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WEAVER CASE WILL BE APPEALED

Information received by *The Banner* indicates that the lawsuit launched by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Weaver and Roy Varner of Texas against fourteen present and former officers of The Mother Church and the Publishing Society can and will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The June 20, 1997, *Boston Globe* reported: "[Stephen M.] Shapiro [attorney for defendants Harvey Wood et al] said that because the SJC ruling was based solely on state law, the dissidents have no legal recourse in federal court." Constitutional lawyer, Lawrence Tribe of Harvard University was consulted, and he stated his view that basic constitutional issues are involved in this case and that it could be appealed to the nation's highest court.

After the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) ruled against Weaver and Varner on June 19th, a reconsideration of the decision was requested. It was denied without comment during the week of August 4th.

In a July 16, 1997, letter to financial supporters of the lawsuit, Members For The *Manual*, Inc. stated: "The court's June 19 opinion said that (1) our Church is a 'public charity' (*despite Mrs. Eddy's intent that it be a private trust*); (2) members are not legal beneficiaries (*despite Art. XXIV, Sec. 2 of our Manual*); and therefore (3) plaintiffs (members) have not standing to sue officers for accounting of expenditures and adherence to by-laws as a result of misconduct, breach of fiduciary trust, and violations of Mrs. Eddy's constitutional form of government (*despite establishing her Church under the protection of Massachusetts trust laws*)." (Italics in original) The address of Members For The Manual, Inc. is: 25-13 Old Kings Highway North, Suite 245, Darien, Connecticut 06820.

CHANGES IN THE READING ROOMS

The June 1997 *Reading Room Update* issued by General Publications Group of the Christian Science Publishing Society announced a new line of publications to be introduced in the reading rooms. The August 1997 *Update* listed several of these "non-denominational" books published by Dorling Kindersley, Inc., of England which will be displayed and sold in reading rooms. Titles include, *Noah's Ark*, *The Birth of Jesus*, *David & Goliath*, *The Miracles of Jesus*, *The Children's Illustrated Bible*, and *The DK Illustrated Family Bible* which is based on the New International Version.

Other titles published by DK Publishing, but not

carried in reading rooms includes DK's "best-selling" title to date, *The Family Medical Guide*. Other titles are *The Art of Hand Reading* ("Discover the Real You!"), *Aromatherapy Massage* ("Pamper the one you love on Valentine's Day or any day!"), *The Magic of Well-Being* ("will bring new dimensions of pleasure and healthful indulgence in your search for self-fulfillment and will show you how the stimulation of your five senses can clear your mind and encourage positive thinking throughout the day."), *The Atlas of Holy Places & Sacred Sites* ("people are on the edge of an evolutionary leap to a higher stage")

The July 1997 *Reading Room Update* approvingly printed a letter from a librarian which suggests that the volume of outside materials is having a disturbing impact on attitudes: "I love having 'non-denominational' items available. For one thing I can show them with pride to anyone from any church -- or no church, and have no fear they'll think I am trying to convert them... I can freely give gifts to children (puzzles, *Who dropped down the chimney*, and *Bright Christmas: An angel remembers*, etc.) with love and ease, and consider these a gentle way to share the love of our church and of God. I have one niece (who was raised in Christian Science but doesn't want anything to do with it now) and I have given her son every gift I could buy from the Reading Room that is 'non-denominational' and she willingly accepts and appreciates all these items... My niece was surprised the Reading Room is now selling brightly colored, attractive items that 'don't spout all that Christian Science jargon I can still say by heart.'"

The era of the electronic media projects ushered in all kinds of "products" to the reading rooms such as books on gardening, collections of political cartoons, and video tapes on a variety of secular subjects. It would seem to be time to step back and consider what the reading rooms were established for.

NO MORE LENDING LIBRARY DISCOUNT

An undated notice received by reading rooms in the spring of 1997 suggests that consideration be given to discontinuing free lending libraries of Christian Science literature. As if to encourage this move, the same notice states that discounts for lending libraries will be discontinued effective June 1, 1997. It also says, "Librarians who have discontinued a formal lending library have reported increased sales."

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traditional monopoly of the Russian Orthodox Church. "Dr. Alexander Dvorkin, Russia's most famous crusader against 'totalitarian sects,' and director of the Saint Irenaeus of Lyons Center, an information and consultation center under the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church, argues for protectionism... Dvorkin said, 'As to criticism that this law brings us back to Brezhnev's or Chernenko's times, I say: at that time there were no Mormons or Scientologists at all here, period. This law will not evict them. It will somehow limit the activities of these sects.'" According to Dr. Dvorkin, "'totalitarian sects' or destructive cults' in Russia can be distinguished by many common traits. All employ mind control, all engage in deceit at the time of recruitment (providing wrong or incomplete information about their respective cults), and all use violence, ranging from psychological pressure to physical harassment and manslaughter." According to Dvorkin, "the Boston Church of Christ or the Boston Movement" is included among these cults. (See pages 7, 8 of *Russian Life*) One assumes that this refers to The Mother Church, the Christian Science Society in St. Petersburg, and the American C.S.B. who spends half the year there.

It is interesting that Dvorkin's list of cults mirrors the one compiled by American fundamentalist churches with the ironic twist that these same fundamentalists have been added to their own list as restricted and suspect religious organizations.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

After the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the Russian Orthodox Church was tightly controlled by the N.K.V.D. and its successor the K.G.B. Priests were either officers of the K.G.B. or were hopelessly compromised by it. The current patriarch, Alexei II has been repeatedly identified as a former officer of the K.G.B. During the Soviet era, the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia was established with headquarters in New York because of the communist control of the homeland church. According to the July 19, 1997, *Jerusalem Post*: "In an unprecedented action, the Palestinian Police last week broke into the Russian Orthodox Abraham's Oak Monastery in Hebron, evicted the clerics of the New York-based Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, and turned it over to members of the Moscow-based church. The July 5 action, a representative of the Russian-based church said last week, was the result of a promise made by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat to the Patriarch of Moscow Alexei II during the latter's visit to Israel last month... Archimandrite Bartholomew, local head of the New York-based church, charged that PA policemen broke down the doors of the monastery, and cursed and beat the monks, nuns, and priests inside. He said male and

female police assaulted a nun, punched her in the stomach and hit her head against a wall... Father Mark, an official of the Moscow-based patriarchate, said his church's position was that all Russian Orthodox property in the region had been bought by the Church of Russia."

COMMUNIST CHINA AT PANAMA CANAL

The Washington Times of March 19, 1997, reported, "A Hong Kong conglomerate with ties to the Chinese government has gained control of two key Panama Canal ports in a deal U.S. officials say is 'unorthodox' and harmful to American businesses. The Panamanian government last month awarded Hutchison Port Holdings Ltd., an arm of Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., a 25-year lease to operate ports that anchor the Panama Canal on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The agreement was made as the canal undergoes a sensitive transition from U.S. to Panamanian control. It blindsided American companies bidding on the ports and has drawn fire from the U.S. Embassy."

