

by European countries that do not understand multiconfessional societies. Serbian nationalists have tried to create Greater Serbia precisely four times, using four world-shaking events:

- 1) the fall of the Ottoman Empire and the rise of nationalisms in 19th-century Europe, ending in 1912;
- 2) the fall of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, i.e., World War I, 1914-1918;
- 3) the rise of fascism, i.e., World War II, 1941-1945; and
- 4) the fall of communism, 1991. . . .

The international community can change the outcome. It can save Bosnia and its 4 million people. Only about 10% of its people have been directly involved in making this hell. The others are praying and waiting for their help. They will fight, they will deliver the aid, they will rebuild their homeland from the ruins, just give them arms and moral support. It is all up to you. We all know that. My people in Sarajevo know that. The European "leaders," who are leading Europe to a disaster, know that. Unfortunately, some of them are the naive, narrow-minded Europeans who do not foresee the future. In Bosnia, western moral, global human values, and the future of our civilization are at stake. Bosnia is not Europe's backyard, it is the meeting place of western and eastern civilizations. The European future is at stake.

The people of Sarajevo survived the last winter's cold by cutting all the trees for firewood. They cannot survive another one, for there are no trees left. It will take more than 100 years to grow those trees again. Are you going to let those 380,000 people who are still in Sarajevo, most of the time left without food, electricity, and water, die from bullets and mortar shells launched from the hills? Not even a cat can go in or out of the town without a permit from the U.N. or the Chetniks. The people are free inside, working, living, fighting for survival and helping each other in the most heroic ways. But Sarajevo is the biggest concentration camp since the siege of Leningrad, run by United Nations forces and the Chetniks. Over 100 tanks and several hundred heavy artillery weapons are distributed around the mountains of Sarajevo. . . .

Every tenth person in Sarajevo has been either killed or wounded during this aggression, nine out of ten of whom are civilians. Among them are my relatives, friends, colleagues, and neighbors of all religions. The shells do not ask which way you pray to God, before they explode. They simply kill. The city of over 600,000 people, the city that welcomed the whole world in the 1984 Winter Olympics, the city with an open heart where churches, mosques, and synagogues have stood next to each other for more than 500 years, the city in which, in 1537, a library was established with 120 book-borrowing stands all around the town, the city with the first running water system in all of Europe . . . a city whose values are a rare mixture of the best traditions of different civilizations, whose people cherish the best influences of both East and West, is being destroyed before the eyes of the whole world. . . .

## The Balkan war is not a TV soap opera

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As we all know, in analyzing the prospects for peace in Europe, what is usually called former Yugoslavia has been burning in the flames of war for three years, and nobody in the world has so far been willing to extinguish it.

This war of aggression, this unprovoked Serbian attack on Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, which is going on undisturbed and already has taken 300-400,000 human lives, determines the military-political future of Europe as a whole, and redefines—so to speak—the political, psychological, ethical standards of all humanity.

For never before, never in the history of mankind, has an isolated event, an isolated genocidal aggression been produced in the core of the civilized world, in the midst of Europe, and been allowed to grow freely and to become—through television and other media—a part of everyday family lives all over the world. People live their daily routine, come home from their jobs, after lunch take, perhaps, an afternoon nap, then they switch on the television and look at other people, people like themselves, living perhaps only a few hundred miles away, who are being killed, their children slaughtered, wives raped, husbands turned into invalids, homes burned and destroyed. . . .

This is not normal, and Europe cannot psychologically tolerate such a situation. Day after day, the world's TV networks broadcast the systematic destruction of the most beautiful urban culture in the Christian world, the destruction of cities like Vukovar, Dubrovnik, Sibenik, Zadar, Osijek, the systematic annihilation of the Olympic city of Sarajevo.

