

men good and happy? We have just done saving Europe, and I am afraid the consequence will be, that we shall cut each other's throats. No war, dear Lady Grey!—No eloquence; but apathy, selfishness, common sense, arithmetic! I beseech you, secure Lord Grey's swords and pistols, as the house-keeper did Don Quixote's armour. If there is another war, life will not be worth having.

'May the vengeance of Heaven' overtake all the Legitimates of Verona! But, in the present state of rent and taxes, they must be left to the vengeance of Heaven. I allow fighting in such a cause to be a luxury; but the business of a prudent, sensible man, is to guard against luxury."

Epilogue:

And so, miraculously, freedom, dissolution of the Imperial State, devolution into many constituent parts, is coming rapidly to the formerly enslaved peoples of the Soviet Union. And what of America? Here statism, centralization, and collectivist power are intensifying with almost comparable speed. Back in the New Left era they had a slogan, *in re Vietnam*: "Bring the War Home." How about another slogan for the new post-Soviet

era: Bring the Revolution Home? •

Cry for Christian Science!

by M. N. R.

Poor Christian Science! In all too many churches, it seems, modernism and Mammon have triumphed over the faith, and CS is no exception. In recent decades, Outreach has tended to obscure the religious message, but at least that outreach was concentrated in a truly distinguished newspaper, the *Christian Science Monitor*. A few years ago, the modernist wing, in charge of the church, decided to pour a lot of money

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into a "mass communication" effort on radio and TV, a communications message far softer on religious content. A particularly expensive money-sink is the new 24-hour cable channel, the Monitor Channel; all in all, this media effort is costing the Church an estimated \$80 million this year.

Into this situation stepped the Knapp estate, the last of whose surviving three members died in 1972. The will left the Church over \$90 million,

provided that by 1993 the Church would publish as "authorized" a 1947, privately published book by the late Bliss Knapp, and display the book prominently in "substantially all" of the 2,500 reading rooms that the Church maintains throughout the world.

So why not publish the Knapp book, *Destiny of the Mother Church*? Because Knapp maintains what to the "traditionalist" wing of the Christian Science Church is arrant heresy: that Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of CS in 1879, was divine, a contention which Mrs. Eddy herself always had discouraged.

In August, the five-man board of directors of the "Mother Church," The First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, effectively the ruler of the world-wide church, announced its decision: to publish the Knapp volume and collect the 90-odd mil. The traditionalists are understandably outraged, charging the church with selling out basic principle for money to keep the losing media empire going another year or so. Chairman of the Board of the Mother Church, modernist leader Harvey W. Wood, dismissed the charges as being spread by "disgruntled former employees" [why in the world should they be "disgruntled?"]. Does this mean that the modernists really believe that Mary Baker Eddy was divine, and if so, what kind of "modernists" are these? Oh, heavens no: to quote the *New York Times*

article (Sept. 30), Mr. Wood "said that publishing the book reflected a new openness regarding divergent views and that people should be able to read such a book and weigh its arguments for themselves."

Well, I suppose that there's a certain charm in the august head of the Christian Science Church sounding like a third-grade version of John Stuart Mill or the ACLU. But look, guy: you're not supposed to be discoursing on diversity and letting a hundred flowers bloom; you're supposed to be running an important Church with some sort of religious message to push. Otherwise, why are you there? And why is the "modernist wing" there?

Or need I ask. Let's see: what's 30 pieces of silver in 1991 dollars? ●

The Cyprus Question

by M.N.R.

Now that George Bush has offered to help solve the long-standing Cyprus Question, it is high time to review what this problem is all about. In the first place, even though there are now two Cyprus Republics, there is no such thing as a Cypriot nation or language or culture. Whether there are one or two Cyprus Republics, they are still only artificial creations.

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In the first place, Cyprus is one of the numerous, mainly Greek-populated, islands that dot the eastern Mediterranean. However, since the island of Cyprus is only 44 miles from Turkey, the island is 80 percent Greek (in the southern and central part of the island) but 18 percent Turk (in the north). The island of Cyprus had long been occupied by British imperialism. When the British decided to divest itself of the island in 1960, it created as a replacement an independent Republic of Cyprus. Now, the point is that neither the Greeks nor the Turks thought of or think of themselves as "Cypriot" in nationality or culture, or in anything except mere geography. The Greek Cypriots had only one thought on their minds: the age-old desire for *enosis* (union) with the Greek motherland. Unfortunately, the Brits (backed by the U.S.) had other objectives, such as

an elusive balance of power, in mind. The British installed as head of the Cypriot Republic Archbishop Makarios, formerly a beloved spokesman for *enosis*, but now widely regarded as a sellout of the cause. General George Grivas took to the hills to engage in pro-*enosis* guer-

rilla warfare. Finally, in 1974, the pro-Greek guerrillas (backed by the Greek government) were able to throw out Makarios and to seize power. But immediately, the Turkish government, fearing for its Turkish brethren at the hands of a militant Greek government, invaded Cyprus, and occupied the northern 40 percent of the island.

Since 1974, the forces on Cyprus have existed in uneasy stasis. The Cypriot Republic backed off from *enosis*, while the Turks established a Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in 1983. But the Northern Cyprus Republic is only recognized by Turkey, and it subsists by the backing of 29,000 Turkish troops remaining in northern Cyprus.

Undoubtedly, Bush's instincts would be to impose a unitary Cyprus Republic, with guarantees for the Turkish minority, but that was precisely the failed plan imposed by the outgoing British in 1960. Greeks and Turks have hated each other with a purple passion for centuries, and it is absurd to believe that the Turks will ever again fall for being a minority within a unitary Greek state. Actually, ratifying the status quo would not be a bad solution, while also allowing the Greek Cypriots their cherished dream of *enosis* with Greece. Why not have a separate Northern Cyprus Republic for the