MIDEAST WAR PROSPECTS

Intelligence Digest, established in 1938 in England reports, "There is now evidence to support the view that the Middle East's moment of truth could come as early as the second half of 1998 -- and the reason for this is as dramatic as the news itself. There is every possibility that Moscow, for whatever reasons of its own, has taken a decision to precipitate an Arab-Israeli war with that timeframe." To summarize, the "Arab-Iranian war party" have concluded that they have gained all they can by negotiating through the Oslo "peace process". Israel signed a military pact with Turkey in early 1996, and Syria cannot take a chance at war with Israel unless Turkey [on its northern border] is neutralized. One way Turkey could be neutralized is through Algerian-style Islamic uprising against the secular government. The other way is through conflict with Russia. "There is now a distinct possibility (openly aired by Turkey's former prime minister Tansu Ciller) that Turkey could find itself at war with Russia, over the supply of Russian S-300 [air defense] missiles to Cyprus, by the end of 1998. Turkey has said delivery of the missiles would be a cause for war with Cyprus; Russia has said it intends to deliver by the end of 1998; and now respected former Turkish prime minister Tansu Ciller, who was also foreign minister in the last government, has warned that unless there is a change in policy 'Turkey is going to war with Russia.' But why would Russia want to provoke a war with Nato member Turkey? It is possible, we will put it no higher than that for now, that Russia has made a strategic decision to make a last-gasp bid to regain its former superpower status by providing the Islamic world with the means to defeat Israel and reconquer Jerusalem. What is the evidence for

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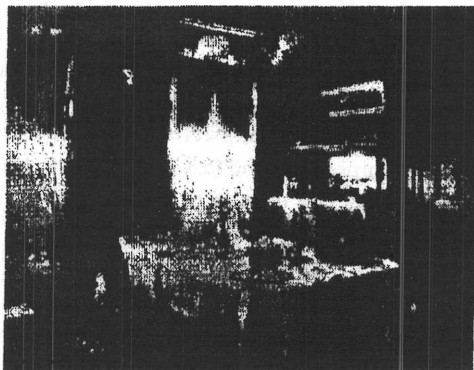
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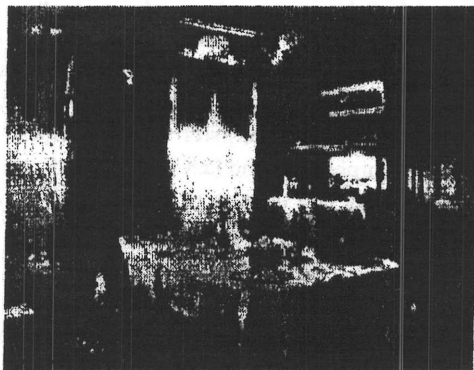
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The November 17, 1998, *Forbes* magazine contained a statement by "Virginia Harris, Chairman, Christian Science Church". Eight executives were asked to tell how their companies are prepared to appoint a successor in case of their unexpected deaths. The statement of the chairman of the board of directors contains a number of questionable assertions: **"The founder of the Christian Science Church, Mary Baker Eddy, faced the issue of her death and succession over 100 years ago."** Mrs. Eddy did not establish the board to take over in the event of her death, and she did not consider its members to be her successors, either collectively or individually. The posts of Pastor Emeritus and President of Massachusetts Metaphysical College remain to this day and are forever identified with Mary Baker Eddy alone.

"In 1892 she set up the first five-person board of directors and established the succession plan." From September 1, 1892, until February 7, 1903, there was a four-man board. It was only on the latter date that a fifth member was designated. Again, the board was not set up to succeed Mrs. Eddy, but merely to "transact" -- not conduct -- the business of The Mother Church

"Because we are a self-perpetuating board, I see our leadership as about perpetuating the vision, rather than about personal style or about myself." Article XXII, Sect 2, of the *Church Manual* (88th Edition) states, "A member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall not be called Leader by members of this Church when this term is used in connection with Christian Science."

The February 16, 1998, *U.S. News & World Report* carried an article titled, "In Mrs. Eddy's house." The article offers a rehash of the past few years and a quotation from Mrs. Harris: **"We're an idea whose time has come."** Again, questions come to mind. Are "we" an idea in the sense of an enthusiastic group? Is the idea Christian Science? Is its time only coming now in 1998, or did it come in 1866? One can see the enthusiasm which comes across in such a statement, but the dangerous lack of precision and the absence of clarity are a real concern. As quoted in the last issue of *The Banner*, "Exultant hope, if tinged with earthliness, is crushed as the moth." (Mary Baker Eddy, Ret. 32:8,9)

ABOUT THE GERMAN TRANSLATION

The Mailing Fund put out a paper dated March 2,

1998, about the recent new translation of *Science and Health* into German. Sloppiness and lack of precision characterize this volume to such an extent that many in the German-speaking field are refusing to use it. After the English-speaking world, the German is the most important in terms of strength and length of history.

Some background is interesting and illuminating. The original German translation was completed in 1913. According to *The Anglo-American Establishment* (published 1981) by Carroll Quigley, past professor of history at Georgetown University, "The von Moltkes were Christian Scientists, and Dorothy, as Countess von Moltke after 1905, was one of the persons who translated Mary Baker Eddy's *Science and Health* into German... The younger Helmuth, son of Dorothy, and Count von Moltke after his father's death in 1938, was openly anti-Nazi and came to England in 1934 to join the English bar." Before the Munich conference on September 28, 1938, Count von Moltke in conjunction with other like-minded Germans secretly planned to remove Hitler and the Nazis from power before World War II began. Their plan depended upon British resolve. The Germans "begged the British government to stand fast with Czechoslovakia in the Sudeten crisis and to make perfectly clear that Britain would go to war if Germany violated Czechoslovakian territory. The plot was canceled at noon on 28 September, when the news reached Berlin that Chamberlain was going to Munich. It was this plot which eventually, after many false starts, reached fruition in the attempt to assassinate Hitler on 20 July 1944." Count von Moltke was executed for his part in the plot in January 1945. (pp. 288,289)

SPANISH EDITION

Reports have reached *The Banner* stating that the Spanish edition of *Science and Health* has undergone revisions, and that these revisions have caused concern in the Spanish-speaking field which are strikingly similar to the German concerns. It is known that the Russian edition of the textbook has been revised in the past few years also, but no reports have been received concerning it. The *Christian Science Herald*s traditionally included facing pages with one in English and the other in the foreign language. This dual language approach now has been discarded in favor of printing the local language only. The dual language format was established in 1903 by Mrs. Eddy with *Der Herold der Christian Science*.

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The *Monitor* of September 17, 1997, announced the appointment of Stephen Gray of Monroe, Michigan, to the newly created post of managing publisher of the paper. "Gray will supervise the paper's circulation, marketing, advertising sales, production, and distribution departments. The *Monitor's* October 24th edition presented the plan for a revamped newspaper: "By mid-June 1998, each day's *Monitor* will carry a special section." (Monday: work and money; Tuesday: education; Wednesday: home and family; Thursday: ideas; Friday: arts and leisure.)

