Hysteria of mob violence has seized upon many parts of the land. Harmless persons are assaulted because they decline to obey the demands of fanatical persons. Their houses are broken open, burned to the ground; they are thrown into prison; they are driven like dumb brutes through the heat; forced to drink castor oil, tarred and feathered. The mobs are incited to do this work by religious leaders and others who claim to be great patriots of the nation. Engaged in these mobs are public officials who, because of influence exercised over them by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, and because of their desire for political advantage, violate their oath of office, ill-treat and abuse American citizens who are doing no wrong, and wink at wicked acts of Nazis, "fifth columnists," and others who engage in a conspiracy against the government. This class is for lawlessness, wickedness, violence.

On the other hand there is a class of people who are honest and sincere, and who believe in Almighty God and His Son, Christ Jesus, and are in favor of freedom of speech and freedom of worship, regardless of who the person may be or what his belief may be. These seek the welfare of the people in general and want to know the meaning of the

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Total wars, threats of famine, millions of refugees, destruction of democracies, "distress of nations, with perplexity; men's hearts failing them for fear!" What has RELIGION to say about these signs of the times?

Facts piling up hourly show that "Christendom's" greatest religious combine, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, is determined that the whole world, including the United States of America, shall go to hell this way, 1940. Even sincere, devout Catholic persons are horrified as they learn daily of faithless, treacherous acts of high Catholic leaders and other religionists. For example: In Italy, in Germany, Hierarchy archbishops, monsignors, and other church representatives publicly bless and pray for Mussolini. The whole Catholic church can get along with Mussolini. Vatican City's own newspaper, the Hierarchy's official mouthpiece, now hails the rise of Fascist France as the "dawn of a new radiant day, not only for France but for Europe and the world".

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A knight of Columbus, now seriously urges the formation of a private army, armed but otherwise completely militarized, under his supreme command and with all other posts of command filled by Legionnaires. This recalls a stout claim made in 1923 by the then national commander (Alvin Owseley): "Do not forget that the Fascist are to Italy what the American Legion is to the United States."

Is this spreading hate? Why? Mention these things. Hierarchy leaders and religionists who choose to take orders from them say that Jehovah's witnesses spread hate. To every thoughtless person Jehovah's witnesses say: In obedience to the command of Almighty God (Isaiah 58:1; Isaiah 54:17) we proclaim these things. What purpose? To aid every humble, order-loving person to discern the difference between religion and Christianity. These striking facts will induce such persons to FORSAKE RELIGION and instead LEARN AND OBEY THE LAWS OF ALMIGHTY GOD written in His Word, the Bible, that they may live under God's kingdom.

Is this spreading hate? Pause and consider.

Today politicians, business chiefs, and all other thoughtful people are witnessing the fulfillment of Jehovah's ancient prophecy: "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, but there shall be none.

Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet (clergyman); but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the prophet.

The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be in their hands."


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ones, "bullies," or "giants." (See Genesis 6:4, 11, American Revised Version.) In the days before the Flood all the earth was filled with violence because all mankind, except Noah and his family of seven, were devoted to violence and practiced demonism, religion. Violent men all perished in the Flood.

The promoters of violence today are likewise demon-controlled. It is reported that Hitler does not make a move before he consults five astrologers. His astonishing conquests of nations in rapid succession with precision and devilish cunning, and according to schedule announced months in advance, can be explained only by the cooperation of those agents of the demons who attend such schools. His astonishment declared: "There will be no fifth column among the Catholics of America. They must look elsewhere for that." In Cincinnati, Ohio, writing to the Times-Star, Archbishop McNicholas said: "No true Catholic in this nation belongs with a fifth column. At the same time they say that Jehovah's witnesses (though never associated with the politics of any country) are a fifth column. Are they true Catholics? Very evidently public officials under Hierarchy influence heeded their admonition.

On July 3, 1940, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI at Washington, reported to the attorney general that FBI investigations prove that no connection exists between Jehovah's witnesses and Nazis. Then the attorney general announced that the Department of Justice will see to it that the rights of Jehovah's witnesses are safeguarded. Let discerning Americans draw the conclusion of the Supreme Court of June 3, 1940, which upheld the decision of the Supreme Court of June 3, 1940, on the flag salute that each public-school board may (not must) require all children who attend such schools. "Fifth columnists" twist that decision as a warrant and decree to them, not side-step the great issue and escape. On which side will you be at Armageddon? You have been warned! You cannot escape the竖立的 THEOCRACY and live!

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Now violence is on the increase in America, especially with the rise of Communism, Fascism and Nazism. Such dictatorial, totalitarian systems, though parading under various names and outward forms, are the same in fact, and all are of the Devil and his apostle demons. Their advance has been notorious for demonical trickery, cunning, hypocrisy, and outward forms, are the same in fact, and all are of the Devil and his apostle demons. Their advance has been notorious for demonical trickery, cunning, hypocrisy, and violence. The totalitarian monstrosity aims to control the entire earth. Great Britain and the United States are next on the totalitarian agenda of these democracies? Let recent facts speak!

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