

## U.S. and Britain condone genocide by Serbians

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Less than 50 years after the Nazi genocide of World War II and the Stalinist butchery of the same period, the international community, led by the United States and western Europe, has immorally turned its back on a new slaughter, which, if anything, surpasses the Nazi-Bolshevik mass murders in its brutality and speed.

Reports from inside Bosnia indicate that the Serbian onslaught, aimed at creating a "racially pure" Greater Serbia encompassing much of the territory of the former Yugoslavia, has moved in recent weeks into a new, even more horrific phase. Whereas, in the early "expulsion" phase of the Serbian invasion, Bosnians were driven from their villages and herded into slave labor camps and other near-concentration camp circumstances, now the Serbs have begun the indiscriminate mass slaughter of the non-Serb population of Bosnia.

Up until recently, according to eyewitness reports provided to *EIR*, the non-Serb Bosnians, including nearly 2 million Muslims, were subjected to a mass-expulsion policy. Non-Serbs were forced to wear armbands or other signs, and were then shipped off by rail car or truck to work camps in areas under total Serbian control, often to be put to work in military industries fueling the further genocide. Since the Bosnian invasion began in April, an estimated 2.5 million people have been driven from their homes and either subjected to the Serbian atrocities or forced into refugee camps along the borders.

United Nations refugee officials based in Croatia project that unless the fighting stops immediately, an additional 1 million Bosnians will become refugees before the end of the year; and an estimated 500,000 Bosnians could die of starvation or lack of housing this winter.

Since the renewed offensive by Serbia began in early July, the situation inside Bosnia, according to the eyewitness accounts, has gotten even worse. Now, instead of herding non-ethnic Serbs into relocation camps, Serbian forces are simply murdering entire villages, including women, children, and the elderly. All homes, cultural centers, churches, and even cemeteries serving the non-Serb communities in the captured villages are being burned to the ground to ensure that even the heritages of the Muslim and Catholic communities are obliterated.

According to these accounts, nearly 70% of the territory of the Bosnian state is now being subjected to this mass extermination policy, including larger cities such as Foca, Bihac, and Gorazde.

Even the London *Times*, writing on July 25 about the Serbian assault on the northern Bosnian Muslim town of Bosanski Novi, wrote that the Serb policy "contains an evil not seen in Europe for 50 years," parallel to the "Nazi holocaust and the Stalinist deportation of whole nations." Jean-Claude Concolato, an official of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, told the *Times*: "Either we stop the policy of 'ethnic cleansing' now, or the international community is soon going to have to swallow these people."

He should know. As the *Times* story pointed out, some of the Serbian soldiers participating in the mass murders inside Bosnia are operating from bases inside seized Croatian territory—which is being administered by United Nations "blue helmet" peace-keeping forces.

The mass slaughter inside Bosnia has in recent weeks grabbed international headlines; but despite this coverage, the world's nations have almost universally turned a blind

eye to the plight of the victims.

On July 23, German Christian Democratic parliamentarian Johannes Gerster, just back from a fact-finding tour of the Balkans, told a Bonn press conference that "Serbia-Montenegro is convinced that the international community of states won't dare a military intervention." As the result of this inaction, he continued, "the community of nations is witness of the expulsion of a whole people, even of genocide. He who turns a blind eye, makes himself an accomplice." Gerster reported that in his meetings with Slovenian President Milan Kucan, Vice Premier Joze Pucnik, Croatian Foreign Minister Strabalo, and Vice Premier Granic, he was urged to press the West to launch targeted air strikes against the Serbian Air Force and munitions factories in order to weaken the Serbs' ability to continue with the slaughter and territorial grab.

But the *Washington Post* declared in a recent editorial that the chances of any kind of military intervention to stop the slaughter are "zero." The *Post* concluded that the fighting will only end when the Serbians complete their conquest of all the territories they envision for Greater Serbia. When Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, in a supreme act of political opportunism, called for the bombing of Serbia, President Bush immediately jumped in to denounce his opponent as "infantile" for pushing U.S. military intervention.