The Christian Science Monitor debuted on Wednesday, November 25, 1908, as a full-size newspaper. Its reputation was soon established as was its profitability. It continued to publish in this form until April 1, 1975, when it changed to tabloid size. Church members were assured at that time that other major newspapers like *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* would see the advantages and follow

the *Monitor's* lead. None did, and the *Monitor* lost much of its prestige. On January 3, 1989, the newspaper began a scaled back, color format with only twenty pages and almost no advertising. The lead editorial for that day stated, "...we feel a gathering of new energy as we embark again under full sail." *Monitor* support and advertising committees in branch churches, which were the backbone of the paper's revenue generation and subscription support, disappeared overnight. The absurd notion that a daily newspaper could exist without advertising was boldly initiated. The *Monitor* was allowed to flounder as the television lights came on and shortwave and longwave radio programs briefly circled the globe. As Mrs. Eddy writes, "Exultant hope, if tinged with earthliness, is crushed as the moth." (Ret. 32:8,9)

It seems highly unlikely that the *Monitor* will be able to eliminate, or significantly reduce, its annual deficit of \$11.5 million. The newspaper has had a website on the computer internet for several years. The probable face-saving solution will be the announcement that the *Monitor* will, of course, remain an international daily newspaper on the internet and will be supplemented by a weekly print edition every Friday. Church members will be invited to rejoice in this fresh, progressive step.

THE MONITOR'S PAST

From its inception, *The Christian Science Monitor* followed Mrs. Eddy's admonition: "...to injure no man, but to bless all mankind." (My. 353:17, 18) and "I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God. While I admire the faith and friendship of our chief executive in and for all nations, my hope must still rest in God, and in the Scriptural injunction, -- 'Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.'" (My. 282: 3-8) These guiding principles were adhered from November 25, 1908, through the years of the great litigation until November 21, 1921, when the final ruling from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court was handed down. At that point, the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society resigned their offices, and the court invited the Directors to appoint replacements. From that time to the present, Mrs. Eddy's deed of trust for her publishing society was effectively nullified. Her carefully constructed separation of powers was circumvented as the new trustees and their successors became servile puppets of the Board of Directors. Not so subtle changes appeared in the newspaper almost immediately. Some of these will be examined in this and subsequent issues of *The Banner*.

THE 1997 NORMAL CLASS

The triennial normal class was held in Boston in December of 1997. "The term of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College will open with the Board of Education on the first Wednesday of December." "Students are examined and given certificates by this Board if found qualified to receive them." (Man. p. 90) This most recent class included only nine pupils. Ordinarily, there are thirty pupils accepted in a normal class with many others turned away. The small number does not have an immediate explanation. There were no new teachers included in this class from the American Midwest, England, or Europe. The teacher of the 1997 class was Ruth Elizabeth Jenks of Chicago.

PRACTITIONERS AND TEACHERS

An examination of the December 1997 *Christian Science Journal* revealed that there are presently 2045 practitioners worldwide.

The editor's book, *Christian Science After 1910*, recorded that there were 10,503 practitioners in June of 1951. In August 1993 there were 2575 worldwide. (see p.191)

The March 1992 *Journal* reported 250 teachers worldwide. The March 1995 *Journal* reported 239 teachers. The December 1997 *Journal* listed 222 C.S.B.s with thirteen of those holding association meetings, but no longer offering class instruction. The 1997 normal class graduates will increase the number of teachers to 231.

ELEVEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

According to a comparison of the October 1997 and January 1998 issues of *The Christian Science Journal*, the following churches/societies have closed: Apache Junction, Arizona; Russellville, Arkansas; Hollywood (1st), Florida; North Miami, Florida; Skokie, Illinois; Cobleskill, New York; Smithville, New York; Avon Lake, Ohio; Dublin, Ohio; Madras, Oregon; and Sharon, Pennsylvania. Since the count began in February 1987, 435 churches have closed and 37 have been formed.

RICHARD CLAUDE HAW

With regret, *The Banner* notes the passing of Mr. Haw on September 9, 1997. For many years Mr. Haw wrote for the Christian Science periodicals, and his articles rank among the best of the last fifty years. Of special note was "Matter: Substance or Shadow?" He also wrote a book, *Mindpower and the Spiritual Dimension* (1981) which is available from The Bookmark of Santa Clarita, California, and Rare Book Company of Freehold, New Jersey. After Mr. Haw fell out of favor with Boston, and his articles were no longer accepted for publication, he turned his attention to the progress of Christian Science Society, Strand, South Africa. An account of his successful activities was given in the spring 1997 issue of *The Banner*.

MORE NEWS FROM BOSTON

It has been reported that projections calculated in the treasurer's office in Boston show that, at its present rate of annual deficit, the *Monitor* would bankrupt The Mother Church within ten years. For this reason the future of the *Monitor*, as outlined above, is under review.

The Sunday school building of The Mother Church is up for rent during the week to secular or religious groups that wish to hold meetings or conferences. The Colonnade building is also up for rent. It is partially occupied by Publishing Society employees who have temporarily vacated their building while renovations are being completed. Observers on the scene report that the installation of the ice making equipment in the Publishing Society building will alter it to such an extent that large areas can not be used again for their original purpose. It is also reported that consideration had been given to selling the administration building because it does not sit on any of the parcels of land deeded to The Mother Church by Mrs. Eddy. Apparently this will not be done after all.

Regional meetings are being conducted around the country to which practitioners are invited. The purpose of the meetings seems to be determine the mood, opinions, and feelings of church members in the field. Officials from Boston listen and take notes.

THE MONITOR AND THE F.B.I.

On February 20, 1992, the editor of *The Banner* made a formal request for all Federal Bureau of Investigation files regarding *The Christian Science Monitor* under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The request was finally processed on October 30, 1997. A five or six year wait is typical as the number of requests for files is very high. Of the 867 pages available, 856 were sent. The eleven pages withheld relate to national security matters or involve personal information regarding individuals, which is protected under the Privacy Act. The first files begin in 1924 and the last record is dated 1991. Many have large sections blacked out because they relate to still active national security matters. Some documents were originally designated "secret" or "top secret".

It is the view of the editor that these files shed important light on the decline of *The Christian Science Monitor* after Mrs. Eddy's 1898 deed of trust was effectively nullified at the conclusion of the Great Litigation (1919- 1921).

The summer 1996 *Banner* reprinted excerpts from a June 19, 1920, editorial in the *Monitor* while the paper continued to be published under Mrs. Eddy's still operative deed of trust.

It should be remembered that the Bolshevik revolution in Russia was less than three years old in

1920, and communist coups d'état had been attempted in Germany and Hungary. A civil war between the white and red armies was still raging inside Russia. Thousands of Russian Orthodox priests had been murdered and their churches desecrated by the Bolsheviks. Political agitation and violence were taking place on the streets of the United States and countries in Western Europe. A new century characterized by mass murder, tyranny, and religious persecution was underway.

In light of this, the 1920 *Monitor* editorial included: "What it is important to dwell upon is the increasing evidence of the existence of a secret conspiracy, throughout the world, for the destruction of organized government and the letting loose of evil. People are apt to smile, with incredulous tolerance, at the mention of the word witchcraft. But witchcraft, when it is understood in the psychology of evil, is not the riding of aged harriads of broomsticks, but the impulse to do evil for the sake of evil in the human consciousness... As the human mind shakes itself free from any regard for Principle, it must, indeed, in the very nature of things, substitute evil for its deity."

Now, contrast this viewpoint with the one revealed in a request for information forwarded by the F.B.I. to the Chief, Division of Eastern European Affairs of the U.S. Department of State on August 28, 1924:

"An editorial appearing in the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR of December 22, 1922, entitled 'The Status of Russia', strongly advocates the recognition of Russia, in spite of the contrary attitude of the Department of State in the matter; it prophesies the permanent duration of the Soviet government, with perhaps modifications of some of its present theories, and defends it against the accusations regarding its attitude toward religion. This editorial quotes a missionary to Russia as having said in substance that the present form of government is not antagonistic to religion but is endeavoring to stamp out the superstition existing among the peasant class.

