

strictest of Gaullist traditions: It was Charles de Gaulle who, in 1945 and again later in the 1960s, introduced a decree allowing the State to requisition apartments, in accordance with the French Constitution, which guarantees every citizen the fundamental right to a roof over one's head.

On national television, Juppé announced other measures, including: a monthly stipend to the very old to allow them to employ care-givers at home, a program aimed at stabilizing and creating jobs in the poor suburbs, a tax-free 125,000-franc housing loan aimed both at boosting the severely depressed real estate market and at the same time improving the conditions for the population to buy homes.

As important as the signal may be, however, these measures alone will not solve the deep international financial and economic crisis which has France in its grip, which brings us back to the question we started with: Why was Alain Madelin tolerated in the government in the first place? As committed to social justice as he might be, Jacques Chirac has not yet decided—or perhaps, he has not yet been able to create the conditions—to tackle the real problem of the economy: the financial deregulation which has led to cancerous financial speculative looting of the productive economy over the last years. This is what is destroying the economy internationally. The only long-term solution to the economic crisis resides in coming back to national regulation of financial flows and to a “dirigistic” economy, whereby the State orients credit flows toward productive investment in infrastructural development or other useful forms of investment, and discourages, through taxation or other means, financial speculation. So long as such measures are not taken, the cancerous growth of speculative financial activity will lead to more and more bankruptcies in the productive and other sectors of the economy, and to increased unemployment. These are the real causes of the budget deficit and of national indebtedness: The growth in unemployment and the rise in bankruptcies lead to severe reductions in fiscal revenue for the nation, and thus to an increased deficit and borrowing.

France is confronted with a further problem: compliance with the Maastricht Treaty adopted in 1993 by the European Union. This treaty, whereby the European Union nations decided to create a single currency and a European Central Bank system by the end of the century, demands that the public deficit and indebtedness of the member states be kept below 3% and 60%, respectively. Compliance with those criteria is forcing not only France but also most other European governments to adopt the harshest budget austerity, which, in turn, runs contrary to policies of “social justice.”

It is both the acceptance of the present financial order of speculation, as well as the adherence to the Maastricht Treaty, which explains why a man like Alain Madelin had been tolerated in the government in the first place. Madelin, the apotheosis of monetary orthodoxy, has now been removed. We will see in the coming weeks and months, whether the actual policy was removed along with the symbol.

Brain's 'raves' create scandal in England

by Mark Burdman

The Church of England is being rocked by a scandal that could have significant repercussions, not only for the British monarchy and for the United Kingdom, but internationally. The case centers around Rev. Chris Brain, an ordained Church of England minister, who had become widely known for his “Nine O’Clock Service” in the town of Sheffield, England. NOS is a so-called “rave” religious service, involving loud rock music, banks of television screens, dry ice, and other sense-bombarding paraphernalia. A national scandal broke, when various female “worshippers” at Brain’s church came forward with tales of how they had been sexually abused during the services, and had suffered severe emotional trauma as a result.

At first, the church hierarchy tried to keep the scandal under wraps, but this became impossible, as more victims came forward with lurid stories. In typical British practice, the same senior church figures who had, earlier, not only sanctioned, but praised Brain, turned vengefully against him, in a brutal exercise in “damage limitation.” The reverend was tossed into a mental institution.

‘Up to the highest levels’

On Aug. 26, Madeleine Bunting wrote in the London *Guardian* newspaper that the Church of England is being hit by its “most damaging crisis for decades. . . . It’s been a destructive week for the credibility of the Church of England.” She said that the implications go far beyond the “storm over the loss of its historic assets in property speculation” that had erupted last year. This is because the NOS was fully sanctioned by the Church of England, “up to the highest levels.”

Bunting’s account stopped short of indicting Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. But she has documented the fact that Brain was sponsored, or patronized, by senior figures in the office of Dr. George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of the Church of England.

According to Bunting, Reverend Brain was able to run his NOS cult for ten years, during which time he worked as a church “group leader” under Canon Robert Warren, “now an adviser to the Archbishop of Canterbury on evangelism.” Furthermore, she wrote, “NOS was praised repeatedly,” as leading figures in the “evangelical” wing of the church at-

tended its “rave Planetary Mass—with its loud rock music, its banks of television screens and dry ice.” Senior church figures were “delighted with Brain’s work.” Another adviser to Dr. Carey on “evangelism,” Dr. Michael Green, stated that he was impressed by this “perfectly sensible and thoughtful” man.