Skyscrapers vanish in fire, buildings fall down, people who stood in a line for bread are suddenly dying on the street, hit by a Serbian grenade, children missing an arm or leg or eyes cry in a hospital, and all this goes on unopposed, like some unreal TV serial from another planet. Yet, this serial is very real, and it does not come from another planet, although we all subconsciously tend to refuse to accept it as a reality from our neighborhood. What we have now in Europe is an actual warfare against Croatia and Bosnia, and psychological warfare, through the media, against humanity.

This monstrous TV show of Serbian genocide over people, over cities, over culture and civilization, provokes questions, of course. Why is it so? Why doesn't somebody do



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something about it? Why is this brutality, this mad rage, killing, and destruction not being stopped? Finally: What are the politicians doing? Following the pictures of dead people in Vukovar or in Sarajevo, there usually appears on our TV screen a picture of a politician, who tries to explain how actually nothing can be done about it. Nothing practically can be done to stop this genocide; ancient religious hatreds—so the politicians say—are at work, so we'd better lock our rooms, switch on the TV, and carelessly enjoy the scenery.

### **The Big Lie**

As for "the civilized world," the United Nations, "the international community," they will take care that the event remains cordoned and isolated, the victims unarmed, aggression rewarded, the TV watchers satisfied.

Is this a prospect of peace in Europe? Serbian cannibals honored by the territories, over the remains of their victims? Over the remains of churches and all the cultural heritage of the European tradition? Over the remains of some of the most beautiful cities in Europe?

No. It's all an illusion, and a Big Lie as well.

And the first one who recognized this Big Lie, the first one who warned in 1988, on American national TV, that the brutal war in the Balkans was about to explode, with the whole world behaving like a dummy in the hands of those who were triggering it—the first one, Mr. Lyndon

LaRouche, is now serving a 15-year sentence for this particular reason. For he saw the political truth, and all those who wanted the world to remain based on imperial lies and genocide put him in jail, hoping that in this way the danger of uncovering their hidden motives could be removed.

So, Mr. LaRouche is in jail, and Croatia and Bosnia are in flames at this moment, with a new "peace plan" being implemented upon them.

It is curious that a number of "peace plans" have so far been invented, innumerable "cease-fires": autonomy for Serbs in Croatia; "humanitarian convoys" for Vukovar; U.N. troops in Croatia; "humanitarian aid" for Bosnia; U.N. troops in Bosnia; the partition of Croatia; the partition of Bosnia into ten provinces; the partition of Bosnia into three provinces; and on and on, and each and every one of them was merely a new way of expanding the war. Why was it so?

Because they were not peace plans in fact. They were actually war plans.

The true purpose of all these plans, but a hidden one, was to proceed with war against Croatia and Bosnia, in a way that the world gets the impression that politicians are doing something positive, because the continuation of this war serves somebody's purposes. That is why the only real peace plan—Serbian defeat through international military action and arming of Serbian victims—has never been implemented. Instead, various political excuses and inventions of substitutes for military action have always been found.

Now, whose purposes is this war serving?

The purposes of the imperial powers that have already once in this century triggered Serbia as a catalyst of a process of general destabilization, in World War I, by organizing it to kill Prince Ferdinand in Sarajevo.

The present Serbian attack on Croatia and Bosnia coincides with the fall of the Berlin Wall. The British nightmare of a strong united Germany and a strong continental Europe appeared at this moment, so the British immediately sent their American client, [then-Secretary of State] James Baker, into Belgrade in 1990, with a precise mission to launch a process of Yugoslav disintegration through a Serbian genocidal attack on Croatia and Bosnia.

Under the pretext of "preserving Yugoslavia," they started disintegrating and depopulating Yugoslavia. Why? Because this was actually the real Anglo-French goal: to create a conflagration in Europe, in order to keep Europe under control.

### **What should be done?**

What are the prospects for peace in Europe under these circumstances? Under the circumstances of hidden war of aggression against Germany—the strongest European country—through the open war against Croatia and Bosnia, the weakest ones? In my view, the only way to achieve lasting peace in Europe is to finally accept the challenge.