"The General Defense Committee, Chicago, Illinois, in 'An Appeal to the Clergy of the United States' dated March 24, 1923, rejoices in the whole-hearted support given by various organizations and churches in its fight to liberate the so-called political prisoners (I.W.W.) naming the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR among those who supported the General Defense Committee in its efforts." End Quote

The initials I.W.W. stand for Industrial Workers of the World. The preamble of this organization included as its purpose: "to enable the workers to carry on the everyday struggle with the employing class and to carry on production when capitalism is overthrown." The I.W.W. was invited to send delegates to the Third Communist Internationale in Moscow, and many of its

members were also members of the American Communist Party. The I.W.W. was linked with numerous riots and bombings which killed or wounded judges, political figures, and industrialists in the United States. I.W.W. members were convicted of the crimes, and the General Defense Committee of Chicago was formed to get them released as political prisoners. The General Defense Committee was also a propagandist and apologist for the Bolshevik regime in Russia.

So in less than two years, *The Christian Science Monitor* went from a clear-eyed warning against communist-style infiltration and hidden activity to a (naive or deliberate?) tacit endorsement of them. All of this coincided with the abrogation of Mrs. Eddy's 1898 deed of trust.

Future issues of *The Banner* will include more examples of the *Monitor's* perplexing moral ineptitude and its consequent slow decline toward irrelevance.

JUDGE IN AU PAIR TRIAL

Judge Hiller Zobel presided in the case of British au pair, Louise Woodward, who had been charged in the death of an infant in her care. The judge reduced the guilty verdict of second degree murder imposed by the jury to voluntary manslaughter. The case attracted widespread interest in the United States and England, in part, because it was televised. *USA Today* of November 11, 1997, reported: "Zobel has a clear interest in the media. He writes a regular column for *The Christian Science Monitor* and last year participated in a 'summit' in which members of the media and the judiciary tried to work out differences."

PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW SENTINEL

A cassette tape mailed to all *Sentinel* subscribers gave background and plans for the new larger format of the weekly publication. Speakers indicated that telephone polls and focus groups had been conducted to find out what people wanted to read. This follows the pattern established in the 1960s when efficiency experts and market analysts were given free reign to overrule successful methods and practices at the Publishing Society. All aspects of the publishing work have been secularized to a very high degree. The periodicals, books, and pamphlets are routinely referred to as products. The recent use of telephone polling and focus groups led one observer to comment that it was like asking mortal mind what it wanted to read. The 88th edition of the *Church Manual* states that the business of the Publishing Society is to be conducted "on a strictly Christian basis for the promotion of the interests of Christian Science." (Man. p. 80) The term Christian basis indicates that it is to be run, not only ethically, but also by demonstrating Christian Scientists. By now Christian Scientists comprise a small minority of those engaged in the publishing work.

THOUGHT PROVOKING ARTICLE

The September 13, 1997 *Jerusalem Post* included an article by staff columnist Jonathan Rosenblum: "Intelligent people will clutch at the most absurd 'explanations' rather than acknowledge the existence of a Creator." Former director of NASA's Goddard Center is quoted: "For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries." Mr. Rosenblum continues: "Nor is it difficult to locate modern man's resistance to God. As Dostoyevsky's Ivan lamented, 'If God does not exist, everything is permitted.' For the modern temperament the freedom from restraint is positive, not a cause for lament.

"Many who are content to while away their time watching *Baywatch* and the like would be distinctly uncomfortable with the thought that God is watching over their shoulder, and quick to concede that if God created man, He probably had other pursuits in mind for him. Solution: Deny God.

"When my younger brother was a freshman at Yale, he took a special seminar in the classics of Western literature. Virtually the entire section on the Bible

focused on theories of multiple authorship...My brother challenged the professor to explain why he had not dwelt in a similar fashion on theories of multiple Homers when reading the *Iliad*.

"The answer was simple. Homer is not prescriptive; he makes no concrete demands on the modern reader. The Bible, by contrast, insists that there is a divine standard by which we will all be judged. That was an idea too dangerous for Yale."

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ARTICLES IN *FORBES* AND *U.S. NEWS*

The November 17, 1998, *Forbes* magazine contained a statement by "Virginia Harris, Chairman, Christian Science Church". Eight executives were asked to tell how their companies are prepared to appoint a successor in case of their unexpected deaths. The statement of the chairman of the board of directors contains a number of questionable assertions: **"The founder of the Christian Science Church, Mary Baker Eddy, faced the issue of her death and succession over 100 years ago."** Mrs. Eddy did not establish the board to take over in the event of her death, and she did not consider its members to be her successors, either collectively or individually. The posts of Pastor Emeritus and President of Massachusetts Metaphysical College remain to this day and are forever identified with Mary Baker Eddy alone.

"In 1892 she set up the first five-person board of directors and established the succession plan." From September 1, 1892, until February 7, 1903, there was a four-man board. It was only on the latter date that a fifth member was designated. Again, the board was not set up to succeed Mrs. Eddy, but merely to "transact" -- not conduct -- the business of The Mother Church

"Because we are a self-perpetuating board, I see our leadership as about perpetuating the vision, rather than about personal style or about myself." Article XXII, Sect 2, of the *Church Manual* (88th Edition) states, "A member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., shall not be called Leader by members of this Church when this term is used in connection with Christian Science."

The February 16, 1998, *U.S. News & World Report* carried an article titled, "In Mrs. Eddy's house." The article offers a rehash of the past few years and a quotation from Mrs. Harris: **"We're an idea whose time has come."** Again, questions come to mind. Are "we" an idea in the sense of an enthusiastic group? Is the idea Christian Science? Is its time only coming now in 1998, or did it come in 1866? One can see the enthusiasm which comes across in such a statement, but the dangerous lack of precision and the absence of clarity are a real concern. As quoted in the last issue of *The Banner*, "Exultant hope, if tinged with earthliness, is crushed as the moth." (Mary Baker Eddy, Ret. 32:8,9)

ABOUT THE GERMAN TRANSLATION

The Mailing Fund put out a paper dated March 2,

1998, about the recent new translation of *Science and Health* into German. Sloppiness and lack of precision characterize this volume to such an extent that many in the German-speaking field are refusing to use it. After the English-speaking world, the German is the most important in terms of strength and length of history.

