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Peru is referred to as only "partly" democratic.

I am a Canadian citizen, born in Hungary, with university and postgraduate degrees from the United States. I have lived in seven countries, for the last 25 years in Peru.

In what sense is Peru not democratic? Or have I been brainwashed to believe that there were absolutely free presidential and parliamentary elections?

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Cyprus Solutions

Regarding "Cyprus: Time to Head Off War and Finally Solve the Problem" (*Opinion*, Sept. 3) by John K. Cooley:

Mr. Cooley's suggestions for a free Cyprus and for thawing the key relationships between Greece and Turkey are quite prudent. A war between the two NATO countries would be disastrous not only for the region but for Europe and NATO as well.

Greece, Turkey and Britain forged an independent Cyprus in 1960 but that experiment was short-lived; they failed. What is needed

now is a new arrangement with the support of the United States and Russia. What is also needed is an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council to join the three guarantor powers at a high-pressure, Dayton-type conference and a tough-minded Richard Holbrooke who could steer this region into the 21st century.

This move must have the strong backing of the United States. It is high time for America to assume its responsibilities as a world leader and to bring an honorable solution to the Cyprus impasse for all parties.

The United States has had the will and the capacity to broker solutions in the Middle East, the former Yugoslavia and elsewhere; certainly it can do the same in the Greco-Turkish crisis.

If America is to build bridges to the 21st century, as Bill Clinton has suggested recently, it must honor its historic obligations. Anything short of a genuine commitment to solving the Cyprus problem would make the American president's words ring hollow.

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Λύσεις για την Κύπρο

Επιστολή που αναφέρεται στην ανάγκη εξεύρεσης λύσης του Κυπριακού. Την ανάγκη επέμβασης των ΗΠΑ και του Συμβουλίου Ασφαλείας για να βγει η Κύπρος από το αδιέξοδο χρησιμοποιώντας κάποια προσωπικότητα σαν τον R.Holbrooke σε μια λύση τύπου Dayton ίσως.