The Anglo-French—anti-German—alliance is drawing Russia and the United States into the game, in open support

of Serbian genocide. Everyone else has so far been tolerating this general game of destabilization, including the country whose vital interests are at stake, that is, Germany.

If we think strategically, then we must realize that Germany is the target, and the war against Croatia is a vehicle, a way to this target. And that is exactly why this war will not stop by itself, or by any of the numerous false peace plans. Instead of stopping Serbs, these plans have so far turned Muslims against Croatians, in this way creating an amnesty, or an alibi, for Serbian behavior.

This war will go on and on, because the powers that started it would rather see continental Europe atomized according to the Thirty Years' War pattern, or the world bursting into a conflagration of World War III, than allow the Eurasian continent to develop freely, perhaps on German economic foundations.

Croatia is now turned into an Anglo-French dominion, and that is a position that Croatia has never occupied in its whole history. But Croatia alone is blackmailed and helpless.

Serbia in its genocide enjoys the support of the strongest countries of the world. The only way to defeat it is to produce political countermeasures within the countries that organize such support, as well as to take strong military action toward Serbia.

In this field, of producing political countermeasures within the countries whose governments organize support for Serbia, I see the particular role of the Schiller Institute and its members.

The civilized world, civilized people all over the world, including in Britain, France, or Russia, must face this scenario of destabilization and must oppose it. Croatia must oppose it, regardless of political or economic pressures imposed on it by the very powers that organized the war; but Croatia can oppose it only through joint action with other states, particularly with Germany.

I would say, that there will be no peace in Europe before TV watchers transform themselves into TV protagonists, in order to defend the rights of man.

## From Hungary: 'We old foxes' foresaw the crisis

*This speech was given by Dr. Tibor Kovats of Hungary, a member of the executive committee of the Association of Former Political Prisoners.*

If the Austrian-Hungarian border had not opened to the refugees from East Germany [in 1989], if people had not "voted with their feet" against the [communist] regime, German reunification today should still be in the distant, unreachable future. Many politicians, scientists, and journalists think that Hungary has gotten the furthest ahead in the reforms, but appearances are deceptive. The non-communist parties have admittedly won the great majority of the elections; but the communists are still at their posts on a regional level, and in leading positions in industry. These people, who turn with the wind, and care only about their careers, came into their jobs thanks to Marx and Engels. But they are professionals, who cannot simply be set aside, since it is difficult to find the corresponding routinized professionals in the non-communist parties.

More than 40 years of immorality, despising freedom and democracy, cannot disappear from a nation without a trace. Every fifth Hungarian today lives abroad. The economy has hit bottom, is in a similar desolate situation to the spiritual-moral constitution of our country. Infrastructure is antiquated, the soil has been looted, productiv-

ity is low, indebtedness per capita is among the highest in Europe. The credits and economic aid received from the West when [Janos] Kadar was still in power, were used by his regime, not to set up new plants producing machine tools, but for consumer goods, hence the expression "goulash communism." Gigantic sums left the country for Switzerland. Today the distinction between the poor Hungarian population and the "top 10,000" rich is very great. The people are astonished by the horrendous prices and the low wages, while the former communist bosses live comfortably in their villas.

So we were right, we old economic foxes—the scientific economist Lyndon LaRouche and I—when we foresaw this crisis back in 1989.

I should now like to read a "Hungarian Greeting to Lyndon LaRouche." I have more than once visited LaRouche, including in prison in Rochester. . . . An American in prison? We of the organization of former political prisoners in Hungary cannot understand how such a thing could occur in America. A scientific economist such as Lyndon LaRouche, who has written so many valuable books about political economy and so many programmatic proposals, must now work as a common laborer in the prison laundry!

I, too, was innocently imprisoned in Hungary under the communist regime, condemned to 12 years in prison, and I spent many years there. I, too, am an economist, and had to work as a common laborer. But prison gives you inner strength. In the name of the organization of Hungarian political prisoners, I wish Lyndon LaRouche good health and courage.