Some background is interesting and illuminating. The original German translation was completed in 1913. According to *The Anglo-American Establishment* (published 1981) by Carroll Quigley, past professor of history at Georgetown University, "The von Moltkes were Christian Scientists, and Dorothy, as Countess von Moltke after 1905, was one of the persons who translated Mary Baker Eddy's *Science and Health* into German... The younger Helmuth, son of Dorothy, and Count von Moltke after his father's death in 1938, was openly anti-Nazi and came to England in 1934 to join the English bar." Before the Munich conference on September 28, 1938, Count von Moltke in conjunction with other like-minded Germans secretly planned to remove Hitler and the Nazis from power before World War II began. Their plan depended upon British resolve. The Germans "begged the British government to stand fast with Czechoslovakia in the Sudeten crisis and to make perfectly clear that Britain would go to war if Germany violated Czechoslovakian territory. The plot was canceled at noon on 28 September, when the news reached Berlin that Chamberlain was going to Munich. It was this plot which eventually, after many false starts, reached fruition in the attempt to assassinate Hitler on 20 July 1944." Count von Moltke was executed for his part in the plot in January 1945. (pp. 288,289)

SPANISH EDITION

Reports have reached *The Banner* stating that the Spanish edition of *Science and Health* has undergone revisions, and that these revisions have caused concern in the Spanish-speaking field which are strikingly similar to the German concerns. It is known that the Russian edition of the textbook has been revised in the past few years also, but no reports have been received concerning it. The *Christian Science Herald*s traditionally included facing pages with one in English and the other in the foreign language. This dual language approach now has been discarded in favor of printing the local language only. The dual language format was established in 1903 by Mrs. Eddy with *Der Herold der Christian Science*.

THE 1997 NORMAL CLASS

The following nine individuals attended the triennial normal class in December 1997: David W. Barton, Phoenix/Scottsdale, Arizona; Kittie M. Burris, Birming-

ham/Trussville, Alabama; Colleen Feldmann Douglass, Encino, California; Charles N. Filbert, II, Glendale, California; Carol Dee Lewis, Denver/Evergreen, Colorado; Elise L. Moore, Nashville, Tennessee; Patricia A. Newell, San Francisco, California; Judith Hardy Olson, Westport, Connecticut; Mark Swinney, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

TEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the January and April 1998 *Christian Science Journals* reveals that the following churches/societies have closed: El Segundo, California; Yucaipa, California; Denver (4th), Colorado; Goodland, Kansas; Spanish Lake, Missouri; Rutherford, New Jersey; Upper Darby, Pennsylvania (merged with Drexel Hill; Seattle (4th), Washington; Snoqualmie, Washington; and Madison (2nd), Wisconsin. In addition, Elkins Park-Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, dropped "Elkins Park" from its name. Ninth Church, Los Angeles, California, appears again after disappearing for fifteen months since the January 1997 *Journal*. Since the count began in February 1987, 444 churches have closed and 37 have been formed.

C.S. ORGAN GETS A NEW HOME

The February 1998 *Organ Log*, issued by the Los Angeles Theater Organ Society, announced an organ recital held in Rev. Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral. The organ to be used "was originally located in the Beverly Hills Christian Science Church. When the earthquake damaged that building, the church members decided not to rebuild and sold the organ to the Crystal Cathedral where it was installed about a year ago."

REVELATION TWELVE

The *Christian Science Quarterly* lesson (subject: Man) of March 8, 1998, carried citations from Revelation 12 for the first time since December 31, 1989. Interestingly, the correlative citations from Science and Health included: "The impersonation of the spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our Master;... This immaculate idea, represented first by man and, according to the Revelator, last by woman, will baptize with fire;..." The Bible lesson committee freely identifies the man, but still studiously avoids use of quotations which identify the woman. Daisette McKenzie quoted Mrs. Eddy in *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy*, First Series: "All the people need, in order to love and adopt Christian Science, is the true sense of its Founder. In proportion as they have it, will our Cause advance." (p. 40) Today people are not adopting Christian Science, and the Cause is not advancing.

EARLY INFLUENCES ON THE MONITOR

In two books, *Tragedy and Hope* (1966) and *The Anglo-American Establishment* (1981), professor Carroll Quigley, of Georgetown University reveals, "There does exist, and has existed for a generation, an international

Anglophile network which operates, to some extent, in the way the radical Right believes the Communists act. In fact, this network, which we may identify as the Round Table Groups, has no aversion to cooperating with the Communists, or any other groups, and frequently does so. I know of the operations of this network because I have studied it for twenty years and was permitted for two years, in the early 1960's, to examine its papers and secret records...The original purpose of these groups was to seek to federate the English-speaking world along lines laid down by Cecil Rhodes... and William T. Stead..." (*T&H*, p. 950)

After Rhodes' death in 1902, the leadership eventually was consolidated by Alfred Lord Milner. According to Quigley, "...it might be mentioned that Christian Science became the religion of the Milner Group after Milner's death [1925]. Among other, Nancy Astor and Lord Lothian were ardent supporters of the new belief. Christian Science was part of the atmosphere of Cliveden [the Astor estate]."

One of Lord Lothian's tasks was to help select American Rhodes scholars who were chosen to study at Oxford University for a year. It was hoped that the experience would predispose them to calls for an Anglo-American federation. Originally, Rhodes had left in 1899 and 1901 instructions "to bankroll the political careers of Rhodes Scholars who worked for Anglo-Saxon federation...[A] significant number of Scholars were expected to reach positions of leadership in the public life of their home countries." Lord Lothian reminded his fellow Rhodes trustees that smaller U.S. states should not be neglected because "each state, be it remembered, returns two Senators to the United States Senate..." Senators, alone, ratify treaties which can alter the destiny of their country. (*Lothian: Philip Kerr and The Quest for World Order* by David P. Billington (dissertation, U. of Texas, 1995, pp.211,212, 217) Canadians were receiving similar attention from the Round Table Groups and the Rhodes Trust, but some smelled a rat. One subscriber to their journal wrote, "I find that almost all of the contributions on Canada are tainted with an ardent Toryism...There is an *inner circle* in that organization - I know it, *I feel it*." (Billington, p. 72)

Control of the elite press was central to the efforts of the Milner Group. They controlled *The Times* of London from 1912 and owned it outright through Lord Astor from 1922. "*The Times* was influential, but the degree of its influence would never be realized by anyone who examined only the paper itself. The greater part of its influence arose from its position as one of several branches of a single group, the Milner Group. By the interaction of these various branches on one another, under the pretense that each branch was an autonomous power, the influence of each branch was increased

through a process of mutual reinforcement. The unanimity among the various branches was believed by the outside world to be the result of the influence of a single Truth, while really it was the result of the existence of a single group. Thus, a statesman ...announces a policy. About the same time, the Royal Institute of International Affairs [a Milner Group creation] publishes a study on the subject, and an Oxford don...publishes a volume on the subject... The statesman's policy is subjected to critical analysis and final approval in a 'leader' in *The Times*, while the two books are reviewed (in a single review) in *The Times Literary Supplement*. Both the 'leader' and the review are anonymous but are written by members of the Group. And finally, about the same time, an anonymous article in *The Round Table* [a Milner Group journal] strongly advocates the same policy. The cumulative effect of such tactics as this, even if each tactical move influences only a small number of important people, is bound to be great." (AAE, p. 114)

Since "Christian Science became the religion of the Milner Group", it is logical to assume that *The Christian Science Monitor* would become an object of their attention. A 1960 biography entitled *Lord Lothian* by J.R.M. Butler, included the following letter: "Anyway if I am to write regularly for it [the *Monitor*], not under my own name but as a special correspondent, I shall have to be in London to keep in touch with politics etc. for not the least of the reasons which have made me write for the *Monitor* is that it is perhaps the best available means of helping the American public to get the news of what is going on in the world..." The biographer goes on to say, "He [Lothian] continued to take a deep and practical interest in the *Monitor*, frequently writing for it, and contributing a series of articles headed 'The Diary of a Political Pilgrim'; he gave much thought to the question how the paper could be organized so as best to carry out the work of influencing human thinking in a redemptive way." (p. 96) Needless to say, that "redemptive way" was the establishment of an Anglo-American federation. "Ultimately, this federation will be worldwide, but en route it must pass through stages, of which the chief is federation of the English-speaking peoples." (AAE, p. 282)