The complicity of Washington, London, and other western capitals in causing and now encouraging the genocide goes beyond the simple failure to intervene. The success of the recent Serbian offensive into northern Bosnia was made possible by the pressure brought to bear on Croatia to stay out of the Bosnian war. That pressure, from the Bush administration, the John Major government in Great Britain, and from the United Nations Security Council, prompted Croatia to halt its military assistance to the Bosnians. It reportedly included threats to cut off all economic aid, including International Monetary Fund loans and emergency assistance for the 400,000 Croats left homeless by the earlier Serbian invasion. Moreover, in the midst of this war zone, IMF teams have told the government in Zagreb that it must implement radical budget-cutting measures and accelerate privatization of the state industries, or else face a cutoff of credits.

### **'Let them die,' say British**

Of all of the complicit governments, John Major's British regime stands out as the most bloodthirsty enthusiasts for the Serbian genocide, which furthers British geopolitical objectives by fueling instability and economic chaos on the borders of Germany. Peter Lord Carrington, the chief western mediator in the former Yugoslav crisis, has been a persistent source of lying formulations that "all sides" are equally responsible for the Balkan crisis.

The prevailing British view was spelled out in a signed commentary in the July 28 *Daily Telegraph*, a flagship newspaper of the Hollinger Corporation which lists Carrington,

as well as his former business partner Henry Kissinger, on its board of directors. Allan Massie, a frequent contributor to the *Telegraph* and the author of a highly favorable biography of the Roman emperor Tiberius, wrote that British policymakers looking at the Bosnian situation today should recall the sage policies of Britain's 18th-century statesman Sir Robert Walpole, who "expressed his satisfaction that there were 50,000 dead in European wars one year and not a single Englishman. . . . The longer the war in Bosnia lasts, the louder and more numerous will be the voices declaring that it is our moral duty to intervene. When that happens, I hope Douglas Hurd will remember Sir Robert Walpole and sit tight." Massie argued that not even humanitarian aid should be provided to the Bosnians: "It just makes it easier to go on with the fighting. They'd stop sooner if we left them to starve and die of their wounds or disease. You've got to be cruel to be kind. There are times when it's a rough decision to sit by and see others suffer, but it's the right one all the same."

### **World War III is under way**

Contrasted to the genocidal rantings of the Anglo-American establishment, independent U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche has labeled the events in the Balkans, as well as the spreading genocidal war by Shining Path in Peru, the ethnic warfare in the Caucasus, on the Indian subcontinent, and in Africa, as the start of World War III, which for now has taken a form similar to the Thirty Years War which engulfed Europe from 1618-48.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the president of the Schiller Institute in Germany, issued a call to the governments and parliaments of Europe on July 22 for urgent action to stop the Nazi-like genocide in the Balkans. She warned the European governments that "Europe's inability to react appropriately to the bestial genocide now under way in former Yugoslavia is the symptom of a dying civilization."

"The Serbs under Milosevic's leadership would never have dared to commit the war crimes they have committed—crimes unparalleled in their gruesomeness—had they not been absolutely assured of support by representatives of the collapsed Yalta order of Baker and Yazov, Eagleburger, and Carrington."

Zepp-LaRouche's statement ended with a call for Europe to immediately intervene to neutralize the Serbian Air Force, build up the defense capacities of Bosnia and Croatia, extend the embargo of Serbia to countries like Greece and Romania that have illegally helped arm and feed the Serbian butchers, to open their borders to the refugees fleeing sure death inside Bosnia and parts of Croatia, and to commit the necessary resources to a genuine economic reconstruction program for the entire Balkan region.

Nothing short of what Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche proposed will curb the ongoing genocide. And unless that mass murder is stopped, it is only a matter of time before World War III spreads to every corner of the globe.