

As a matter of fact, according to Pelley's literature, "no economist has been able to find a flaw in the scheme."

And, of course, the "Jew terror" will vanish. The Jews will not be killed. Oh no. "All we want to do is to segregate them." Jewish wives of Gentiles will be given colored checkbooks, so they can be identified. There will be no money at all, for gold is the root of all evil. All business will be done on credit, by check.

This is the plot and the plan.

"Believe it or not"—it is all very real to the Silvershirts.

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