The appeasement policy of British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain included strong underpinning from members of the Milner Group including Lord Lothian and the Astors. According to Quigley, this policy was not so much driven by the hope that Hitler would become satisfied and quit making demands, but rather it was a geopolitical strategy. The plan was to give Hitler everything east of Germany until he had a common border with Soviet Russia. "... by this date [1936],

certain members of the Milner Group and of the British Conservative government had reached the fantastic idea that they could kill two birds with one stone by setting Germany and Russia against one another in Eastern Europe. In this way they felt that the two enemies would stalemate one another, or that Germany would become satisfied with the oil of Rumania and the wheat of the Ukraine. It never occurred to anyone in a responsible position that Germany and Russia might make common cause, even temporarily, against the West [as happened with the German-Soviet non-aggression pact of 1939]." (AAE, p. 265) This also explains why the pleas of Count von Moltke and the other anti-Nazi Germans received no reply (as outlined above in the article about the German translation of Science and Health).

In a glowing review of J.R.M. Butler's *Lord Lothian* in the March 3, 1960, *Monitor*, Erwin D. Canham, himself a Rhodes Scholar and anonymous contributor to the Milner Group's *Round Table*, said of this disaster, "...while Lord Lothian's view of the Nazis falls considerable short of his insight into other world problems, it did represent a sincere and intelligent effort to avert catastrophe."

When Lady Astor tried to disassociate herself from the appeasement policy in Parliament on March 16, 1939, with: "Will the Prime Minister lose no time in letting the German Government know with what horror the whole of this country regards Germany's actions?" The Prime Minister did not answer, but a Conservative Member, Major Vyvyan Adams hurled at the lady the remark, "You caused it yourself." (AAE, p. 295)

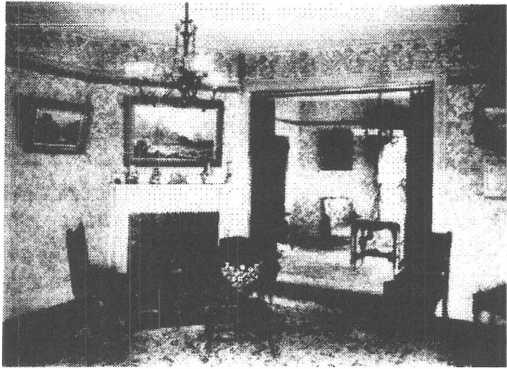
The Milner group operated behind the scenes secretly and anonymously to achieve what they considered a noble goal for the human race, -- a world federation based on English law and civilization. They engaged in tactics both dishonest and ruthless from the time of Cecil Rhodes' cunning and trickery in Africa to the fatal manipulation of events in Europe prior to World War Two. It is reasonable to say that millions of people lost their lives because of their actions. One cannot help but wonder how the world might have been different if Count von Moltke's plea of September 1938 had been answered.

Mrs. Eddy writes, "Some people try to tend folks, as if they should steer the regulator of mankind. God makes us pay for tending the action that He adjusts." Elsewhere she warns against "trying to twist the fatal magnetic force of mortal mind..." (Mis. 353:18-20 and 233:14, 15) Since the time of Lord Lothian's editorial advice and his anonymous "Diary of a Political Pilgrim", *The Christian Science Monitor's* editorial policy has been and remains completely faithful to the Milner group's world outlook. Their hope for an

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Anglo-American federation, to be followed by a general world government, has been abandoned in favor of a straightforward push to make the United Nations the supreme, unchallenged government of the world. The *Monitor* has never wavered in its support for such a goal. "The *Monitor* began the year, 1990, with more statements favoring world government. On January 2nd, Norman Cousins was given a full page to denounce the 'bugaboo' of national sovereignty. An editorial followed on January 5th with 'The great challenge for the international community will be to evolve noncoercive structures and mechanisms...' The January 25th issue ran an opinion piece advocating 'new forms of international governance.' The February 2nd paper printed a letter praising the January 5th editorial and suggested that 'the United Nations should be transformed into a federal world government.' The February 8th issue ran an advertisement for the 'World Federalist Association'. The advertisement concludes with a statement, 'This message was paid for by members of the World Federalist Association in honor of their president, Norman Cousins.' The February 20th issue included another opinion piece by Mr. Cousins who wrote that the U.N. will have to be truly institutionalized. The U.N. is not only the best candidate for enduring peace, it is the only candidate we have.'" (*Christian Science After*

1910 by A.W. Hartsook, pp. 171, 172) Is all of this "the result of the influence of a single Truth, while really it was the result of the existence of a single group" as Carol Quigley lays bare earlier in this article? Christian Scientists must be aware that their Leader's newspaper, since at least the 1930s, has been, and continues to be, controlled by an alien influence which is as far from Mrs. Eddy's viewpoint and noble intent "as the east is from the west." (Ps. 103) The result has been corrosive and poisonous to world thought. The *Monitor* is withering and nothing can, or will, reverse its self-destructive course until this influence is exposed and removed. This fatal, editorial policy could not continue without the wholehearted support and approval of the Christian Science Board of Directors. Their wanton and careless course has brought the Cause to the brink of disaster. It is high time for Christian Scientists to do their daily work. The future prosperity of the Cause rests upon students in the field who actually do the work and not just talk about doing it. The administration in Boston is hopeless, and the sooner we realize that, we will go forward. Let Boston pursue its Wizard of Oz mentality, and let us build "according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." (Heb.8:5) Note: The next issue of *The Banner* will resume printing excerpts from the F.B.I. *Monitor* files.

***** HIS BANNER OVER ME **THE BANNER** WAS LOVE *****

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A WARNING TO TEACHERS

A letter from Jean Stark Hebenstreit of the Board of Education to all Christian Science teachers dated May 22, 1998, stated in part: "The activity of teachers of Christian Science is to *teach*... the activity of The Christian Science Publishing Society is to *publish*... the activity of the Board of Lectureship is to *speak*... Thus the publishing of books or articles, or the giving of talks about Christian Science, would not be natural for an authorized Christian Science teacher, unless as part of activities outlined in the *Church Manual*. In this connection, one helpful guide provided for teachers by our Leader in the *Manual* is Article XXVI, Section 7 ("A Single Field of Labor"). Here she states that a teacher 'occupies only his own field of labor.' Thus, a teacher may indeed accept an invitation to give a talk in his or her own field, while making it clear that its publication or circulation is not in consonance with the *Church Manual*... Invitations to speak outside one's own area are opportunities to encourage the sponsoring organization to find a qualified speaker in its own area."

