

## Bosnians cry for help to survive winter

On Nov. 4 the Schiller Institute announced that it had received an urgent appeal from the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina to pull together humanitarian aid for hapless Bosnians trapped within their own frontiers by the Serbian army. In its release, the Schiller Institute—a foreign policy and cultural think tank that teaches principles of republican statecraft—announced its intention to immediately launch such a worldwide effort.

According to the appeal, at present over 1.5 million people, including the inhabitants of Sarajevo, are cut off from the most basic means of survival, while another 1 million inside Serbian-occupied areas of Bosnia are also in desperate need. The government warned that hundreds of thousands, including many children, will die this winter unless they can be reached with basic supplies.

Referring to this appeal, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the international Schiller Institutes, stated: “The western world has stood by and watched for almost one and a half years, as the Serbians prosecute a barbarous war of aggression in the heart of Europe. Yet another catastrophe of gigantic dimensions looms: 2.5 million people may die of cold or hunger this winter.

“If the political institutions leading us continue to be so cowardly, so immoral, that they do not move to stop this mass murder, then European civilization will perish and go the way of the Roman Empire, whose elite was also incapable of responding to dangers.

“Humanitarian aid is no substitute for stopping aggression, but it is also urgently needed. I call upon all men of good will, in the name of brotherly Christian love, to take part in this mobilization and open their hearts to the suffering of those who lie under siege, or who have fled their homes.”

### What is needed, and where

To escape death at the hands of the Serbians, people have gathered mainly in the following places: Sarajevo; in Herzegovina, the areas of Neum, Mostar, Capljina, Konjic, Stolac; in central Bosnia, Travnik, Bugojno, Zenica, Zavidovici, and Gorazde (where 50,000 have been added to the city's 50,000 besieged inhabitants); in the northeast, Tuzla, Brcko, Orasje, B. Samac, Gradacac; in the northwest, Bihac, B. Krupa, Cazin, and Kladusa; in the Serbian-occupied areas, Banja Luka, Prijedor, B. Gradiska; in eastern Herzegovina, the towns of Trebinje, Gacko, and Bileca; and in the Drina region, Foca, Zvornik, and Bijeljina (see map).

The humanitarian aid collected will be shipped either to

### Towns with refugee concentrations in Bosnia-Herzegovina



Zagreb (Croatia's capital), or the ports of Split or Ploce; and thence, through whatever corridors are open, into the relevant areas of Bosnia.

Items on the list provided by the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina include: wheat, flour, corn, rice, pasta, canned food (meat, fish, vegetables), powdered milk, oil, salt, baby food, sugar, potatoes, cabbage, butter, cocoa, frozen meat, smoked meat, vitamins B, C, E, and D, composite vitamins in tablet or powder form, hygienic material, detergents, water purification chemicals and equipment, plastic sheeting (to insulate window frames against the cold), tents for more than 1 million homeless, blankets, clothing, ovens for heating and cooking, containers for use as shelters, material for small pre-fabricated houses, building lumber and other home repair materials, gasoline, and diesel fuel.

The following medical supplies are also needed: surgical and medical equipment suitable for field conditions, bandages (gauze and elastic), adhesive plaster, disposable gloves; intravenous cannulas and catheters; TB, polio, typhoid, and DPT vaccines; disinfectants, anesthetics, analgesics, adrenalin, intravenous and oral solutions; dialysis material, blood pressure medication, antibiotics, mineral salts, penicillin, insulin, and syringes.

The Schiller Institute advises anyone wishing to form a committee to gather these supplies to contact one of the following coordinators: Mr. Paolo Raimondi or Miss Katharine Kanter in Wiesbaden, Germany, tel. 06122-916-0, fax 06122-91-61-01; or Mrs. Elke Fimmen in Munich, Germany, 089-725-4013, fax 089-725-4922.