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To eavesreaders in ivory towers the hornet's nest stirred up about the overprescription of cholera vaccine is fascinating (p 257); to the traveller or the doctor wondering what to do the dilemma is more serious. Who is to provide the advice that will make legal and clinical sense—and be able to be enforced? Perhaps an urgent Washington consensus conference is the answer. Elsewhere in the journal is another addition to our growing knowledge about lichen planus, an Italian case-control study showing its association with liver disease,

particularly viral infections (p 227). But, given the recent winds of change in eastern Europe, there's depressing news about Soviet psychiatry—where, despite the lack of new dissidents in Moscow's Serbsky's Hospital with diagnoses of "reformist delusions" and "sluggish schizophrenia," there's still far too much room for the abuse of power (p 271). And there's courage of a rare order in Graham Rich's account of his testicular cancer, with a yea saying conclusion about his own priorities (p 270).