

## World Tensions Continue to Escalate

### Vice President Pence: "The Sword Stands Ready."

**How far can the nations take the aggressive sabre rattling before talk gives way to action, and war breaks out?**

#### "I Dare You"

*By Tom Kerry*

**O**n Wednesday April 19, VP Mike Pence gave a grave warning as he fired another clear shot across North Korea's bow, as he spoke boldly and without reservations stating to the world; "President Trump has made clear to the world, the era of strategic patience is over," warning that Washington's "shield stands guard and the sword stands ready." He was reiterating the sentiments of the present administration.

VP Pence warned Pyongyang not to test the resolve of President Donald Trump or the US Military. Pence, dressed in a green military jacket, said aboard the Ronald Reagan that President Trump's administration would continue to "work diligently" with Japan, China and other global powers to apply economic and diplomatic pressure on Pyongyang. But, he told the sailors aboard the vessel, "as all of you know, readiness is the key."

"The United States of America will always seek peace but under President Trump, the shield stands guard and the sword stands ready," Pence told 2,500 sailors wearing blue fatigues and Navy baseball caps on a sunny, windy morning aboard the carrier at the U.S. Yokosuka naval base in Tokyo Bay.

"Those who would challenge our resolve or readiness should know, we will defeat any attack and meet any use of conventional or nuclear weapons with an overwhelming and effective American response," Pence said.

North Korea responded with "In the case of our super-mighty preemptive strike being launched, it will completely and immediately wipe out not only U.S. imperialists' invasion forces in South Korea and its surrounding areas but the U.S. mainland and reduce them to ashes" it said according to Reuters.



*VP Mike Pence speaking from the deck of the aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan in Japan (AP Photo)*

#### "I Double Dare You"

We've all heard it, probably even participated in it when we were kids. Remember the escalation of words when we were kids? "I dare you, I double dare you, I triple dare you." In many cases the double dares, would be followed by a slight push, then another, and another.

We are getting dangerously close to the pushing stage of the heightened sabre rattling between the nations. China has already moved almost 175,000 soldiers to the Korean borders, and the U.S. has moved its military might into the sea of Japan. The rest of the world waits to see how far this will go.

While we watch the standoff in the far east, Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State is addressing the tensions in the Middle East stating that the Iranian Nuclear Deal is in essence the same deal as we watched with North Korea that only produced a nuclear nation.

Russia continues to question the US strike in Syria following the chemical bombing by claiming Syria was not responsible for the chemical air strikes. Additionally, Russia has begun to fly its bombers within 36 miles off the U.S. Alaskan coast to taunt America's resolve.

Isis continues to wage war and is beginning to use chemical weapons on its enemies following the U.S dropping the largest non-nuclear bomb ever used in war.

Christians continue to be executed globally. On the world's Palm Sunday, two more Christian churches were blown up killing and injuring many. Nations

around the world continue to give into the threats of the Muslim people creating Shira governments within their own nation's governments which only exacerbates the problems between Muslim and the rest of the world.

### **“Storm on the Horizon at Home,” The New Round of Silencing of Free Speech**

History is often overlooked and forgotten. Because of the short memories, we often make the same mistakes over and over again. The mistakes being made today in the U.S. reminds me of the years in Europe in the middle thirties before WWII. Its not a hard track to follow if we pay attention. It begins with the silencing of opposing views or thoughts. It escalates to aggression over the opposition, and ultimately assumes the role of violence, removing anyone or anything in its path. Some may say that it is impossible that that could ever happen here in America.

If we believe it could never happen in America, then we have lost sight of the scriptures and prophecy of the conditions before the return of Jesus Christ.

**Luke 12:11** *And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say*

**Matt 10:16-19** *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up...*

We must remember, our voice is that of preaching Jesus Christ, His laws and His ways. For that we will receive persecution. That means we will be speaking out as an opposing view of those in control. Are we beginning to see that beginning to take place today?

What most in America fail to recognize is that we are actually at the beginning stages of the foundations needed to make this scenario possible today. In the U.S. we are witnessing the silencing of freedom of opinion and expression by the left through intimidation, assault, and riots. It is taking place across the nation at town hall meetings, public campaigns, and now on college campuses.

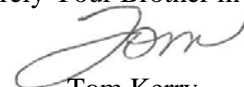
Through the threat of uncontrollable violence, events by Senators, Congressmen, conservative right wing political groups, and especially on publicly supported college campuses, free speech is being silenced. Through the fear of violence taking place, many are simply cancelling events that focus on opposing views against the left agenda, and what I term as anti-God agenda.

The University of Berkeley CA has again assumed the role of ground zero. From there it is rapidly spreading across the U.S. There has even been a rule book of how to stop the opposing views. Each time the left doesn't want to allow a conservative view to speak on campus, they simply bring in demonstrations, and riots, causing much damage, and injury, causing future events to be cancelled.

Today God is still protecting His elect. During this time, we must be busy, focused on proclaiming the message of repentance, and the return of Jesus Christ. It is the only hope for this sick, sin filled world. It is one of the messages of the fruits we are to produce during the Feast of Weeks leading up to Pentecost.

One final point of reminder, there will come a time when there will be a famine of the hearing of the Word. Until that day, we pray God will grant us His blessings to continue to proclaim the “Good News of the Coming Kingdom of God.”

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