Regarding "field of labor", it was not intended as a geographic boundary, but rather as a mental marker to define spheres which clearly were already occupied by another teacher, such as a branch church. If this provision were intended as a strict geographic provision, it would not be permitted for a Christian Scientist in New York to choose to have class instruction with a teacher in Chicago. It is not uncommon for people to travel long distances to have class with a particular teacher. Some years ago Americans were flying 10,000 miles to Indonesia to have class with Adele Blok. Once again, the Directors and their appointees are twisting *Manual* provisions like a whip to control people. Interestingly, the "field of labor" provision was used as the pretext to put Gilbert Carpenter, Jr. on probation, and then permanently remove him from *The Christian Science Journal* for accepting out-of-state pupils. It is fair to ask why authorized lectures often are superficial and, therefore, poorly attended, but informal talks by Christian Science teachers and practitioners, such as Myrtle Smyth, fill auditoriums wherever they are invited to speak.

FALLING NUMBERS

The spring 1998 *Banner* reported that the December 1997 normal class had only nine students. The classes traditionally have had a full complement of thirty students. Even with thirty new teachers entering the

field every third year, the total number of teachers, nevertheless, has fallen steadily. The March 1992 *Journal* reported 250 teachers, 239 in March of 1995, 222 in December 1997. Of those 222 teachers, thirteen were no longer teaching. The new class of nine raises the total number of active teachers to 218. If future normal classes fail to prepare the maximum number, the ranks of Christian Science teachers will fall dramatically.

ELEVEN MORE CHURCH CLOSINGS

A comparison of the April and July 1998 *Christian Science Journals* reveals that the following churches/societies have closed: Madera, California; Golden, Colorado; Conyers, Georgia; Niles, Michigan; Watertown, New York; Bucyrus, Ohio; Duncan, Oklahoma; Lawton, Oklahoma; Philadelphia (3rd), Pennsylvania; Houston (3rd), Texas; and Kent, Washington.

The following have *reappeared* as societies: Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Skokie, Illinois. The following is a *new* listing: Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Centerville, Ohio, has its heading missing in the July *Journal*, and it is erroneously listed under Dayton, which, at first glance, seems to have two First Churches. Since the count began in February 1987, **453** churches have closed, and **38** have formed.

THE NEW SENTINEL

The new format of the *Christian Science Sentinel* began with the first issue of 1998. Certain trends have begun to appear. In an effort to appeal to new readers, the magazine has been giving space to a more personal sense of Jesus as if in an effort to appeal to old theology: "Mobilizing on behalf of Jesus" (April 27), "What Would Jesus Do?" (May 18), and "Developing a Relationship with Jesus" (June 1). The last title was taken from *Moody* magazine whose parent publishing company lists Christian Science as a dangerous cult.

New voices have been included: Bishop John McNamara of the Archdiocese of Boston on June 15, Billy Graham on May 11 and June 22, the Dalai Lama on June 19, and Bishop Desmond Tutu on July 6.

The word "faith" without the traditional emphasis on understanding has been seen more and more: "Spiritual approach to medicine" ("Faith is good for you" on Jan 26); "Faith on a Mission" (Feb. 2); "Why faith brings happiness" (Feb. 23); "Nontraditional healing in Britain" (about "faith healers" on Mar. 9); "Faith supports business" (Apr. 6); "Faith renewed; patient healed" (no C.S., only prayer mentioned on Apr. 20); "Canadian Doctors and Faith" (May 4); and "Faith Shatters Coma" (no C.S., only prayer mentioned on May 11).

The June 29 issue included a Christian Science article entitled "Faith that heals". There is a brief statement that "[faith] must have the substance of spiritual understanding..." but for the most part, the word faith is used liberally in the old theological sense.

The June 15 issue has "Dangers of Drug Advertising" which shows concern that drug manufacturers "aim their advertising directly at consumers instead of working through doctors." The May 18 issue had a soap opera cartoon cover. The May 11 issue had an article "Evolving a new view of God" which suggests a "New Age" perspective. The June 22 issue included "Some seekers are blending faiths" which is exactly what the new *Christian Science Sentinel* seems to be doing by sending mixed signals and trying to be all things to all people. The article states, "An obvious trend in the New Age scene today '...is *faith syncretism*, in which a person will combine bits and pieces from other faiths into a blend of his own... A person might like Buddhist respect for all life-forms, Catholic beliefs about angels... This melding of different faith perspectives is particularly evident in many of the New Age faithful. These people often consider themselves to be very 'spiritual,' but not very 'religious.'"

ANNUAL MEETING

The Directors sidestepped a *Manual* provision by naming new church appointments two months in advance of the annual meeting. (*C.S. Monitor*, April 10 and 13) This new practice conflicts with the 88th *Church Manual* which states, "The annual meeting of the Christian Science Board of Directors, for electing officers and other business, shall be held on Monday preceding the annual meeting of the Church." (p. 56)

The new Mother Church president, Jon G. Harder, declared, in consonance with the new *Sentinel*, "A great religious awakening is under way. Genuine spirituality bridges over outworn denominational borders. We're at a point of historic change -- a new birth in theology and practice." (*C.S. Monitor*, June 9, 1998)

Videotaped segments at annual meeting included Harvey Cox of the Harvard Divinity School. Two days after the meeting (June 8), *The Wall Street Journal* carried an article "500 Drug Geniuses". Harvey Cox was listed with others who advocate legalization of drugs [cocaine, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamines, etc.]. *The Wall Street Journal* comments, "The notion that drug use is both a human right and an unstoppable urge is at root an immoral one, with its suggestion that some human lives are not worth saving from the scourge of addiction." It would seem that the directors' new mobilization to use human ways and means to achieve popularity and greater numbers is already producing an uncertain harvest.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA

The spring 1998 *Banner* gave a review of early influences on the *Monitor*. It detailed the secret attempts to influence world political events by a group of individuals in England and the United States. It has been suggested that it would be helpful to give the true relationship between these two countries as given by Mary Baker Eddy in her poem:

The United States to Great Britain

**Hail, brother! fling thy banner
To the billows and the breeze;
We proffer thee warm welcome
With our hand, though not our knees.**

**Lord of the main and manor!
Thy palm, in ancient day,
Didst rock the country's cradle
That wakes thy laureate's lay.**

**The hoar fight is forgotten;
Our eagle, like the dove,
Returns to bless a bridal
Betokened from above.**

**List, brother! angels whisper
To Judah's sceptered race, --
"Thou of the self-same spirit,
Allied by nations' grace,**

**"Wouldst cheer the hosts of heaven;
For Anglo-Israel, lo!
Is marching under orders;
His hand averts the blow."**

**Brave Britain, blest America!
Unite your battle-plan;
Victorious, all who live it, --
The love for God and man.**

Boston Herald, Sunday, May 15, 1898

THE MONITOR AND THE F.B.I. FILES

The winter 1998 *Banner* began a review of Federal Bureau of Investigation files of *The Christian Science Monitor* obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. A brief overview of the litigation of 1919-1921 regarding the C.S. Publishing Society was given with what appeared to be changes in editorial policy from a clear-eyed anti-communist view to a more neutral and naive viewpoint. The contrast between the strong editorial of June 19, 1920, warning of subtle mental influences operating in political thought was contrasted with a December 22, 1922, editorial which accepted

Soviet propaganda at face value. The 1930s and the World War II years were very cordial ones for the F.B.I. and the *Monitor*. The major stories, for which the newspaper requested F.B.I. assistance, were in the areas of crime control and the prevention of sabotage by foreign agents. One interesting factor in the good relationship between the newspaper and J. Edgar Hoover's bureau was the presence of Emilie Tavel Livezey on the staff of the *Monitor* from the late 1940s to the 1970s. Her brother, W. Saxby Tavel, was Assistant Director of the F.B.I. during this same time frame. It is not unusual to find notes attached to file copies of letters which say, "Miss Tavel is the sister of Mr. W.S. Tavel of the Administrative Division [of the F.B.I.]. Bufiles reflect cordial relations with *The Christian Science Monitor*." It was perhaps this association which helped to maintain good relations in the face of major F.B.I. concerns. An internal memo for October 19, 1949, discussed the return of the *Monitor's* Moscow correspondent, Edmund Stevens, and the F.B.I.'s desire to find individuals in the United States who may have had contact with Stevens while in Russia. William Henry Chamberlin who had been the *Monitor's* Russian correspondent in the 1930s is also mentioned in the same memo. The Bureau ultimately decided not to interview Stevens.

