

Document 6: Salt Lake Tribune Article

Source: Part of an article published on August 6, 1887 in the Salt Lake Tribune. The Salt Lake Tribune was a Salt Lake City newspaper led by non-Mormons who opposed statehood for Utah through most of the statehood applications. Revised using ChatGPT for easier reading.

The conflict will keep going until these claims are given up and nullification (refusing to follow the law) stops, or until the new treason is completely stamped out. It will end when the Mormons are made to know and understand that a church set up for political reasons and claiming political power on American soil is a public nuisance and a constant threat to our institutions, and that any church that controls the State is an enemy of human freedom and a [illegible] on civilization and progress. This Mormon theocracy (church controlled government) could stop this conflict at any time if they would give up their hopes for political power and honestly follow the laws of the Republic. But they do not plan to do this, and so they say, “the conflict is to be continued.”

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The conflict will be continued until these pretensions shall be abandoned and nullification ceases, or the nascent treason shall be stamped out. It will cease when the Mormons are made to know and understand that a church organized for political purposes and claiming temporal power on American soil is a public nuisance and a standing threat against our institutions, and that any Church in control of the State is an enemy to human liberty and a [illegible] on Civilization and progress. This Mormon theocracy could end this conflict at any time, if they would give up their aspirations for political power, and submit, in good faith, to the laws of the Republic. But they do not intend to do this, and hence the declaration, “the conflict is to be continued.”

Original found at

https://newspapers.lib.utah.edu/details?id=12377913&q=pretensions&sort=rel&year_start=1887&year_end=1888