

## 'Lord Owen, save face: resign!'

Lord David Owen lost his nerve and screamed: "This is outrageous!" Then he abandoned the room of the international press conference. The scene took place on Aug. 25 in The Hague in front of reporters from all over the world after a question by a representative of the Schiller Institute. Owen and the other "mediator," Thorvald Stoltenberg, were in The Hague to try to "reassure the anxieties" of the Dutch government, which had indicated its non-support for the genocidal Owen plan.

"I have only 15 minutes," were the first words of the unpopular Dr. Death who was twitching nervously. Asked about the parallel of the Geneva conference with Munich 1938, he exploded: "I am tired of this parallel, which is not applicable. . . . I don't want to hear the word appeasement again." The Schiller Institute representative then brought up the request of U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey that Owen resign. "In the U.S. back in February, Owen, you went berserk on national TV, before millions of viewers, insulting U.S. congressmen who were proposing to save Bosnia with air strikes. Now, don't you think it is time for you to resign and save face?" Then the representative turned to the reporters: "And don't you think it is time to stop providing him with a cover? Why don't you tell the truth and force him to resign?" Many applauded while Owen hysterically babbled: "By your accent you sound American; if you don't like the policy of your government, why don't you complain to them?"

jecting the cardinal's moral authority.

Boban's methods were consistent with those of the British intelligence operative Norry Phillips who, as reported by the magazine *Danas*, tried first to goad the Croats into war with the Bosnians in Mostar ("let us deal with the Bosnian Army in two days, and the world will accept it") and then "defected" to the other side, becoming a champion of the most ferocious methods against the Croats. Boban — and Owen through Boban — had tried to use the method of the *fait accompli*: Grab the territory and provoke a surge of chauvinism and anti-Bosnian hatred in Zagreb, thereby hoping to again paralyze the patriotic reaction of so many political, intellectual, and military layers by the fear of "anti-Muslim" public opinion.

But Boban's strategy did not work. Instead, the opposition parties in Zagreb came out of the catacombs and after

three hours issued their statement. It "calls on all parties to join in declaring that what is happening in Bosnia is a Greater Serbian aggression against *both* Bosnians and Croats." "We reject the partition of Bosnia-Herzegovina as demanded by the Geneva peace plan. We condemn the HDZ in Bosnia-Herzegovina and reject the decision to proclaim the state of Herzeg-Bosna as illegal and against the interest of the Croatian people. We reject any responsibility if this entity will be actually created." Ten points then follow. Among them: "1) The present situation is *exclusively* the result of the Greater Serbia's aggression against both the Croatian and Muslim people. 2) We denounce the Geneva plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina as unacceptable for the Croatian people. The plan and the decision in Geneva will not be binding on the Croatian people because no legitimate representatives of the Croatian people of Bosnia are participating in the negotiations."

### Kljuic, a true Croatian leader

This is a direct refutation of Mate Boban's claim to legitimacy. Boban, in fact, although he calls himself the leader of the Croats in Bosnia, and has been illegally recognized as such by Owen and Owen's people, was never voted for and never elected. The same is true for the "leader" of the ethnic Serbs in Bosnia, the war criminal Radovan Karadzic — never voted for, never elected, just endorsed by Owen. The elected leader of the Croats in Bosnia is a leader still much loved, Stjepan Kljuic. Kljuic was also a member of the collective presidency of Bosnia. It was the Croatian presidency, from Zagreb — still the question is, on whose behalf? — that forced Kljuic to resign "for health reasons" from both positions, opening the way for Boban power escalation and for the Croatian-Bosnian confrontation.

But recently the old leader again raised his voice publicly. In an interview on Aug. 13 with Sarajevo's *Vecernje Novine*, Kljuic stated that his ouster from the Bosnian presidency and his replacement with a non-elected individual were "illegal." And, according to the Bosnia Constitution, he is absolutely right. He also predicted that Tudjman will soon be replaced as President. If Kljuic does come back to public life — the rumor is that he has been subjected to constant threats on his life — few doubt in Bosnia that he will promptly regain the leadership of the Croatian minority, almost automatically sidelining Boban.

The ferment against Owen and the British schemes is increasing. The infamous Dr. Death is visiting a growing number of European governments — Holland and Germany to start — which are voicing their suspicions that his plan actually will prolong the war. In The Hague, Bosnia's attorneys, Ambassador Muhamed Sacirbey and Prof. Francis Boyle, are arguing before the World Court that the partition negotiations conducted "with a gun pointed to Bosnia's head" should be declared "null and void." A high-level Bosnian official in Washington told *EIR*: "Sign the Owen plan? Well I tell you, God is merciful, and he can extend the deadline, the ultimata and the diktats for a long time. . . ."