A June 15, 1956, memo regarding an article from *The Christian Science Monitor Magazine*, Moscow bureau, states: "Enclosed is a pro-Russian article ----- under the date of June 8, 1956, which is very disturbing in its implications. It raises two basic questions immediately: (1) How many secretly procommunist writers, who for the sake of expediency have been submerged and quiet in the immediate past, will now jump to the surface and become loudly procommunist and pro-Russian? (2) How many gullible noncommunist writers and other molders of public opinion will be influenced by such people and will tend to follow the line set by them?... [The article] says that a real change has taken place in Russia and this country has proven itself reputable by its deeds, and unfortunately the United States will not recognize the fine and outstanding deeds of Soviet Russia; therefore, the United States is at fault and not Russia. It is this type of writing which, if it influences enough people, will make security investigations of communists in the United States increasingly more difficult." About half of the memo is blacked out.

A letter from a concerned citizen to J. Edgar Hoover dated March 17, 1958, states that a *Monitor* article is about "as clever a bit of insidious propaganda as one will find." The article was by Edmund Stevens on January 31, 1958.

A letter to J. Edgar Hoover dated May 8, 1963, asked

if there were any communists or communist sympathizers on the *Monitor* staff. Mr. Hoover declined to say in his reply, but the file note stated, "Bufiles indicate cordial relations with The Christian Science Monitor and its officers. Several letters of appreciation have been directed to Miss Emilie Tavel who is a sister of Assistant Director W.S. Tavel."

A letter from J. Edgar Hoover to Erwin Canham, congratulating him on his appointment as President of The Mother Church, noted on the file copy the usual cordial relations, but states, "In May 1946, he [Canham] addressed an organization which had been cited under Executive Order 10450 and has advocated the acceptance of Red China to the United Nations." A biographical sketch of Mr. Canham dated December 16, 1950, in the F.B.I. files is heavily blacked out.

With the "fall of communism" in 1990, the *Monitor* sent out a flyer in September of that year announcing a new book, *Communism: Rise and Fall*, which was made up largely of articles which appeared over the years by William Henry Chamberlin and Edmund Stevens. But on April 11, 1995, the *Monitor* had to acknowledge that newly released K.G.B. files revealed that Edmund Stevens had been a member of the American Communist Party all along. Other confirmed communists on the *Monitor* staff included Gunther Stein (a member of Stalin's Sorge spy ring) and Wilfred Burchett, who later helped interrogate American prisoners-of-war for North Korea.

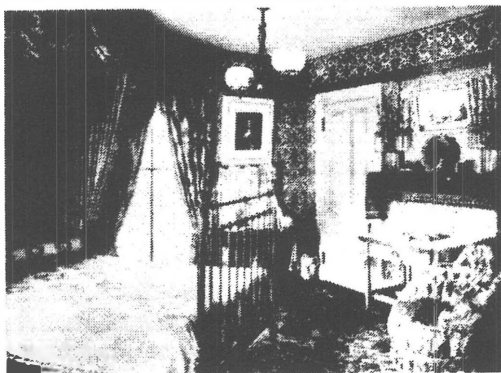
The 1970s brought new crises to the *Monitor* as staff writer Peter Stuart wrote an article (Oct. 29, 1970) calling the F.B.I. "secret police" and "slackers". This was followed soon after with an editorial by Joseph C. Harrison attacking J. Edgar Hoover for defending himself from charges made by left wing former Attorney General Ramsey Clark. Emilie Tavel acted as a go-between to patch things up. In an internal F.B.I. memo, Miss Tavel (now Mrs. Livezey) expressed "upset over the changes in the top management of the paper." The *Monitor* published a letter from Assistant F.B.I. Director Saxby Tavel in its November 28, 1970, issue.

The final entry in the F.B.I. files is dated 1991 and regards an unnamed *Monitor* correspondent who traveled to North Korea, North Vietnam, and mainland China. The concern expressed in the heavily blacked out file was that he might have had access to classified information before his trip. Ultimately, an interview was not pursued.

During this entire period, Rhodes scholars held key positions at the *Monitor*: Erwin Canham, editor; Donovan Richardson, chief editorial writer; Joseph C. Harsch, staff writer. Rhodes scholar Clayton Bion Craig was on the Board of Directors and explained away troubling questions to his fellow directors.

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ANSWER TO A RECENT LETTER

A June 23, 1998, (always) unsigned letter from the The Mailing Fund challenged a recent assertion that Robert Peel did not actually write *Mary Baker Eddy: The Years of Authority*. The letter then took the opportunity to attack other newsletters: "Such specious mailings also include statements that flatly contradict Mrs. Eddy's own clear and specific words about her place in Christian Science; intemperate attacks on Mother Church officials and policies; doleful and defeatist comments on church 'decline,' and sometimes slanderous rumors presented as fact." By contrast The Mailing Fund claims as its purpose "to emphasize, in specific terms, the need for the disciplined practice of Christian Science in full compliance with the *Church Manual*..."

The Banner always has accepted *A Prophetic Vision* by Judge Septimus J. Hanna, C.S.D., which Mrs. Eddy specifically endorsed, as well as Mrs. Eddy's own statements about her place in Christian Science. This newsletter also accepts *Mrs. Eddy's Place* as issued by the Christian Science Board of Directors on June 5, 1943. The Mailing Fund apparently does not. The Mailing Fund talks about compliance with the *Church Manual*, but never has answered the crucial questions about discrepancies in the 89th edition which Mrs. Eddy

never approved. The 88th edition of the *Church Manual* is the only valid one which Mrs. Eddy issued on September 3, 1910. Regarding "intemperate attacks on Mother Church officials and policies", *The Banner* has presented irrefutable information which would otherwise remain unknown to the field. It is regarded as intemperate only because church officials never planned to tell anyone about it. Regarding "doleful and defeatist comments on church 'decline'", this newsletter presents the sad facts about this decline to alert church members with the hope that they will take action. Large numbers of Christian Scientists have become pew sitters who are in total denial. There is precious little healing and demonstration taking place as the 453 closed churches in just eleven years clearly indicate. It would seem that The Mailing Fund would be content to return to the 1970s before the Harvey Wood years, the Knapp book, and the Monitor Channel. The fact is that the decline was already accelerating then. Christian Science will only be renewed *in the field* by alert, working, healing students. It is time to turn off the television, turn away from every other alluring distraction, and return to the books and *demonstrate every day*. Dramatic and astounding healings brought the only prosperity which Christian Science has ever had. It is *all* in *your* hands.