Earth worship, paganism, and witches

Bunting claimed that the scandal is so serious, “because it challenges the spiritual integrity of the Church.” That is a half-truth, at best. In the sense that the Church of England is, by British constitutional arrangements, obliged to uphold the doctrines and ideas of Christianity, its “spiritual integrity” was, long ago, seriously undermined. In recent years, both Dr. Carey and the previous Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Robert Runcie, have been loud-mouthed promoters, not only in Britain but internationally, of pagan, New Age, green-ecology cults. Royal Consort Prince Philip’s World Wide Fund for Nature (formerly World Wildlife Fund) has had, and continues to have, collaboration, at the highest levels, with the church hierarchy, in bringing pagan forms of worship into church services.

Carey is a consistent proponent of the anti-Christian doctrine of malthusianism. He has publicly assailed Pope John Paul II for his opposition to population control, and is a vocal supporter of United Nations world-federalist efforts to reduce global population (see *EIR*, June 5, 1992, “Queen’s Archbishop Attacks the Holy See”). He is also a promoter of tribal insurgencies in Sudan and other parts of Africa, nominally in defense of “defenseless Christians.” What hypocrisy, from an archbishop whose office promotes anti-Christian perversities in his own churches!

The Church of England’s full commitment to New Age paganism was already exposed by *EIR*, in an article on Dec. 8, 1989, by this author (“Great Britain’s Elites Prepare New Racist, Hitlerite Order”). That article reported on the full endorsement, by Robert Runcie, of New Age perspectives on ecology and conservation. It reported a Nov. 25, 1989 commentary by London *Times* religious correspondent Clifford Longley, entitled “In Search of the New Age,” lauding Runcie for his belief that “New Age thinking corresponded better to the spiritual needs of the present than orthodox Christianity could hope to do,” and for advising the church “to adopt the New Age agenda for itself,” especially because “the New Age is undoubtedly green.”

Prior to Longley’s article, Runcie had made a series of public interventions defending the New Age. In mid-September 1989, he had sent a greeting to the Canterbury Festival of Faith and the Environment, for which he was attacked by members of the Church of England who still believed in Christianity, for supporting “Earth worship, pagan meditation, witches, and the like.” The design for the Canterbury Festival had been drawn up, in significant part, by a group working under the direction of Martin Palmer, a senior World

Wildlife Fund consultant and personal adviser to Prince Philip on ecological matters. One “reform” introduced by Palmer et al., was to have prayers that welcome the setting aside of agricultural land, to replace traditional prayers, which had always welcomed the new harvest.

Such policy moves by the Church of England are, usually, trend-setting for the Anglican Communion throughout the world. The Anglican Communion, historically, grew out of the Church of England. The archbishop of the Church of England is *primus inter pares* in the Anglican Communion as a whole. This baneful influence from the “mother country” explains why certain practices in the United States have come to be known as “Episco-pagan” (see *EIR*, July 20, 1990, “ADL Joins Cathedral of St. John to Promote ‘New Age’ Paganism”). The Episcopalian cult center in the United States, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, is a counterpart to the St. James Piccadilly Church in London.

Brain’s brain

What Brain was doing, in general terms, is fully in line with recent years’ “reforms”; it’s just that he got caught with his reverential pants down. Other British newspapers stress that there are now some 200 Church of England churches, across the U.K., where “rave” services are performed.

Brain’s spiritual guru, from whom he adapted his NOS “raves,” is Matthew Fox, the originator of the “Creation Spirituality” movement, and one of the more influential figures in the international New Age, gnostic movement. He was a Dominican friar for 27 years, until he was ejected by John Paul II, for alleged heresy.

According to the London *Times* on Aug. 25, Fox is “the originator of the New Age church services that featured rave music, flashing lights, video screens, and dry ice, rather than hymns and organ music. He became an Episcopalian priest in the Anglican community, and set up the Institute of Culture and Creation and Spirituality at Holy Names College in Oakland. Staff include a masseuse, a so-called witch, a Zen Buddhist, and a medicine man. A dog named Tristan (!) is his spiritual adviser. He invokes the moon, and believes that congregations should form into ‘native circles.’ ”

Since the scandal broke in Sheffield, Fox has been expending much hot air, about how he “didn’t know” what was going on, and repudiating his protégé. He stated, on Aug. 25: “I am grateful this came to light, before any projects could develop in the U.S. I was unaware of any abuses occurring within the community.”

Fox himself has not, at least not yet, been caught with his pants down, but he well deserves to be embarrassed. Before the scandal broke, Fox was in the early planning stages of taking the Nine O’Clock Service “Planetary Masses” to the United States.