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Seldom can a single historical study successfully accomplish a transformation of political perceptions. But this, for careful readers, is likely to be the outcome of Stella Soulioti's *Fettered Independence: Cyprus, 1878–1964*. Had her book appeared forty years ago, much international misunderstanding about events in or concerning Cyprus would have been dissipated, and the attitudes of States, which in the 1964–1974 decade shaped Cyprus's downward path, culminating in the Republic of Turkey's 20 July 1974 invasion of Cyprus, could have been very different. Soulioti's work is the antithesis of a romantic "if only" view of history. It is comprehensively grounded on a mass of facts, accompanied by analysis and her generally cautious opinions. She describes the conduct and attitudes of the major political players, whether Greek or Turkish Cypriot, or the Governments of foreign States at the relevant time involved in Cyprus.

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PREFACE

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This is arguably the most indispensable critical mass of documents collected by a single individual and published in one volume. Besides documenting Stella Soulioti's narrative, these sources are now accessible to scholars interested in a variety of issues dealing with the Cyprus Question.

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